TODAY'S VERSE

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

TACES OF **MONTGOMERY**



Alicia Hodges smiles grandly for athe Paper while holding 6 month old baby Miranda at Alice's restaurant. Thank you for your smile, Alicia!

⇒ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

A hundred and seven members of the SOS club, Skydivers Over Sixty, from all over the world tried seven times recently to wrest the world record for jumping out of planes in a freefall snowflake formation. The event took place in Riverside County, CA. They almost succeeded but, as Dan Brodsky-Chenfield, president of the club, told reporters: "The formation built perfectly. It was just one person that was out. And that's the trick of doing large formations, is that all 107 people have to have a perfect minute at the same minute." Nevertheless, the sight of so many senior citizens was spectacular. As the saying goes, if at first you don't succeed, try, try again and that is exactly what Mr. Brodsky-Chenfield is going to do - next year.

The Indiana DNR, Next Level Trails (NLT) and the Town of Shipshewana opened the recently completed Pumpkinvine Trail extension in Shipshewana on May 6. The 0.97-mile asphalt multi-use trail was constructed by the town with help from a \$953,482 Next Level Trails grant. "Trails are a vital investment in our communities across the Hoosier State," said Dan Bortner, DNR director. "The DNR is proud to partner with towns like Shipshewana to complete this major trail extension. Shipshewana should be proud too, as this is the first Round 2 project to open."

The Arts Federation (TAF) will present the 2022 TASTE of Tippecanoe on Saturday, June 18 from 6 pm to midnight! Proceeds from this event support TAF's mission to grow the arts in north central Indiana. TAF is looking for individuals and groups who can volunteer before, during, and/or after the event on June 18. All event volunteers receive free admission and a t-shirt. You can sign up to help with entry gates, food ticket booths, restaurant services, the beer gardens, and more. Shifts are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so sign up early!

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VFW Rage Day



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The VFW hosted a car smashing event called Rage Day on Saturday May 27th. Rage Day gave local residents the opportunity to donate to help veterans; they could also let out some stress by shooting a car with a paint ball gun or smash it with a sledge hammer. Talk about a "smashing-ly" good time for a good cause.

Butch's High School Graduation...56 Years Ago



BUTCH DALE

Columnist

One of our grandsons graduated from high school this past Friday. He attended Mt. Vernon High School near Fortville. He is an excellent student and also quite handy with technology. He has also been an accomplished pilot since the age of 15. We are certain he will be successful in any occupation that he might choose.

It was 56 years ago when I graduated from good old Darlington High School and gave the valedictorian address at commencement. I had always done well in math and science, and my plans were to become an electrical engineer. I had received a four-year scholarship to General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan, which required that I work at the Allison Division of General Motors for six

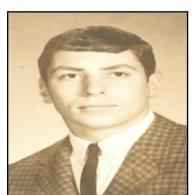


Photo courtesy of Butch Dale **Butch's 1966 graduation**

weeks, and then alternate that with six weeks at GMI. At the end of four years, I would earn my Bachelor's degree in engineering and would be assured of a high-paying job at GM.

In the summer of 1966, I commuted to Allisons in Indy. My job was to trace blueprints of Rolls Royce jet engines. I watched the other engineers spend each day doing calculations and drawing parts. By the end of that summer I was starting to have doubts about becoming an engineer. Was that what I really wanted to do the rest of my life? Did I want to work for a large corporation and live in a big city? Did a large salary mean that much to

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Pondering Weighty **Matters**



JOHN O. MARLOWE With the Grain

His warning shattered the predawn tranquility. I couldn't see him, but his cry blasted through the fading fog like the air horn on an 18-wheeler, traveling too fast to stop in time for a red light.

"Wait!" he said. "Don't pull that handle!"

Too late. I had already squeezed the trigger at the end of the black hose leading to hundreds of gallons of what Phillips Petroleum calls their

The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 6:21 a.m. SET: 9:09 p.m.



High/Low **Temperatures** High: 90 °F Low: 69 °F



Today is..... World Parrot Day

• Save Your Hearing Day National Smile Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1859 The Great Clock housing Big Ben starts keeping time
- 1961 South Africa becomes an independent republic
- 2005 Deep Throat reveals himself





Births On This Day • 1819 Walt Whitman

American poet, author • 1930 Clint Eastwood American actor, director, producer, politician

Deaths On This Day

- 1983 Jack Dempsey American boxer
- 1996 Timothy Leary American psychologist, author

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HONEST HOOSIER

So long, May. You are a great month! Then again, so is June! Let's go!



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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

One or two sugary drinks a day can increase your risk of developing diabetes by 25 percent. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www. thepaper24-7.com.



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The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank Aimee Malott for subscribing!



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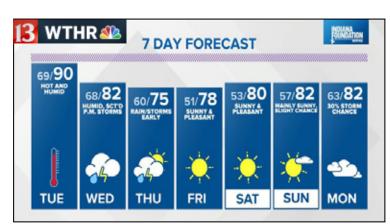
Make sure to keep taking part in the 2022 Great Montgomery Scavenger Hunt! We've gotten more and more responses but we still want more. Remember, getting all the clues right and finishing top of the standings earns you cash prizes and your picture in your number one local daily newspaper! And don't worry - if you haven't submitted answers for the first four clues yet, you can still go back and answer them to get those points (but don't cheat!; we're a newspaper, we find out everything!).

⇒ TODAY'S QUOTE

"It's hard to beat a person who never gives up."

🗢 TODAY'S JOKE

You know what they say about cliffhangers . . . Babe Ruth





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OBITUARIES

Cora Mount Tauscher Sept. 18, 1917 - May 26, 2022

Cora Mount Tauscher passed away at 1:11 PM on May 26, 2022 She was the daughter of Joseph M.

and Carrie (Ruckle) Mount, born on Sept. 18, 1917 in Crawfordsville, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roland L. Tauscher in 2002, her mother and father, two brothers, Ray and Ernest Mount.

Survivors include her son, David R. and wife Susan (Elbern) Tauscher; daughter, Tamara K. (Tauscher) and husband Robert A. Surface; grandchildren, Ginger (Tauscher) and husband Mitch McDevitt, Cinnamon (Tauscher) and husband Mike Walton, Shelly (Fifer) and husband Tilmer Paulson, Joseph A. Fifer, four great-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She attended the United Methodist Church in New Richmond, where she played the organ for church services until the church closed. She and her late husband were volunteers at the Old Jail Museum and tour guides for the Lane Place. She was a member of the Athens Chapter of the Eastern Star.

She graduated from Crawfordsville High School, Indiana Business College and NCMA Ceramic Association and was a certified ceramics teacher. After graduating from Business College, she worked 6 years for Aetna Insurance in Indianapolis. She then returned to Crawfordsville to help with the family grocery store, Francis & Mount, when her brothers entered the military for WWII.

In 1945 Roland, then her fiancé and a Wabash graduate returned after serving as a Captain overseas for four years in WWI They married that year and they started their own business, Sugar Creek Industries, which manufactured pouring room equipment for the ceramic business. In addition to having the manufacturing business, she taught ceramic classes. They also owned and operated The Party Time Shop and Brides and Bakers

In retirement, she and Roland enjoyed travelling and took trips and cruises around the world. She also enjoyed spending time with friends. She and her friends worked together cutting out and decorating different types of eggs, as large as ostrich eggs, down to tiny wild bird eggs. She took great pride in this and has quite a unique

Private graveside services will be held at Oak Hill Cemetery North. Bill Murdock will officiate. Burkhart Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Deborah Annette Jones Allen

Feb. 15, 1964 - May 26, 2022

Deborah Annette Jones Allen, 58, passed away early Thursday morning on May 26th. She was born in Glasgow, Ky. to

Sue Jones of New Market, Ind. and Royce Jones of Morgantown, Ky.

She married Curtis Edward Allen of New Market on May 24th, 1986, who preceded her in death on Jan. 6, 2022. She was a 1983 Southmont

High School graduate and attended Ball State University. She has resided in North Port, Florida and for the past 17 years was a Sales Office Manager at Inline Filling Systems in Venice, Florida.

Her passion was assisting her husband Curt in his coaching activities at North Port High School.

Survivors include her parents, Sue Jones and Royce (Marsha) Jones; sister, Nancy Leonard (Mike Zeller); father-in-law and mother-in-law, Eddie and Marilyn Allen, Crawfordsville; brother-in-law and sisters-in-laws Brad (Linda) Allen, Cindy (John) Roberts, Pam (Terrv) Stephens, Sally (Brian) Delks, Kelly (Mike) Cain, all of Crawfordsville.

Also surviving are nephews and nieces, Corbin (Morgan) Leonard, Ethan (Macie) Leonard, Chadd (Misty) Cassida, Heidi (Marc) Bonwell, Brandon (Stephanie) Allen, Candice Cassida Cox, Megan (Jeremy) Shaw, Casey (Rebekah) Delks, Haley Roberts Beach, Tyler (Haley) Delks, Micah (Larissa) Delks, Whitney (Clayton) Muller, Chloie (Trevor) Storms, Abraham Cain; and several great nephews and nieces who adored their Aunt Debbie.

Along with her family, she leaves behind many beloved basketball players, students and friends. All who knew her loved her and will miss her immensely.

She had chosen a private, family burial. She will be laid to rest at Oak Hill Cemetery South. Online condolences may be made at www.BurkhartFH.com.

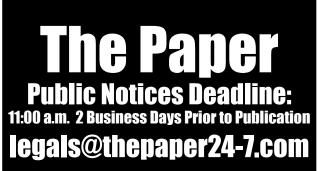
Memorial donations may be made to The Allen Memorial Scholarship Fund 3552 Cunliffe Rd, North Port, Florida 34287



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John "Butch" Dale (765) 404-1354





Patricia "Pat" Stow Oct. 9, 1944 - May 27, 2022

Patricia "Pat" Stow of New Ross

passed away Friday morning at the age

Born Oct. 9, 1944 in Newport News, Virginia she was the daughter of Donald D. Pugh and Muriel Montgomery Pugh.

She graduated from Pendleton High School in 1962 and attended Indiana Business College. She married LeRoy

Stow on March 10, 1969. He passed away Dec. 3, 2008. She was a member of the New Ross Christian Church. She worked as a tax preparer in addition to having her own ceramic shop for 30 years. She sold Avon, made clothes and bowled in a bowling league. She also served as a scout leader.

Survivors include her daughter, Denise Pugh Slone of New Ross; two step-sons, Brett E. Stow and Chett E. Stow; ten grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; nine siblings, James Pugh, Sr., Robert L. Drengacs, Vicki Stephens, Linda Woods, Rita Davis, Loretta Johnson, Darrell LaPrade, Debra Roberts and Tony Woodard.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and son, Jeff Causley.

Visitation will be from 11 to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 4th at Burkhart Funeral Home, 201 W. Wabash, Crawfordsville. Services will begin at 1 p.m., led by Pastor Rick Fay. Burial will follow at New Ross Cemetery.

Donations in memory of Pat Stow can be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 681405, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Online condolences may be made at www.BurkhartFH.com.

Cowboy 260 Air **Conditioner**

"Now Mamie," said Windy Wilson, "the reason I expurgated myself over here to your place was to see how you was a-doin' in this year heat."

Mamie Dilworth refilled his iced tea glass, smiled at the old cowboy and camp cook. "Well, that's awfully nice of you, Windy. I'm fine. Tired of this heat, just the same as everyone else around here.'

"I hear ya, and thanks for the tea. It helps a guy cool down, refrigerationally speeakin' a-course."

"You're welcome. What are you and Ramses up to these hot days?"

Ramses was Windy's dog, so named because of his tendency to leave pyramids in the backyard. Windy claims he's an Egyptian shepherd, but hasn't been able to provide any registration papers yet.

"Pickup truck therapy, you know. Works put-



SLIM RANDLES Columnist

near ever time it's tried. Long's a guy don't run outa gas, he's okay. Cool right down on a hot ol' day like this one.

"I didn't know your pickup had air conditioning, Windy."

"Mostly it's a cowboy 260 air conditioner," Windy explained. "You get your shirt and your dog wet, roll down two windows and go sixty miles an hour.

-Pick up "Home Country: Drama, dreams and laughter from the American heartland" www.lpdpress.com.

Bunion Season

It's that time of year again. No, I am not talking about bikini season. I'm talking about bunion sea-

I did not even know I had a bunion until fairly recently and now, every time I start wearing sandals again, I am reminded that I do. I imagine it was growing on the sly for years before my husband, Peter, brought it to my attention.

"You have a bunion," he

"I do not!" I immediately answered-because I had no idea what it was. 'Yes, you do. Right

there, on your foot.' "That's not a bunion. It's always been like that... I

think.' "No, that's a bunion.

That's what they look like." I had heard the word 'bunion" before, but had no idea what it was. For some reason, I associated it with old women in cottages who raised sheep and made cheese. I googled it and learned it was nothing nearly so romantic.

As I read up on bunions, I learned they were very unlikely to afflict a young person. Since, on most days, I still regard myself as a relatively young person, this was more than a little deflating.

"How did this happen?" I asked, shocked to learn that I had joined the ranks of the little old cheese-making women.

"It just happens when you get older," Peter informed me. Peter is older than I am and, occasionally, he lords this over me, as if there is a wealth of information about getting older he is withholding for my own good. I was not at all pleased

about this bunion. I asked the doctor about it at my next appointment. She was completely unimpressed. "Does it hurt?" she

asked. "Well... no."

"Then I wouldn't worry about it.

This seemed to me a highly unsatisfactory response. If young people got bunions, I have to believe they would be taken a lot more seriously. Doctors would say, "We must find a treatment for this bunion or this young person's foot will never fit properly in their sandal! They might



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experience discomfort and embarrassment and never find a mate!"

By my age, no one cares. The doctor shrugged. From this, I gathered that she did not think I would live long enough for my bunion to become a genuine problem worthy of medical attention.

I told my sister that I had a bunion, wondering if she had one as well. She is younger than I am. To my slight disappointment, I learned she does not. Yet. But my sister said she had a friend who had her bunion fixed.

"Really!" I said. "That's wonderful!"

"No! It was terrible!" my sister said. "She had to have it fixed because she was in pain when she walked."

"What did they do?" I asked, all ready to do the same thing myself.

"They operated on it, but then she couldn't move—at all! She had to stay in bed for two weeks. She couldn't even get up to pee!'

I will tell you right now that I have not verified this information. If it is incorrect, don't write to mewrite to my sister. She's the one doing the fearmongering. Whenever I'm told about somebody who had to pee in a bottle, I already have more information than I want.

So it appears my bunion and I will have to learn to live with one another. It does not hurt. All it does is make my foot look funny in sandals. Luckily, I'm not easily embarrassed and I already have a mate, so maybe I shouldn't complain.

But now I have. Till next time, Carrie

- Carrie Classon is a freelance writer and author and lives in New Mexico. Her columns appear each week.

Our American Atrocity Dilemma

Merriam-Webster defines 'atrocity" as a "a shockingly bad or atrocious act, object, or situation." In a different era, the word "atrocity" was used mostly in wartime situations, be it Babyn Yar in Kyiv, the Katyn Forest massacre in Poland, the Andersonville Prison during the American Civil War, or My Lai in Vietnam.

But since 1999 following the first modern mass school shooting at Columbine HS, I've been using words like "atrocity" and "massacre" to describe everyday American places: Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut, the Pulse night club in Orlando, the FedEx facility here in Indy, Tops Friendly Market in Buffalo, and now Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. America, obviously, has

a gun problem, as well as a mental health dilemma. School massacres have gone from about 25 annually in 2000 to 236 in 2021 and more than 135 so far this year.

Since the pandemic hit in 2020, Americans have bought 40 million guns. Pew Research reports that the U.S. murder rate rose 30% between 2019 and 2020 - the largest single-year increase in more than a century, according to data published this month by the CDC. There were 7.8 homicides for every 100,000 people in the United States in 2020, up from six homicides per 100,000 people the year before. According to the FBI, there were 21,570 murders last year, up 29% from 16,669 in 2019 and the highest

annual total since 1995.



BRIAN HOWEY Howey Political Report

A majority of the of these school rampages were done with AR-15, a gun designed for military combat. The 18-year-old Uvalde terrorist legally purchased two AR-15s, though he wasn't old enough to buy a beer.

The Wall Street Journal editorial board observed: The recent proliferation of mass shootings suggests a deeper malady than gun laws can fix. Firearm laws were few and weak before the 1970s. Yet only in recent decades have young men entered schools and supermarkets for the purpose of killing the innocent. That a teenager could look at a nine-year-old, aim a gun, and pull the trigger signals some larger social and cultural breakdown.

The leading cause of death among American children is now guns, according to Axios. Indiana ranks 7th in the U.S. with 8.7 deaths per 100,000. Nearly two-thirds of the 4,368 U.S. youths up to age 19 who were killed by guns in 2020 were homicide victims (car crashes killed less than 4,000).

How should we respond? A recent CBS News poll found 54% of Americans want laws covering the sale of guns; 30% believe gun laws should be kept

as they are, and 16% want them to be less strict. A Politico/Morning Consult poll conducted entirely after the Uvalde massacre found 88% support requiring background checks for all gun sales (22% of guns are acquired without one); 75% back a national database; 67% favor banning assault rifles; 84% back blocking gun sales to those documented to be mentally ill.

Gov. Eric Holcomb said Wednesday that the focus should be on school safety, even though the Uvalde and Buffalo atrocities were perpetrated with security guards on the premise. "We have the means and we have the financial wherewithal to make sure that our schools maintain their integrity. That means one port of entry. That's why we make sure they have wands, if needed," he said. "You might call it hardening them when children are in the classrooms. We're not going to, I believe, in the State of Indiana, take steps to restrict individuals who lawfully can purchase a gun, for sport or defense for themselves.'

There are some common sense policy and manufacturing steps. If I lose my cellphone, it's useless to anyone who finds it. Why can't we make guns requiring a fingerprint? Or banning gun purchases for those under age 21? Or prohibit those guilty of domestic violence from legally purchasing a gun? Or require background checks for those buying ammunition?

While the new Indiana congressional maps have created nine uncompetitive districts, there is a race for the U.S. Senate.

Republican U.S. Sen. Todd Young reacted to the latest Texas atrocity, saying, "I am deeply saddened by the horrific shooting at an elementary school in Texas. Our nation mourns the innocent lives taken in this senseless tragedy, and my heart breaks for everyone who lost a loved one. They deserve answers on how and why this terrible event took place. All children and teachers deserve a safe and welcoming environment in our schools. While we don't yet know if it could have had an impact in this situation, enforceable red flag laws give local law enforcement a better chance at stopping senseless attacks.'

His Democratic opponent, Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr., said, "Todd Young has done nothing since Sandy Hook. Young has done nothing since Pulse, Parkland, Indianapolis, Buffalo, and now Uvalde – and thousands of Americans have lost their lives. As we grieve the loss of our students and teachers in Texas, Todd Young is sitting in his office collecting donation after donation from the NRA to keep the status quo – all while wishing for thoughts and prayers in hollow statements. Senator, it's time to act or get out of Washington for those - like me - who do want to stop this violence and save our loved ones' lives.'

It's time for this debate, as we await the next (inevitable) American atrocity.

- The columnist is publisher of Howey Politics Indiana at www.howeypolitics.com

Call Me By My Name Tag



GWYNN WILLS A Better Word

I love Peyton Manning. I was in Neyland Stadium on the University of Tennessee campus when he appeared on the field as a freshman quarterback in 1994. And when he signed with the Indianapolis Colts, I took my then teenaged daughter to Signing Day at the RCA Dome. This was long before it was the new, improved Lucas Oil Stadium, better known as the "place that Peyton built." An adult transplant from Tennessee myself, I became an avid Colt's fan and "the Manning Years" will always be near and dear to my heart. Football, for me, hasn't been the same since he left the "young horse" for the "bucking bronco" and moved to Colorado. As much as I admire Peyton and all the good he did for our capitol city, I am continually surprised at the inordinate amount of money he and other professional athletes make to entertain the masses.

So why the soapbox, you ask? I happen to be a retired public school educator. What I earned per year may buy a couple pair of Air Jordan's. Many other essential workers in the country might afford the shoelaces. The disparity in earnings among workers we count on versus professional athletes and entertainers is mind-boggling. This is nothing new. Homo sapiens place great value on being entertained as well as the people who do the entertaining. Professional sports and the entertainment industry are multi-billion dollar cash cows.

Now to the point of the matter; if we can't cough up higher wages for our essential workers, the very least we can do is acknowledge them. During and since the pandemic, I have made a concerted effort to look the person behind the counter at Walgreen's or Kroger's in the eye and say something to them. If they are wearing a name tag, I try to call them by name AND look them in the eye. Sometimes I encounter a look of surprise. Most times the person happily engages in a reciprocal, albeit, brief conversation. Just the other day I stopped in at a small gas station market while coming back from riding my horse. The man behind the counter may have been the owner. I have seen him on many occasions.

"How are you, today?' I asked. I noticed a scowl on his face, not sure what to expect. Well, actually, I was expecting a terse reply. Instead he answered honestly.

"Not so great," he said. No name tag and I didn't know his name.

"Eh you know how goes. Some days you're the windshield. Somedays you're the bug." He let out a chuckle, looked me in the eye back and said, "You are right." I walked out the door still smiling from the interaction. It was a small gesture, but an acknowledgement of Hey I see you. You matter to me.

I once took a poetry class where the instructor posed this prompt: write a poem to honor a profession or object that is frequently overlooked. I wrote about our trash collectors. Each time I wheel our 96 gallon lime green trash cart to the curb, I give up a silent thank you to the workers who drive by and empty our week's worth of throw-away into their truck.

For the Sanitation Engineer

Now I want to say something appreciative about the sanitation workers who dedicate themselves to the well-being of others

by picking up their waste at curbside. I hear their

symphony of thundering truck and squealing brake

as they stop at each nouse along the way. I watch

the perfect choreograph of hopping

down,
hefting high, pouring
in, stepping up
and closing the door.
This song

and dance goes on for hours

rumbling around my side of town.

We seldom see the

mountain of wasted life com-

pressed into the earth or baled to float on barges

to be burned in far-off lands.

You take and take and we give

less thought to your burden;

as if you were born to do this.

We should appreciate what you do each day as your truck lumbers

through streets of Chem-lawn green and three story houses. We must embrace

the sacrifice of your

consciousness to do what we will not; collect

what we discard and hide it

hide it away.

I think many of us gained a new appreciation for essential workers during the pandemic. I know I did. While most of us hunkered down in the safety of our homes, there were those who braved the "great out there" to serve, care and protect. Now, when I read about or even encounter another person being rude or talking down to a person in the service industry, I bristle. (I stop short of saying anything to the offender lest he/she decides to turn on me.) I always try and tip at 20% or more. And if you can't afford a larger tip, at the very least, seek out their name tag and say, "How are you doing today? I sure am glad you're here."

-Gwynn Wills is a former speech therapist, certified Amherst Writers and Artists workshop Affiliate and Leader and founder of The Calliope Writers Group. After growing up in Crawfordsville, her and her husband returned several years ago.

BBB Issues Warning For Lottery Text Scam

The BBB serving Northern Indiana has issued a warning to consumers about a reported text message scam.

The scammer poses as a lottery winner named Manuel Franco. He claims to have won a \$768 million Powerball Jackpot and is donating to 200 random individuals. These text messages request that the victim reach out to the winner's agent and provide an alternate phone number to contact.

The text messages may come from an outof-state area code. The message details change often, such as the dollar amount being given or the name of the agent in charge of dispersing the funds. In many cases, the scammer will request banking information or a fee to send the funds. If personal information is given, it may lead to lost funds or hacked accounts, and any fees paid will most likely never be recovered.

Use BBB's tips to avoid this scam:

• Don't pay upfront

• Don't pay upfront fees to claim a prize. No

legitimate sweepstakes company will ever ask to pay a fee or buy something to enter or improve the chances of winning—that includes paying "taxes," "shipping and handling charges," or "processing fees" to get a prize.

• Checks can bounce after the bank allows the account holder to withdraw cash from the deposit. Check processing is a confusing business. Even if a bank representative tells you a check has "cleared," you can't be sure it won't be detected as a fake weeks later. One thing you can be sure of is that you will be on the hook for any funds drawn against the amount

the amount.

• Be suspicious of irregular communication. Real sweepstakes will not notify you via text or bulk mail. They will not send a check in the mail without first confirming with you. And you won't be notified that you are a winner and have to respond or act within 24 hours to collect your prize.

You've got to play to

win. A notification that you have won a prize in a contest you do not remember entering should be a red flag. Keep track of all sweepstakes entries so it's easy to check if a legitimate contest-related company is confirming winnings. When entering, read the fine print and rules for how prizes are claimed.

If you spot a scam, whether you've lost money or not, report it to BBB's Scam Tracker at BBB.org/ScamTracker and the FTC at Report-Fraud.ftc.gov.

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WHO'S HIRING?

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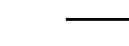
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PREVIOUS CLUES

CLUE I - WHERE WOULD THESE NAMES BE FOUND IN CRAWFORDSVILLE AND WHY WOULD THEY BE LISTED TOGETHER? ZEPHAMAN BALL, JAMMES IR, CARNAHAN, ISAAC C. ELSON, SAMUEL B. FERBUSON, SAMITH S. FRY, THOMAS W. FRY, JOHN P. HAWKINS, JESSE L. HOLDAN, LYCURCUS RALBACK, ROBERT SPILAMAN, SAMUEL C. VANCE, WILLIAM C. WILSON, JOSEPH M. WISHARD, AND A LOT MODRE.

CLUE 2-A SHIP WAS SUNK AND HOSTILITIES BROKE OUT, HUNDREDS OF MEN

RABBACK, ROBERT CPLANAN, SAMUEL C, VANCE, WILLIAM C, WILSON, JOSEPH M, WISHARD, AND A LOT MORE.

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CLUE 1-IN A SAMALL CEMETERY INSIDE THE COUNTY, A MAN HAS A UNIQUE WHITE-BIRONZE TOMBSTONE WITH AN UIRN ON THE TOP, MUCH INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND THEIRE, HE DIED IN 1863 AND HE WAS 64 YEARS OLD. THERE'S ALSO AN UNUSUAL MESSAGE TO HIS FAMALY, TAREWELL MY WHILE AND CHILDREN ALL, FROM YOU A FATHER CHRIST DOTH CALL, MOURN NOT FOR ME IT IS IN VAIN, TO CALL ME TO YOUR SIGHT AGAINT THERE ARE OTHER VERSES AND IMMAGES, WHO DOES THE TOMBSTONE BELONG TO AND IN WHICH CEMETERY CAN IT BE FOUND?

CLUE 5-GEORGE FRUITS IS BELIEVED TO BE THE OLDEST SURVIVING LOCAL SOLDER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR. SOME HAVE FOUND PROOF AGAINST THAT BUT AN ADDENDUM TO HIS TOMBSTONE WOULD ARGUE THE POINT, WHERE IS HE BURRED AND WHAT DOES THE PLAQUE SAY IN REGARDS TO PROOF OF HIS AGE OND SERVICE.

CLUE 6-THERE WAS A YOUNG MAN UP OUR COUNTY WHO STUDIED SUICIDE OF THAT PURPOSE. HE PLANNED HIS OWN SUICIDE, AS WELL AS HES FUNDERAL, REQUESTING A BAND PLANNED HIS OWN SUICIDE, AS WELL AS HES FUNDERAL, REQUESTING A BAND

AGE AND SERVICE.

CLUE G-THERE WAS A YOUNG MAAN IN OUR COUNTY WHO STUDIED SUICIDE FOR YEARS AND EVEN MAANUFACTURED "MEDICINE" FOR THAT PURPOSE. HE PLANNED HIS OWN SUICIDE, AS WELL AS HIS FUNERAL, REQUESTING A RAND PLAN, HE HAS ONE OF THE TALLEST, ABOST IMAPRESSIVE TOMBSTONES IN THE COUNTY, WHO IS HE AND WHERE IS HE BURIED!

CLUE 7-EVER HEAR OF THE HORSE THIEF DETECTIVE ASSOCIATION! DO YOU REALIZE THE VERY FIRST ONE IN THE UNITED STATES CHUNE 1845? WAS RIGHT HERE IN MONTGOMAERY COUNTY! THE GROUP BEGAN IN JUNE 1845 AND MET SOUTH OF ELMPALE WITH THESE GOALS IN ANNO. "SUPPRESS HORSE STEALING, WERE QUITE INSTRUMENTAL IN BEGINNING THIS GROUP, WHAT WAS THEIR LAST NAME.

NAME!

CLUE 8-THE BARLY ROADS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY WERE VERY BAD, SLUSH AND MUD GAVE WAY TO GRAVEL, AND THE GRAVEL WAS PAID FOR - IN PART - THROUGH TOLLS. IN 1882, THE COUNTY HAD 90 MILES OF THESE TOLL ROADS BUT BY 1909, THE COUNTY HAD 400 MILES OF GRAVEL ROADS, OFTEN, TOLL HOUSES WERE BUILT WHERE PEOPLE WOULD STOP AND PAY A TOLL FOR TRAVELING ON THE ROAD, TODAY, THERE IS AT LEAST ONE OF THESE KNOWN TOLL HOMES STILL IN EXISTENCE, WHERE IS IT!

CLUE 9-BEFORE PUBLIC EDUCATION, THERE WERE SMALL ONE-ROOM SCHOOLS AND SOMEWHAT BETTER FACILITIES KNOWN AS ACADEMIES, SEVERAL COMMANDITIES HAD THESE, INCLUDING WAVELAND AND LADDGA, ANOTHER ONE WAS STARTED IN 1858 ON DONATED LAND IN WAYNE TOWNSHIP, SADLY, A STORM BLEW THE NEWLY ERECTED BUILDING AWAY ALMOST MAMAEDIATELY. THE VERY NEXT DAY, THE REBULDING STARTED IN 1862, THERE WERE 120 PUPILS, MALE AND FEMALE COMMING FROM ADDITIONALLY AND FOUNTAIN COUNTIES BUT IN DECEMBER OF 1922, THIS PROPERTY AND ITS BUILDINGS WERE GOLD TO THE CEMETERY BOARD AND USED AS A COMMANDITY BUILDING, WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THIS SCHOOL AND WHERE IS IT LOCATEDY

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Food Poisoning And What You Can Do To Avoid It

Barbecue season is in full swing and it's a good time to review food safety. Foodborne illness, commonly referred to as "food poisoning," is something that almost all of us have experienced at some point in our lives. Foodborne illness is defined as more than two people having a similar illness with evidence of food as the source.

There are approximately 76 million cases of food-related illness in the United States each year. There are also around 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,000 deaths. Underdeveloped countries, as a group, experience about one billion cases annually and four to six million deaths. The overall rate of these illnesses in the United States has gone down drastically in the last century with improvements in food handling and sanitation.

The Centers for Disease



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D. Montgomery Medicine

Control estimates that 97 percent of all cases of food-borne illness arise from improper food handling. Commercial establishments account for 79 percent of the cases, while the other 21 percent originate in homes.

There are a few common denominators found in most cases of food poisoning. A frequent cause is foods in environmental conditions that allow bacterial growth to occur. Staphylococcal food poi-

soning typically happens in the summer months when food is left out in warm temperatures. Common summer foods like potato salad and pies that are high in salt or sugar are prime breeding ground for bacterial growth.

Raw or undercooked meat is another common source of food poisoning; hence the warning to check to make sure cooked meat is not pink in the middle. Cross-contamination between raw and cooked foods can lead to problems. This happens when raw food that contains organisms or toxins comes into contact with cooked food. Food preparers who don't wash their hands can transfer bacteria or toxins as well.

Most foodborne illnesses result in some combination of diarrhea, vomiting and abdominal cramping. The organisms that cause problems do so by various means, too numerous to

mention here. Diarrhea caused by infectious organisms or toxins can be classified as inflammatory or non-inflammatory, depending on how the offending agent affects the victim's gastrointestinal tract

Inflammatory diarrhea involves actual injury to the cells that line the intestine. Organisms that cause this inflammation can invade the wall of the intestine and enter the body, causing an immune reaction. Salmonella is a well-known pathogen that causes this type of diarrhea.

Inflammatory diarrhea usually results in smaller stools that can be bloody, also known as dysentery. Sufferers usually run a fever, have abdominal pain, possibly a headache, and look ill. A severe inflammatory response may lead to liver and kidney damage as well.

Toxins produced by

infectious organisms cause non-inflammatory diarrhea. The toxins act on the cells in the gut causing the release of water and salt into the intestines. This, in turn, results in large volumes of diarrhea without blood or severe abdominal pain.

Ninety percent of cases of food-borne illness resolve in two to three days without needing any medical attention. Infants and the elderly are the most likely to develop complications, mostly from dehydration.

People who are ill for more than two or three days with high fevers, severe abdominal pain, or lethargy should always seek medical attention.

The primary aim of treatment for foodborne illnesses is to avoid dehydration. This can usually be accomplished by consuming fluids by mouth. Even if a person is vomiting, they can usually keep down small amounts of fluid given at frequent intervals.

There are many overthe-counter remedies to use to prevent dehydration or to rehydrate someone who has already become dehydrated. A simple and inexpensive recipe to make at home is to add two level teaspoons of salt and eight heaping teaspoons of sugar to a two liter bottle of water.

Damage to the intestinal wall can affect the ability to absorb sugars from food. People should therefore avoid milk, dairy, and foods containing lactose during the illness and for a few days afterward.

Remember that proper food preparation and handling can go a long way to prevent interruptions to your summer fun.

- Dr. John Roberts is a member of the Franciscan Physician Network specializing in Family Medicine.

Salvation Army Prepares For Increased Food Demand As Enhanced SNAP Benefits End

June 1st marks the end of emergency enhanced SNAP benefits for Hoosiers statewide. In anticipation of increased demand, The Salvation Army Indiana Division is working to ensure that feeding programs and food pantries run by the organization across the state can continue to meet the needs of their communities.

Indiana's COVID-19 public health emergency ended on March 3, 2022. making May 31 the final day that SNAP recipients would receive the maximum benefit allowed in accordance to the number of people in their household. Starting on June 1, benefits will be based on a formula that includes several eligibility factors, including household income. A permanent adjustment to the program made in October 2021 means that most households will receive higher benefits than they did pre-pandemic, but they will still experience a drop from May to June.

The USDA has provided examples of how these changes will affect households of difference sizes and circumstances. These can be seen by visiting the

online "SNAP Benefits – COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond" page of the USDA website.

The Salvation Army has already seen an increase in visits to its food pantries and hot food programs over the past several months as inflation has made it harder for Hoosiers to put food on the table. According to the USDA, between April 2021 and April 2022 grocery store prices have risen by 10.8 percent. Fresh produce, milk, eggs, and meat prices are continuing to skyrocket with farm-level egg prices predicted to increase us to 76.5 percent in 2022. These higher prices mean that struggling households are bringing home less food each time they go to the store, pushing them to find supplemental food at organizations like The

"The cost of food, housing, medical, and transportation has not been put into consideration regarding the ending of the pandemic emergency funds," said Dena Simpson, Divisional Director of Social Services for The Salvation Army Indiana Division. "Individuals and families are in recovery mode and facing a

Salvation Army.

number of challenges."
These challenges include:

- Drained savings and strained finances
- Loss and/or change in housing and utility needs
- Increased instances of domestic violence
- Ongoing COVID-related medical needs
- Loss of primary income provider for the
- family
 Larger households with combined and extended
- Changes in childcare and educational needs and routines

With inflation outpacing wage increases, the results have been devastating. The Salvation Army is working with partner organizations, food banks, donors, and community volunteers to meet the increased demand. Food costs continue to rise for The Salvation Army, as well, as provider food banks like Feeding America anticipate spending 40 percent more to purchase bulk food in 2022 compared to 2021.

In addition to providing food in many of the communities where The Salvation Army serves, the organization is also helping struggling households with financial assistance to help with rent and mortgages, high utility bills, prescription costs, and gas cards to get to work and medical care.

In Logansport, IN, The Salvation Army's food pantry, "The Lord's Cupboard," offers food boxes to local families on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These boxes often include household goods and often clothing to help families make ends meet. This ministry is in addition to a lunchtime feeding program that operates Monday through Friday and provides around 300 hot meals to individuals in need each week. With inflation and supply chain issues putting additional strain on the program, The Salvation Army's administrator, Lieutenant Elis Pomales Morales, is working harder than ever to keep up with increased need in his community.

"We are blessed to have Tyson meat processing here in town," Lt. Elis said. "They give large donations to meat to Emmaus Mission Center, who then shares it with our food programs. The U.S. Postal Service also held a food drive, which has helped to keep our pantry stocked. All of these donations help us with the cost of food, but last year we could prepare a meal for just \$2.50 and today it costs between \$3.00 and \$3.25 per meal."

The chicken donations are especially appreciated, as the USDA recently reported that the price of chicken rose 27.9 percent between March 2021 and April 2022.

Other large Salvation Army feeding programs across the state are having to find creative ways to keep down costs while meeting increased need. In Evansville, IN, the daily feeding program provided over 188,000 meals to the community in 2021. They are depending on the generosity of donors, food suppliers, and volunteers to keep up in 2022 and the expected jump they will see over the summer.

"The Salvation Army Indiana Division is anticipating an increase of individuals and families facing food insecurities.," Dena Simpson added. "Our pantries across the state need supplies as we continue to meet the needs of families in our communities and

offset the exorbitant cost of housing, transportation, medical, and other needs we consider basic."

For more information about The Salvation Army's response to food insecurity in Indiana, contact Dena Simpson directly at dena.simpson@usc.salvationarmy.org.

The Salvation Army annually helps more than 23 million Americans overcome poverty, addiction and economic hardships through a range of social services. By providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, rehabilitation for those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse, and clothing and shelter for people in need, The Salvation Army is doing the most good at 7,600 centers of operations around the country. In the first-ever listing of "America's Favorite Charities" by The Chronicle of Philanthropy, The Salvation Army ranked as the country's largest privately funded, direct-service nonprofit. For more information, visit SalvationArmyUSA.org. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter and #SalArmyLoveBeyond.

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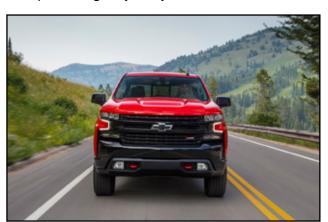
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2022 Chevy Silverado Trail Boss Gets Plastic Surgery, Heart Transplant

This isn't the first time I've reviewed the 2022 Chevy Silverado Trail Boss. Like the last one, though, this one is offroad ready version with a 2-inch lift, monotube shocks to absorb rough trails, and 18" black alloy wheels with Goodyear Wrangler off-road tires to claw over them. Its long crew cab is still ideal for families on the go. But, a little plastic surgery and a heart transplant make this one better than the last...

Looking close at the hood, you'll notice a black topper with the word "DURAMAX" affixed to it on both sides. Chevrolet fans will know DURAMAX = DIESEL.Here's your heart transplant. Unlike with the heavy duty pickups that use their large diesels for big towing numbers, this one is considerably smaller and aimed at improving fuel economy in the 1500-series pickups.

The 3.0-liter turbocharged engine delivers just 277 horsepower, not a lot for a full-size pickup, but stomps down with 460 lb.-ft. of torque for easy acceleration around town and on the freeway. That connects to the four-wheel-drive system through a smooth 10-speed automatic transmission. That engine and transmission achieve up to 23/31-MPG city/ highway in rear-drive Silverados, but achieves a more grounded 20/23-MPG city/highway in the fortified Trail Boss with knobby tires and heavy

skid plates. Moving inside you'll see the plastic surgery, a big improvement that's now part of Silverado no matter the powertrain. Finally, Chevrolet upgraded its infotainment system

to a 13.4" widescreen. No doubt, Chevrolet had fallen behind the tall tablet-style screen in Rams and the panoramic unit in Ford F-150s. Especially when accompanying the new flatscreen instrument cluster, the dash has more the feel of a Corvette than old-tech pickup. Thank Louis Chevrolet and all that came after him for that!

Beyond the screen, the Trail Boss' interior is pretty lavish. Dual-zone automatic climate control, heated front seats, and power moonroof are a start. Devices connect to the Bose audio system through wireless Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, and Wi-Fi hotspot. Charge wirelessly, too, with a console slot. Trailering is made simple with an in-dash trailer brake controller and backing dial. Safety is enhanced

2022 Chevy Silverado Trail Boss Five-passenger, 4WD Pickup Powertrain: 3.0-liter TD-I6, 10-spd trans Output: 277hp/460 lb.-ft. torque Suspension f/r: Ind/Solid axle Wheels f/r: 18"/18" alloy Brakes f/r: disc/disc

Must-have features: Diesel, Dash Towing: 8,900 lbs.

Fuel economy: 20/23 mpg city/hwy Assembly: Silao, Mexico Base/As-tested price: \$52,000/\$62,570

by automatic emergency braking, adaptive cruise, trailer side blind zone alert, and trailer sway control.

You may look at this big brute of a truck and think it would be difficult to drive. It's not. It's obviously going to be a little wide on tight city streets, but it turns sharply and is easy to maneuver with all of the cameras and bumper beepers.

Hitting on-ramps, the turbo, transmission, and ample torque usher it up to speed quickly and smoothly. Full-out in the left lane, there is plenty of power in reserve with all of that torque feeling it is available with just the twitch of your big toe. Big wheels and trail-ready suspension soak up all but the roughest roads with aplomb.

As you might guess,



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the updated Silverado Trail Boss is not inexpensive. Base models start around \$52,000, but ours came to a loftier \$62,570 including the \$2,590 diesel option. Still, that's competitive with the Ram Rebel, Toyota Tundra TRD Pro, upcoming Ford F-150 Rattler, and the similar GMC Sierra AT4. Storm Forward!

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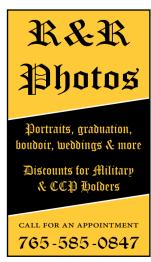
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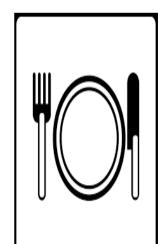
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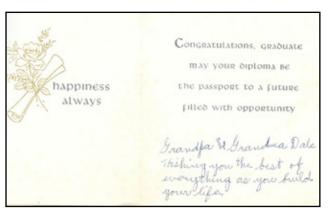


Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

After much soul-searching, I made the decision to do something else. I enrolled at Purdue and married my sweetheart two days after I turned 18. Although one semester's tuition was only \$175, I still had to work full-time to pay all of our living expenses. Four years later I had my degree in sports business and sports writing, but I continued on and earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in education so that I could also become a teacher...and was lucky bring happiness. enough to land a teaching and coaching position at

my old school. But a person can really never predict what path his life will take. After teaching a short course in criminal justice in one of my social studies classes one year, the field of law enforcement captured my interest. After several years of teaching, I became a deputy sheriff... eventually earning the rank of sergeant...and then being elected county sheriff in 1994. But hold on...during those years I also became the librarian at Darlington the same year that my oldest son

Honestly, if someone had told me in high

started college!

school that I would be a teacher, police officer, and librarian...I would have informed them that they were crazy! I never made much of a salary at any of these jobs, but all three were very satisfying. So to my grandson, and to all of you recent high school graduates, I will say this....Don't lock yourself into a job that you feel obligated to pursue. Decide where you want to live your life, and don't think that a big salary can automatically

My Grandma and Grandpa Dale gave me a card when I graduated. Inside the card Grandma wrote, "Wishing you the best of everything as you build your life.' Both passed away just a few years later. I have kept that card all these years. Their wish for me came true. And to my grandson, and to all of you graduates, I hope you live a satisfying life and enjoy "the best of everything."

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 32 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

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"Performance Gasoline". Now, a translucent stream of fuel was rushing into my tank with a cavernous echo.

"He's right," said another voice to the left, approaching me out of the mist. "You're not going to get your money's worth at that pump. It's going to cost you nearly 15.3 cents more to fill up there."

Joe, the source of the first voice, stepped from behind the gas pump that obscured him. "At least he's not getting premium, Robert," who nodded at his colleague's observation. "Premium is even worse.'

Aside from the general feeling that I was standing in the middle of a Bob and Ray comedy sketch, I was curious. Who were these two greying gentlemen? Both seemed quite certain I was experiencing a form of highway robbery as assuredly as if I had been clobbered over the head, and waylaid on the gas island, somewhere between the trash can and the receptacle that holds the murky water used for scrubbing windshields.

"We work for the

county's Weights and Measures Division," said Joe. He began drawing a sam-ple out of the pump.

I should have guessed. However, it's very seldom that I encounter anyone in county govern-ment that seems to enjoy their jobs as much as Joe and Robert. It's even more rare that I find anyone concerned that I was potentially overspending 15.3 cents.

"That's our job," said Joe. "We go from gas station to gas station measuring the performance of each pump on the premises. We make sure the pumps are calibrated correctly, to ensure the public is paying for exactly the amount of fuel they are pumping."

"These are machines," said Robert. "It's not unusual that through use they require adjusting. Sometimes the variance might be intentional, but more likely, the measurement is just off through lack of maintenance."

I watched as Joe now sampled the middle grade pump. He pulled the hose to the back of a trailer, hanging from the hitch on the white county service truck. He started the flow, and the pump began to sing a low hum as the liquid reached its outlet.

"About five gallons is enough to get a good reading," said Joe.

I watched as the fuel

snaked its way through the glass tubing on the centermost tank of his roll-ing laboratory. His rig consisted of three giant stainless steel cauldrons glistening in the glint of the morning sunrise -one for each grade of fuel. They looked an awful lot like the tank on Helen Hunts' storm chaser truck in the movie Twister, if you'd add a funnel hat that Dorothy's Tin Man wore.

Joe turned some dials and leveled the trailer, then consulted a chart of numbers to account for the variation of gasoline density in different temperatures.

"Just what I thought," said Joe. "Go get the manager, Robert."

"He's with a customer right now."

"Remind him that we have the authority to shut down the whole station,"

said Joe, and then said to me with a wry smile,

"That's the part I like." By the time I walked back to my vehicle, Joe and Robert were packing up their equipment, and

almost ready to roll. "Off to another gas station?" I asked.

"Nope," said Robert, "we are going to the high school."

I learned that Weights and Measures in each county are responsible for the integrity of all kinds of measuring devices, including grain mills, scrap yards, fuel trucks -- any gadget where con-sumers purchase a product sold by weight, measure, or count.

But the high school? "We are inspecting the scales the wrestlers use to weigh in."

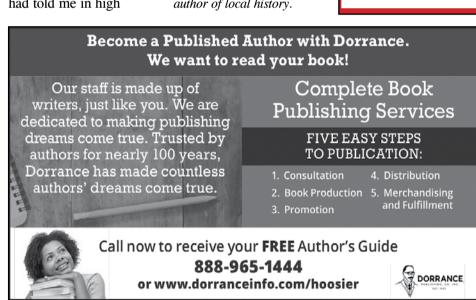
"After that," said Robert, "we are going to the deli counter at Kroger's."

"You're kidding me," I said. "What if those scales don't pass inspection?"

"That's no baloney," said Joe.

- John O. Marlowe is an award-winning columnist for Sagamore News Media.













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