⇒ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 16:8 I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

⇒ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Cole Long smiles grandly for one of our photographers on a beautiful day. Thank you for your smile, Cole!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

The TASTE of Tippecanoe is now booking entertainment for next year's festival that will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2023 in Downtown Lafayette! This year's planning committee is focusing on creating a lineup of diverse musical acts from the regional arts scene. Individuals and groups who wish to perform live at the TASTE are encouraged to apply. Preference may be given to performers of original content who are from North Central Indiana. Please note that cover bands will not be accepted. Submissions will be reviewed by the TASTE planning committee on a rolling basis. Submissions will close on October 31, 2022. Notification to applicants will occur in early January 2023.

The experts say that your rubber tires will not stop ■ lightning from striking your car, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. It's a lesson that Mr. and Mrs. Edward Whalen learned the hard way as they were driving in a storm near Tampa, FL recently. Edward was in his truck and Michelle was behind him in her car when a bolt of lightning struck the truck and proceeded to hit her car. It was a fierce storm and it was all caught on video. A county deputy, Kristen Miceli, happened to be driving in the next lane and saw the whole thing. No one was injured.

Outdoor Indiana magazine's July/August issue features a cover article on all things kites, a feature on ice cream, and a story about the French Heritage Corridor. The French Heritage Corridor is a Midwest movement to kindle, rekindle, or nurture the inherent French-ness of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Outdoor Indiana is available now at most Barnes & Noble stores in Indiana for \$4. Subscriptions are \$15 for one year (six issues, a 38% savings off cover) and \$28 for two years (12 issues, a 42% savings off cover). Subscribe at ShopINStateParks.com or by calling 317-233-3046. To read article excerpts, go to OutdoorIndiana.org.



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neous details, bias or slanted reporting. To borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!

114th

Crawfordsville's Gloria Long attended the 114th

national convention of Delta Theta Tau Sorority earlier this month at the Hilton Chicago / Oak Brook Hills Resort. The con with the theme, "The Roaring 20s – Delta Style." Delegates from 58 chapters were represented. Long represented Epsilon Omega Chapter.



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The City of Crawfordsville recently announced Sarah Campbell as the new director

of operations for the city's collaborative co-working studio, Fusion 54.

The Indiana State Fair returns in just a few days and there are many ways to save on your State Fair experience. The State Fair offers deals and discounts throughout the 18 day Fair, including 100+ free things to do once you're there! The greatest value of the summer is back at the State Fair, opening Friday, July 29 through Sunday, August 21 (closed Mondays & Tuesdays). Plan your trip today!





Montgomery and Putnam counties and AT&T are collaborating on a \$5.7 million plan to bring AT&T Fiber to nearly 2,200 homes, businesses and farms. The project is contingent upon a final contract between the state of Indiana and AT&T.



The Indiana Office of Technology (IOT) is reminding local

governments and political subdivisions that the annual deadline to update cybersecurity incident contacts is Sept. 1. To date, just over 600 political subdivisions have complied, compared to the more than 3,000 throughout the state who fall under the contact-reporting requirement of House Enrolled Act 1169 (2021).

Indiana's unemployment rate in June stands at 2.4%, according to the Indiana Department

according to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. By comparison, the national unemployment rate in June remains at 3.6%, holding steady from May.

Pet Friendly Services of Indiana issued the "Pet Friendly Services Impact Report" for July 2022.

The report details the wide-ranging impact of the organization's lifesaving programming throughout the state via three strategic programs. The Pet Friendly Plate Grant provides 10 free spay/neuter surgery certificates per year to non-profit shelters and rescues. This makes the pets in their care healthy, happy, and adoption-ready. The Community Cat Program Grant provides rescue groups and shelters with 25 free surgery certificates each year, to be used for Trap-Neuter-Return programs for outdoor cats. In July, a total of 38 grants were issued, benefitting 20 counties in Indiana. Over the course of the year, shelters and rescue groups in all 92 counties will receive grants.



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- National Hire A Veteran Day
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What Happened On This Day

- 2007 India gets its first female president
- 1978 World's first test tube baby is born





Births On This Day

- 1750 Henry Knox American general
- 1951 Jack Thompson American lawyer, activist

Deaths On This Day

- 2009 Harry Patch British super-centenarian, last survivor of the WWI trenches
 - 1997 Ben Hogan American golfer

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Don't go the grocery hungry.

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.

Sure seems like family reunions aren't as common as they used to be.



TODAY'S EDITION Obituaries......A2

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Churches! Listen Up!

The Paper is offering any Montgomery County church a free ad to let folks know what time services are, sermon topics . . . or really, anything they want – something that is especially valuable as we all try to get people together in places of worship so that we can begin to find some common ground that unites us, instead of focusing on what divides us? If you represent a church and would like a free ad each week in our Faith section, just e-mail ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Love your parents. We are so busy growing up, we often forget they are also growing old." Unknown

⇒ TODAY'S JOKE

Hey Theo, where do eggs go on summer vacation? Gee Grandpa, I don't know, where? New Yolk City!

OBITUARIES NONE



The Paper appreciates all our customers.

Today, we'd like to personally thank
Geoffrey Robinson
for subscribing!







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Who Smokes Tiparillos? A Mystery In My Midst

Early in the course of the Covid pandemic, I squeezed into my kneehigh muck boots, donned a pair of latex gloves, snatched a trash bag and the pooper scooper (nicknamed Baby Jaws) and headed down to Dry Branch Creek. The small stream runs through the middle of our neighborhood across a designated preserve jointly owned by the homeowners whose property backs up to said creek. Many days I walk my dogs down the road built over the creek. To the left is a thickly wooded area. I hear the tinkle of water before I ever spot the rocks and ripples in the creek. To the right is the envy of every kid who lives just outside the modest, yet highly desired subdivision of homes aptly named Sycamore Hills; a deep pool of water with a built in slate platform. On these hot summer days, groups of four to six kids walk past my house with towels slung across their backs in varying states of undress. They don't live in the neighborhood, but I don't want to spoil their fun, so I say nothing. I've thought about offering to pay their way into the community pool and tell them about the evils of run-off water into the seemingly clean creek. The chlorine at Milligan Park Pool may burn your eyes, but the ingestion of water from Dry Branch could kill you. I leave them be and pray no one

So on this day of gear-donning, I set out to clean up the litter from trespassing teens and tykes as it accumulates in and around the

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gets sick or drowns.



GWYNN WILLS
A Better Word

creek. I stomp around the shallow part and reach in as far as I can to grab paper cups and plastic wrappers with the black, metal claw. By the time I finished, a 13 gallon trash bag was full of debris. Good deed accomplished. Now when I walk by, I look at the creek with pride and relief. Littering is not cool, very unsightly and bad for the environment.

But alas; my joy is short-lived! That same evening while walking my Boxer-mix ,Chloe, I spy a bevy of Tiparillo cigar butts lining the road. This is directly across from where I picked the trash out of the creek. I had many questions. Who smokes, then litters the ground with the nasty butts? Which house do they live in? Are they all from the same person? I was truly puzzled. As some things tend to move to the back of the train in my brain, I forgot about the butt collection, but later that week as I was walking in the opposite direction, I came upon several more of the white-tipped brown butts. Most likely the same culprit/culprits, but a different location to throw off any ongoing investigations.

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This leads me to think someone is hiding the fact they smoke. It might be a teenager not wanting to get caught. Or could it be the businessman whose wife won't let him smoke in the house? Or perhaps his kids would never let him live it down if they caught him puffing away. Or maybe, just maybe, it's a woman trying to hide her secret habit. Women and smoking have a tangled history. Back in the 1920s and '30s "Cigarette Girls" in standard-issue skimpy garb wore boxes on ribbons tied around their necks and walked around bars and nightclubs selling cigarettes. Then in 1961, the Pinkerton Tobacco Company out of Kentucky developed the Tiparillo, a thin cigar designed to attract women. Who could forget the whispery voice of Edie Adams in the 1963 commercial swaying her way through a nightclub offering, "Cigars, cigarettes, Tiparillos?" I was a pre-adolescent and still remember the black and white commercial glamorizing smoking. My best friend, Suzanne, and I even stole a cigarette from her dad on our last day of 8th grade (We choked on the inhale behind her garage.) Then there were the magazine advertisements asking, Should a gentleman offer a Tiparillo to a lady? I blanch at the thought of how the ads sexualized women to sell these tiny

death sticks to millions.

I have yet to see anyone smoking while walking in the neighborhood.

I deduce it must happen after dark and they are

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possibly chain smoking. How long does it take to smoke a Tiparillo down to the plastic white filter? The cost of one Tiparillo is about 80 cents but add in tobacco tax and state tax and we're looking at roughly a dollar per. They typically come in a pack of five or you can buy a box of 50 (10 packs with five each) online. Getting closer. . . must be an adult who smokes these. Or maybe a kid who pilfers from their parents' stash. OK, so it's an adult; or maybe

more than one adult. Now the question becomes - why would an adult choose to chain smoke Tiparillos outside in two distinct areas at night? Are they pacing as they smoke? Is this where they go to think about things because their house is too noisy? Why don't they go into the woods where no one can see them? Maybe they are afraid they will set the woods on fire. Better yet, is there a stranger lurking in the

neighborhood? Why does any of this matter? Two years have gone by. It is 2022 and a world I could not have imagined has become a reality. I have so many questions. How did we, as a people become so divided? Why are children shooting into crowds and killing fellow humans? Why is the world so hot and on fire like the population that resides in it? I ponder so many things. SO many puzzles into the nature of people I thought I knew, now I'm not even sure I like. Trying to figure out who smokes Tiparillos seems like a mystery I might be able to solve.

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.



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The Special Package

The package arrived last week and, I have to admit, I was surprised.

I knew what was in it, of course. It was a painting that my friends Angel, Nora and I co-own. I had it for one year 11 years ago. Then I brought it to Paris, where Angel was living. But Angel had no time to hang the painting. She had just moved to a new condo and was diagnosed with cancer. And so it remained rolled up under her bed for two years. That's when Nora decided her turn had come—and she was right. Before Angel died, Nora brought the painting to her family home in Vienna and hung it in her mother's bedroom.

That's where it remained for seven years.

I didn't really mind. During those seven years, I started and finished a college program. I moved out of state, met my husband, Peter, moved in with him, then moved again back to the Midwest. There were a lot of changes and a lot of moving, and I knew Nora was enjoying the painting. Then, four years after Angel's death, after Peter and I had made a new home together, I decided it was time to have the painting again.

Nora was not immediately receptive.

Nora likes her things. This is not a criticism; it's just how she is. She is a collector. She has a lot of beautiful art and antiques and rocks and crystals. She likes to have her lovely things around her. Sending things away is hard.

This painting, in particular, was difficult to part with because it was a painting of the three of us—Angel, me and Nora. Letting go of this painting felt like letting go of a special time in the past that had been important to us all.

But I still wanted the painting.

I told Nora the time had come, and I would like her to send it. She said she would, but then things came up. There were delays. There were a few excuses. More than a year had passed and, I will be honest, I began to



CARRIE CLASSON The Postscript

think I would not see it again.

And, honestly, I would have been fine with that.
Because people are

Because people are more important than things. My friendship with Nora and my memories of Angel were more important than any painting. If getting the painting meant hurting my friendship with Nora, I would do without the painting.

Then, one day, she sent a photo of a large box with my name on it in the arms of an unidentified man in a brown uniform.

"That could be anyone!" my friend, Andrew, said. He has heard
every chapter of the
painting saga and was
more skeptical than I was
about it ever arriving.

Then—with no notice at all—it showed up at my door.

It was incredibly heavy. Nora is an engineer, and she had built the box herself. It was made of half-inch plywood and 2x2s and lined with Styrofoam. It looked as if it could safely be launched into space. I had trouble carrying it into the house. It took several tools and a lot of time to open.

Nora is a woman of few words, but I knew what she was saying.

She cared about the painting—but she cared about our friendship even more. She was sending the painting in a way that would keep both the painting and our friendship safe and whole for years to come.

I received both the package and the message. They both made me very happy.

Till next time, Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

Senior Golf Results

Another week of hot weather, another week of hot scores on the course courtesy of the Crawfordsville Senior Golf League.

Shooting a score of 9-under-par to take first place was the team of Alan Froedge, Fred Phelps, John Lewis and Patrick Henry.

Tied for second place at 8-under were two

teams. The first was made up of Vance Pyle, Terry Reed, Bill Combs and Alan Personett. The other team consisted of Carl Wilson, Bill Franklin, Les Clardy and Joe Irvin.

This weeks long drive from the 80 and older group came courtesy of Dick VanArsdel. Hats off to you, Mr. VanArsdel.



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2022 Jeep Grand Wagoneer Hitches To A Star

In the Jeep galaxy of stars, there are none brighter than the classic Grand Wagoneer that even today is as popular in The Hamptons as The Badlands. It's staggering how these archaic chromed-over bricks command near six-figures at auction, but they clearly resonate with collectors. Clearly, Jeep wanted in on that coin and re-establish itself as the brand that first did luxury SUVs in 1963. A new Grand Wagoneer for today's luxury buyer should fit the bill.

It employs a time-worn formula of taking a fullsize truck platform (like the Ram), bolting on a big boxy body, stocking it with luxuries, and jacking its price skyward. The Cadillac Escalade, Lincoln Navigator, and Infiniti QX80 all come to mind. As egregiously trite as that sounds, the formula works pretty well as nothing hauls more stuff than a full-size truck-wagon. The Grand

Wagoneer is special.

One thing for sure, it gets noticed. I'm not a big fan of the bunkered windows and prefer the more elegant styling of the smaller Grand Cherokee, but the big seven-slot grille, 22" wheels, and blacked-out trim lend a sinister vibe. There's no question who makes it from the icon grille to GRAND WAGONEER slapped across its wide hood and liftgate. Jeep is trying to separate Wagoneer as a separate brand, but nobody's fooled.

Get your luxury drenched with screens to the front of you, screens to the right of you, and even screens to the back of you. Chrysler Group's intuitive infotainment screen dominates the center dash, but is accompanied by a smaller one beneath for seat controls and one in the passenger dash for co-pilots. Rear passengers enjoy screens hung from seatbacks

for watching Amazon Fire TV. Get deep theatre sound through the 19-speaker McIntosh audio system; connect devices through Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, Wi-Fi, and wireless charging.

There's ample craftsmanship to accompany the electronic wizardry. The dashboard combines a choice of woodgrain or metallic accents, French stitching, and plush coverings. Soft Palermo leather upholsters seemingly everything. Heated and ventilated front seats, heated rear captain's chairs, fourzone automatic climate control, and a dual pane sunroof add comforts - as do front massage seats that get in so many places they should offer a cigarette afterwards.

Safety is advanced. Adaptive cruise, lane keep assist, automatic emergency braking, and rear cross path detection are as expected, but we also tapped options for

2022 Jeep Grand Wagoneer

Seven-passenger, 4WD SUV Powertrain: 6.4-liter V8, 8-spd trans Output: 471hp/455 lb.-ft. torque Suspension f/r: Air Ind/Ind Wheels f/r: 22"/22" alloy Brakes f/r: disc/disc Must-have features: Luxury, Power Towing: 9,850 lbs

Fuel economy: 13/18 mpg city/hwy

Assembly: Warren, MI

Base/As-tested price: \$88,640/\$109,025

the night vision camera, rearview camera- mirror, and head-up display. It is difficult to imagine an option unchecked.

The engine for this rolling bunkhouse is a 6.4-liter V8 kicking out 471 horsepower and 455 lb.-ft. of torque – enough to scat down the road or pull 9,850 lbs. It clicks power to the all-wheeldrive system through an 8-speed automatic transmission that works quietly. Fuel economy is a horrendous 13/18-

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Beyond power, the Grand Wagoneer floats down the road on its air suspension that balances comfort and handling. Launch it off of a bridge and it will make its size known, but settles quickly. Raise it up to clear obstacles on the way to the weekend cabin. You never forget you're driving a very large automobile, but it handles its girth like a much tidier athlete.



CASEY WILLIAMS Auto Reviews

Jeep's Selec-Terrain system configures the powertrain for varying conditions.

Tapping into continued fondness for the Grand Wagoneer was a smart move for Jeep. It will not obsolete any of its main competitors from America or abroad, but will definitely keep their wheels to the fire. For a base price of \$88,640, or \$109,025 as-tested, it comes with the goods! Storm Forward!

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Everything That You Need To Know About Kidney Stones

Kidney stones are a topic near and dear to my heart as I'm a member of the club. Stones are also known as calculi, from the Latin for pebble. They can be found in the kidneys (renal calculi or nephrolithiasis) or move down the ureters, the tubes connecting the kidneys to the bladder (ureteral calculi or urolithiasis). Stones may also be found in the bladder.

The ureters are very small tubes that contain smooth muscle cells. These cells rhythmically contract to help move the urine from the kidneys to the bladder. When a stone is too large to pass down the ureter it can partially or completely obstruct the flow of urine causing pressure to build up. This pressure, along with contractions of the muscles in the ureter, causes deep, severe, unrelenting pain known as ureteral colic. Stones can



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D. **Montgomery Medicine**

cause blood in the urine as they scrape their way down the ureter toward the bladder.

The incidence of kidney stones peaks in the third and fourth decades of life and rarely occur after age 60. Men have about a 12 percent lifetime chance of developing a kidney stone while women have a 7 percent chance. Interestingly, stones are more common in the Southeastern United States. The chance

of developing recurrent stones is 14 percent at one year, 35 percent at five years, and 52 percent at ten years.

Stones form when the urine becomes supersaturated. This means that minerals and compounds in the urine become so concentrated that they start to form crystals. These eventually grow to form stones. It's very important to maintain adequate fluid intake to keep the urine diluted to reduce the risk of stone formation. Certain types of kidney infections can also cause stone formation.

There are four main types of stones that are associated with over 20 different conditions that are too numerous to discuss here. Most stones contain calcium. Chemical analysis of stones and urine identifies the cause in 95 percent of cases. This allows for

specific therapy in most patients that can reduce recurrence rates by up to 90 percent. Even though most stones contain calcium, dietary restriction of calcium usually is not required.

Symptoms of kidney

stones vary based on the size of the stones and their location in the urinary tract. Renal calculi often have no symptoms. Ureteral calculi, on the other hand, can be extremely painful. Women who have given birth and also had stones often say the stones are more painful. Each year in the U.S., renal colic accounts for 2 million visits to physicians. The pain is often accompanied by nausea and vomiting. It's also common for patients to be very restless, often seeking relief by pacing the floor.

The pain can be located anywhere from the mid back to the groin, testicle or vulva. The progression of the pain follows the anatomy of the urinary tract - it may start in the back or abdomen and move downward as the stone moves down the ureter. The pain may not move if the stone becomes stuck in the ureter. The most common places for stones to get lodged are where the ureter crosses over the pelvic bone and where it enters the bladder.

Normal X-rays may reveal certain types of stones depending on their composition. Most people get a special type of X-ray called a helical CT (CAT) scan that allows determination of the location and size of the stone(s), as well as giving much more information about the health of the ureter, kidney and other abdominal organs.

Small stones less than 4 millimeters usually pass spontaneously 80 to

85 percent of the time. Medications such as tamsulosin (Flomax) may be given to help speed the process. Large or irregularly shaped stones may become stuck and need to be removed, especially if they are over 8 millimeters in diameter. This can be done by inserting a lighted tube called a ureteroscope through the urethra, into the bladder and up the ureter. An instrument can then be used to grasp the stone and pull it out. Some stones need to be broken up into smaller pieces to allow them to pass. This can be done by using external sound waves (lithotripsy), or internally using an instrument such as a laser is inserted through a ureteroscope.

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





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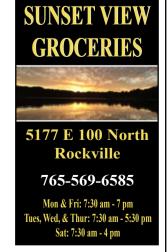




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