

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY  
People who call our community their own.



Taylor Wooden and Coston Brown were all smiles when happened on by one of The Paper's roving photographers. Thanks for the good cheer folks!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

**1** The Linden Depot Museum staff is busy preparing for the second annual Midwest Railroad Fair to be held Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. They are striving to make this event an outstanding success with lots of activities for adults and children of all ages. There will be a number of railroad and historical exhibits showcasing all aspects of the railroad industry. There will be food and entertainment and an opportunity for all to see the 1837 steam engine replica make its inaugural trip as it did in April 1837 from Baltimore City to Washington Town. The admission price of \$6 for adults and \$1 each for children includes the fair and all museum attractions. They have a fabulous model railroad exhibit inside the museum. They are looking forward to a large turn out and hope you are able to be a part of it. The museum is located at 520 N. Main Street, Linden. Questions call (765) 427-3630.

**2** Multiple programs will be offered at the Natural Resources Building during the Indiana State Fair. Cikana Fish Hatchery staff caring daily for the live fish that arrive on Aug. 10 and will be on display for the rest of the fair. Each day at 1 - 2 p.m. after the fish arrive, a hatchery biologist will roam the floor to answer questions about our hatchery programs or any fish you see around the building. We hope to see you there!

**3** Each year the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, America's oldest dog show, celebrates the world's "most perfect dogs," says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. But, what about the not-so-perfect hounds? They get their chance for international attention at the World's Ugliest Dog Contest in Petaluma, CA.--an annual event that dates back to the 1970s. Mr. Happy Face, a Chinese crested-chihuahua

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## Sign-Ups Started For United Way Golf Outing In September

It won't be long before the summer draws to a close and some of the great fall events get rolling.

One such event is the annual golf scramble for the Montgomery County United Way. From back in the days when it was a United Fund to its new identity with the United Way, the golf outing has brought businesses and individuals alike out to the golf course.

This year will be no exception. The event is scheduled for Sept. 9 at Rocky Ridge Golf Club. It kicks off with breakfast at 8 a.m. and a shotgun start at 9. As play wraps up, the campaign kick-off luncheon will take place at noon.



There is plenty of room still for golfers to sign up, as well as sponsors. York Automotive is the title sponsor. However, there is still room for two Kick-off sponsors, six hospitality sponsors, contest sponsor and hole sponsors. Contact United Way's Montgomery County Director Gina Haile 362-5484 or chair Mi-



United Way  
in Montgomery County

chele Hunley at 505-8132.

Golfers get green fees and cart, a continental breakfast, lunch, and opportunities to compete in several contests. Individual golfers are \$100 and of course there are opportunities to purchase mulligans. Registration can be done on line at [www.uwmontgomery.org](http://www.uwmontgomery.org) or by contacting Haile.

## Butch Cannot Live Without His Coffee!



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

With inflation and the recession...(YES, WE ARE IN A

RECESSION despite what Ol' Joe says), my wife and I have been trying to cut back on a few items at the grocery that we normally would purchase...doughnuts, various snacks, candy, select cuts of meats, dog treats, etc...all of these considered "extras." I would guess that many of you are doing the same. Saving that extra \$20 will buy four gallons of Biden gas for the weekly work commute.

We take our time and shop wisely, but we usually buy the same food each week. Yes, we are stuck in a rut of what we like to eat, and basically rotate

eight or nine meals. I don't like change.

We may skip some items, but there is one item that I do not skimp on...COFFEE! I absolutely cannot get through one day without it...Folgers 100% Columbian from the Arabica beans. A carton of 24 K-cups has increased from \$12.98 to \$14.98. I don't care how much it costs, I will still buy it! The first thing I do when I awake and get dressed is stagger out to the Keurig and hit the ON button. While it is warming up and bubbling and hissing, I

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## Employee Of The Nanosecond



**JOHN O. MARLOWE**  
With the Grain

Brian called the other day. My friend wanted to let me know that, after two years of

retirement, he was going back into the workforce. It didn't surprise me completely, because I was just as shocked two years ago when Brian decided to retire early.

At 57, I thought he had several more years of productive work life ahead of him. But his job had become boring, and his boss was a jerk, and -- well, you know. There just comes a time. Brian didn't need to work, and he sure didn't need the stress.

What really surprised me the most about his recent announcement is where Brian decided to return to work. Brian is working retail. To top it off, he's working for one of those

"everything for a dollar and a quarter" discount stores near his home.

"You've got to be nuts!" I said to the man whose most recent employment brought him a six-figure engineer's salary, and who once owned an eight-figure construction business in the early 2000s. "Those are some of the most put-upon, least respected, most under-appreciated employees on the planet. What makes you want to join them?"

"It's fun," he said.

"Fun?" I said. "What makes long hours on your feet, surly customers and low pay fun?"

"I just *make* it fun," he said.

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

James Wilson Marshall passed away around this date in 1885. James was well known for sparking the California gold rush in 1848, a few years after he moved there from right here in Crawfordsville!



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Teach your kids to eat healthier by having them help pack their school lunch. Not packing a lunch? Many schools keep track of what kids are picking out in the lunch line -- ask to review it. =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](http://www.thepaper24-7.com).



➔ OBITUARIES

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



➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

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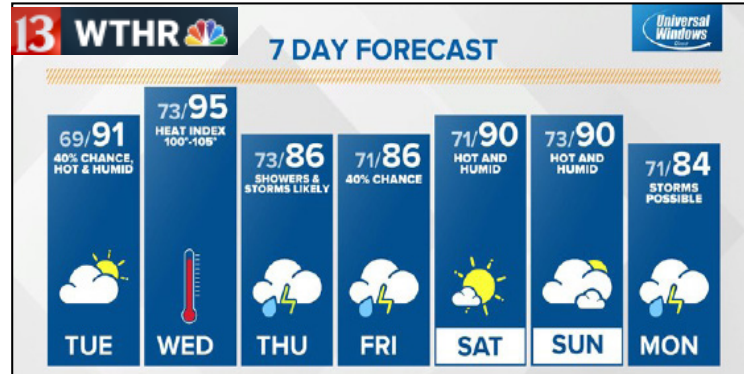
The Indiana Department of Transportation announces restrictions on U.S. 231 starting on or after Monday for the inspection and repair of an underground gas pipeline near Crawfordsville. The southbound lane of U.S. 231, between Co. Rd. 400 N. and the I-74 interchange will be restricted to allow crews to work safely. Traffic will be directed via a temporary signal and concrete barriers. The project is expected to be completed by the end of August, weather permitting. INDOT reminds motorists to slow down, use caution and consider worker safety when driving through a work zone.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"I can't believe that God put us on this earth to be ordinary." Lou Holtz

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

It's true that money talks. Mine tells me goodbye all the time.





## ➔ OBITUARIES

### Carl Ray Seale

Oct. 16, 1935 - Aug. 4, 2022

Carl Ray Seale passed away on Aug. 4, 2022 at Wellbrooke in Crawfordsville following a brief illness.

He was born on Oct. 16, 1935 in Big Stone Gap, Virginia to Carl and Mary Osborne Seale. He was their only child.

He married Patricia Kidwell in the First Christian Church in Sullivan, Ill. on Aug. 15, 1965. They had three children, Carla Lynne, who was a full-term stillbirth, Kevin Lee and Michael David.

In high school he played trombone in the band. In his Senior year, he played first trombone in the Virginia All-State Band.

After high school graduation, he went to the University of Kentucky, where he majored in Chemistry. After graduating from Kentucky, he entered the seminary at Wheaton College, where he earned his Master of Divinity. He later earned a Master's degree in chemistry from Purdue University.

While he was at the University of Kentucky, he and eleven friends bought a small airplane- an Aeronca Champ, and took flying lessons. He pursued an aviation interest up to becoming a multi-engine and instrument instructor. He helped start the Montgomery County Civil Air Patrol and was an Indiana Civil Air Patrol check pilot.

After receiving his Master of Divinity degree, he was invited to join the faculty of the chemistry department as a full-time instructor. While teaching at Wheaton, he felt very strongly that one of his gifts was teaching young people, so he and Pat moved to Crawfordsville in August, 1966 for him to teach chemistry at Crawfordsville High School. He continued to teach at Crawfordsville H.S. until the fall of 1971 when he accepted a position as a Chemistry teacher and Science Department chairman at the new North Montgomery High School, where he retired in 2001. In the fall of 1992, he was selected by the Indiana Department of Education to be one of six teachers to receive the Milken National Educator Award in the Spring of 1993. This was the first year for Indiana to be part of this program.

He was an active member of First Baptist Church; he served on the Board of Deacons, the Board of Christian Education, and the Board of Trustees. He taught the high school class for several years. He was a member of the Open Door Class and Keenagers.

In planning his retirement, he built a woodworking shop to accommodate his interests. When time permitted, he enjoyed doing woodworking projects. He also enjoyed gardening, especially when the weather cooperated.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Carla Lynne; six brothers-in-law; four sisters-in-law; several nieces; and a nephew.

Survivors include his wife; his son, Kevin of Crawfordsville and his son, Mike (Cecilia) of Columbia, Ky; three sisters-in-law; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 4 - 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7 and a memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 8 with burial to follow at Oak Hill Cemetery North. All services will be at Burkhart Funeral Home, 201 West Wabash Avenue, Crawfordsville. Pastors Brian Holt and Isaac Zull will conduct the service.

Memorials may be sent to the Open Door Class at First Baptist Church, 1905 Lebanon Road, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

### Donald Eugene Tuel

Feb. 8, 1959 - Aug. 4, 2022

Donald (Don, Donnie) Eugene Tuel 63 of Crawfordville Indiana passed away in his sleep Thursday Aug. 4, 2022.

He was born Feb. 8, 1959 in Sullivan Ind., to Barbra Husky and Kermit Tuel.

He graduated from Jo Burns High School in Cedar Hill, Tenn. He became an Indiana State Certified Paramedic in 1988 in Columbus, Ind. He was a Paramedic Instructor in Sullivan, Ind. and the Crawfordsville area. He was employed by Star Ambulance Service for 22 years. He was known to many in the Crawfordsville and surrounding area EMS, fire, and police community and will be missed by many in his family of first responders. He was known for his quick wit and sense of humor.

Survivors include his children, Amanda (Jamie) Brown and Arron (Loriann) Tuel; five grandchildren, Tristan Brown, Aidan Melton, Bentley Tuel, Kolton Tuel and Aubriella Tuel; his father, Kermit Tuel; brothers, Ronald Tuel and Rodney Tuel; and sisters, Tanya Tuel and Tammie McKinney. He was a beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his pup Tayla.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Barbra Tuel.

Services will be held at New Hope Christian Church, 2746 US-231, Crawfordsville IN. Visitation will be held on Aug. 11 from 11 a.m. - two p.m with a service to follow.

Memorial donation in his honor can be made to the American Lung Association or the American Heart Association.

#### Obituary deadline

The Paper publishes obituaries daily at [www.thepaper24-7.com](http://www.thepaper24-7.com).

All obituaries must come from a funeral home. A photo may be included and should be sent as a high-resolution JPEG.

Daily obituary deadline is 3 p.m. for the following day's print publication.

To read more obituaries, visit [www.thepaper24-7.com](http://www.thepaper24-7.com).

### Janet M. Goff Shoaf

Nov. 9, 1949 - Aug. 6, 2022

Janet M. Goff Shoaf age 72 of Wingate, passed away at 10:38 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022 in Franciscan Health East, Lafayette. She had been in failing health since June.

She was born in Crawfordsville, Nov. 9, 1949, daughter of the late Paul Ray and Lois Marie Miles Goff. She was formerly married to Onia Lee Shoaf with who she had two daughters.

She was a 1967 graduate of Coal Creek Central High School, where she was a first chair flutist, and active in 4-H. Her first job following graduation was with JC Penny in Crawfordsville. She later was employed by RR Donnelley & Son in shipping, Tipmont REMC, Home Depot and Quilters Harvest in Shadeland. She was a former member of Sugar Creek Quilters Guild and a member of Pleasant Hill United Church of Christ in Wingate, where she served as financial secretary.

She was a meticulous seamstress and quilter, often taking on mending and alterations for family and friends. When her daughters were little she sewed many of their outfits and clothing. She made quilts for children's hospitals, knitted many hats for Christmas gifts and dish cloths too pretty to use. She enjoyed her dog Autumn, baking, quilting, knitting and traveling to Missouri to visit Christy and family. She enjoyed all animals but especially loved horses and dogs. In her spare time she enjoyed bingo, adult coloring books and euchre.

Survivors include two daughters; Christina Marie (Robert) LaFaver of Green City, MO and Laurie Lee Bane of Waynetown; three siblings, Dan (Martha) Goff of Crawfordsville, sister, Paula Goff of Battleground and brother, Alan (Michelle) Goff of Crawfordsville; grandchildren, Stetson Hodgen, Daylen (Isaac) Fruits and Makenna Bane; step-grandchildren, Carrie (Luie) Sanchez, Marrisa (Zack) Western and Blythe LaFaver; step-great-grandchildren Kinsley, Kolby and Kip Western.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and dear friend, Tammy Lockwood.

Visitation hours are 12 (noon) - 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022 with funeral services following at 2 p.m., with her brother, Pastor Alan Goff officiating at Family and Friends Funeral Home of Wingate. Interment will follow in New Richmond Cemetery. Memorial contributions be made to the Montgomery County Animal Welfare League.

Visit us online at [www.familyandfriendsfh.com](http://www.familyandfriendsfh.com) to sign the guest book or share a condolence.



## Wabash's Community Friends Program Seeks New Members

The Wabash College fall semester begins on August 24 and close to 25 international students will begin their freshman year along with the rest of the Class of 2026. It is a banner year for international students, the most for several years.

Since 1986 the Wabash international students have been able to participate in the Community Friends Host Program. Individuals or couples living in Montgomery County are matched with a Wabash international student. Together the hosts and the student decide what form the support will take. Interaction varies in frequency and type of activities. Some families help their student with transportation to local stores, invite them for a family meal or take them on an outing to notable sites in Indiana. Others decide the best is an invitation to Thanksgiving dinner.

The interaction is fun and enriching for both sides of the relationship. The international student learns more about American culture by participating in the lives of the host family, and the hosts learn more about the

country and culture of the international student. These relationships often continue even after the student graduates.

Judy Schmidt, who founded the program in 1986, still receives a Mother's Day telephone call from the first Chinese student she hosted. Sheila Evans, former Wabash College nurse, has visited several of her former international students in their home countries.

Amy Weir, Director of International Programs at Wabash, is looking forward to connecting the international students with host families. She is hoping that previous host families will participate again this year but looks forward to new families joining the program.

The Community Friends Host Program is always looking for new volunteer families. If you would like to participate and be paired with a Wabash international student, contact Nancy Bennett, Co-coordinator with Sheila Evans of the Friends Program. She can be reached by email at [bennett71@gmail.com](mailto:bennett71@gmail.com) or by telephone or text at 765 376 4833.

## ➔ Meeting Notes

### Crawfordsville District Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting Notice and Agenda

Aug. 11, 2022, at 4 p.m.

Donnelley Room Executive Session - 3:45 p.m. - to review personnel matters noted under:

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(6) With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction

(B) To discuss, before a determination, the individual's status as an employee

- Call to order

- Public Comments
- Minutes - action
- Claims - action
- Reports: Main Street, Park Board
- Old Business
- Director's Report
- Financial Reports
- New Business
- o 2023 Budget Proposal - action
- o 2022 Salary Ordinance Update - action
- Adjournment
- Upcoming board meetings
- Sept. 8, 2022 - 4 p.m. (2023 budget public hearing and board meeting)
- Oct. 13, 2022 - 4 p.m. (2023 budget adoption and board meeting)
- Nov. 10, 2022 - 4 p.m.
- Dec. 8, 2022 - 4 p.m.

## ➔ Meeting Notes

### Montgomery County Drainage Board Agenda

Aug. 10, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Montgomery County Government Center, Community Meeting Room  
1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Ind.

- Call To Order
- Pledge Of Allegiance & Prayer
- Approval Of Minutes
- July 6 - Special Meeting

- Petitions
- Old Business
- Joel Tobin #576 - Reconstruction
- Contract Change Orders
- Approval Of Final Payment To Contractor
- Other Business
- Drain Fund Transfer Requests
- 2022 Long Range Plan
- New Business
- Public Comment
- Adjournment
- Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.; Montgomery County Government Center



Photo courtesy of CDPL

## 4,000 Books Read

Reid Maxwell, age 6, has completed the Crawfordsville District Public Library program "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" for the fourth time. Reid, along with his parents, Sam and Heather Maxwell, have read 4,000 books. Reid's favorite book is How Do Dinosaurs Play with

Friends? by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague. Mom said, "Reid has enjoyed time at the library and all the programs since he has been a baby! We appreciate all the fun programs, prizes, and crafts the library has! He was so excited when he got his library card this summer!"

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The Commitment Of Rep. Walorski And Her Staff

For a delegation that easily logs more than a million highway miles every year, Wednesday's news of the death of U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski and staffers Zachery Potts and Emma Thomson was a staggering, drop-to-your-knees moment of shock and then overwhelming grief.

Lee Hamilton once told me it could take him five-hours to cross the old sprawling 9th CD. Highway and air travel are a fact of life for members of Congress. A typical day in a district is a member scheduled with five, seven, eight events, meeting with farmers, mayors, business folks, with hundreds of miles logged, with grueling days sometimes stretching to 12 to 14 hours, from dawn 'til dusk.

Any congressional staffer of much tenure has stories about flying into a headwind as a turbulent cold front approaches, or dodging deer on a late night return to office. "You spend this time on the road working, telling stories and laughing - and the days can be long," said former Indiana Democratic chairman John Zody, a former staffer to U.S. Baron Hill. "These trips, the people you meet on them in our communities and the memories you make become a part of you and the work you do - and always stay with you."

It's a testament to staffers that the Walorski tragedy doesn't happen more often. That 27-year-old Zach Potts, the St. Joseph County Republican chair, and 28-year-old Thomson who served as her Washington-based communications director, were killed just deepens this tragedy.



BRIAN HOWEY  
Howey Political Report

In the television age of Indiana politics, we've had U.S. Rep. Adam Benjamin die of a heart attack, U.S. Rep. Julia Carson of cancer, and we've had a couple of near misses, including Sen. Birch Bayh surviving a plane crash that severely injured U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy. But for the tens of millions of flown and driven miles, Jackie Walorski's death was rare for Indiana's congressional class.

In Jackie Walorski, we witnessed through her General Assembly and then congressional career a fabulous person with a huge, servant's heart. At a moment when brittle partisanship permeates Washington, Walorski's death shook the capital and drew an outpouring of grief from leaders of both parties.

"We may have represented different parties and disagreed on many issues, but she was respected by members of both parties for her work on the House Ways and Means Committee on which she served," President Biden said in a statement. "She also served as co-chair of the House Hunger Caucus, and my team and I appreciated her partnership as we plan for a historic White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health this fall that will be marked by her

deep care for the needs of rural America."

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy was shaken by Walorski's death. "This news is absolutely devastating," McCarthy wrote in a Tweet. "Jackie was a dear friend, trusted advisor, and the embodiment of integrity who achieved the admiration and respect of all her colleagues in the House. She always put other first."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who ordered the flags at the Capitol to be flown at half-mast in honor of Walorski, was one of several mourners who noted her kindness. "She passionately brought the voices of her north Indiana constituents to the Congress, and she was admired by colleagues on both sides of the aisle for her personal kindness."

Walorski was the top-ranking Republican on the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support. She was in line to chair the subcommittee next year, if Republicans win the House in November's election.

"Jackie brought a passion and love to her public service that I will always remember," Ways and Means Chairman Richard Neal, D-Mass., said. "She put nervous witnesses at ease with her kindness, and never met a stranger. Her bright smile, booming laugh, but most of all, deep commitment to children and families will be forever missed on the Ways and Means Committee."

First elected to Congress in 2012, Walorski's tenure in the House not only took her to a leadership position on one of the highest-profile and most coveted committees

in Congress - Ways and Means - and also to one of its most thankless outposts. She was ranking member of the House Ethics Committee, where she dealt with issues her colleagues gladly avoided but also built political capital for the way she handled the sensitive role.

Walorski's effort to promote women in science, technology, engineer and mathematics brought her into contact recently with Indiana University President Pamela Whitten. Walorski is co-chair of the congressional Women in STEM Caucus.

Walorski and Whitten met for the first time via a Zoom call last week, said Doug Wasitis, I.U. associate vice president for federal relations. "She was absolutely, clearly committed to advancing young girls and women in the STEM field," Wasitis said. "We were very excited to watch her in that world."

"She got her district," Wasitis said. "She knew what [her constituents] needed."

Purdue President Mitch Daniels observed, "There could not be worse news. I'm heartsick at this tragedy. Jackie Walorski was a great public servant, a brave and constant ally for change during all my years in elected office, and a great representative of her district at both the state and national levels. I can't say how much I'll miss her."

Mark Schoeff Jr., Washington correspondent for Howey Politics Indiana, contributed to this column. The columnist is publisher of Howey Politics Indiana at www.howeypolitics.com. Find Howey on Facebook and Twitter @hwypol.

I Miss Guv Reeve

Looking around at all the yard signs and hearing politicians tell us on television what a lying crook their competition is, I have to admit I miss Guv Reeve.

Guv had a real first name, but I sure don't recall it now, because this was back in the 1960s and 1970s in the high desert of California. He had his first name legally changed to Guv so everyone would know what he was all about. Every four years, he ran for governor. I worked for the Victor Valley Daily Press in Victorville, which is just 30 miles from Barstow, where everyone's car breaks down on the way to Vegas.

The other folks in the newsroom knew me as the "weirdo reporter" because if someone needed some serious couch time, they were pointed toward my desk.

Guv was maybe in his early 50s when I met him. He came into the newsroom one morning surrounded by four attractive middle-aged women, and all of them were smiling and handing out free cookies.

Guv and I closeted ourselves for the story while everyone else munched cookies, and I learned the Guv Reeve story.

He was a self-proclaimed preacher and lived in a large cabin about 20 miles away in the desert mountains. Yes ... with the sunshine girls.



SLIM RANGLES  
Columnist

His mission, he explained, was to gather food and clothing, and when they had enough for a large cardboard box, they would pack it up, find the name of a village in Mexico that he thought might be poor, and mail it to them. Every time one of those boxes "ripened" and was ready for taping, they'd find a different village on the map.

His election platform was fairly simple: no taxes, more jobs, constant access to free cookies, and the love of God spreading throughout every person in California. You'd think a message that powerful would make his election a slam dunk, but the folks in California elected Ronald Reagan their governor, instead. I met him, too, but he didn't have cookies.

No taxes? Cookies? Some days I really miss Guv Reeve.

Brought to you by people everywhere who make cookies for worthy causes. Buy a few. You'll be glad you did.

Rokita Achieves \$2 Million Settlement For Hoosiers Following Closures Of Dental Clinics

Attorney General Todd Rokita has finalized a \$2 million settlement with ImmediaDent of Indiana P.C., a chain of dental clinics that closed in March of 2020.

The entirety of the settlement will be paid in refunds to more than 22,000 Hoosiers who, according to the state's allegations, paid for treatments they never received.

"A business can't take people's payments for anticipated services and then just close their doors," Rokita said. "They've got to either provide the promised services or return the customers' money, and we will do everything possible to hold businesses accountable every single time this happens."

Affected consumers will receive notice in the mail of their eligibility for a refund. The notice will include a claim form to return to the settlement administrator, who will then process the refund



Attorney General Todd Rokita

checks. Refunds not claimed within the allotted time from the settlement administrator will be remitted to the Attorney General's Unclaimed Property Division. After that, refunds will still be available through the usual unclaimed property claims procedure.

Rokita's Consumer Protection Division investigated this matter after receiving complaints from former patients. ImmediaDent worked cooperatively with the Consumer Protection Division to identify affected consumers and create a plan to provide refunds.

HHS Awards Nearly \$2 Million To Indiana Community Health Centers To Advance Health Equity Through Better Data

Yesterday, during National Health Center Week, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), awarded \$1,979,675 in American Rescue Plan funding to 31 community health centers in Indiana to advance health equity through better data collection and reporting. On Friday, August 5, President Biden issued a proclamation on National Health Center Week to recognize the vital role health centers play in safeguarding the well-being of Americans and honor the heroic staff who keep these facilities running.

The Biden-Harris Administration has been committed to ensuring an equitable pandemic response and recovery, and these awards will help strengthen efforts to eliminate inequities in COVID-19 care and outcomes within communities of color and other underserved populations. The nearly \$90 million in funding announced nationally today also builds on the \$7.6 billion invested from President Biden's American Rescue Plan to strengthen the health center workforce, renovate facilities, and equip them with essential COVID-19 medical supplies over the past year.

"We have prioritized



advancing equity in our COVID-19 response and throughout all of our work," said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra. "Community health centers have played a pivotal role in the nation's COVID-19 response, and now serve more than 30 million people across the country. Today's investments will help ensure that all patients have equitable access to the high-quality health care they deserve."

Funding supports a data modernization effort aimed at better identifying and responding to the specific needs of patients and communities through improved data quality; advancing COVID-19 response, mitigation, and recovery efforts; and helping prepare for future public health emergencies.

HRSA's initiative is designed to enable health centers to have better data on both patient health status and social determinants of health. With better information, programs can tailor their efforts to improve health outcomes and advance



health equity by more precisely targeting the needs of specific communities or patients, particularly as part of the public health emergency response.

"Time and again, the COVID pandemic has demonstrated the vital role of trusted community leaders in delivering health care services," said HRSA Administrator Carole Johnson. "Health centers are that trusted resource in the highest risk and hardest hit communities in the country. As we recognize the heroic work of the frontline health care workers who make health centers what they are, today we also are investing in the tools they need to help them continue to best serve their communities."

The nearly 1,400 HRSA-funded community health centers in this country serve as a national source of primary care in underserved communities. They are community-based and patient-directed organizations that deliver affordable, accessible, and high-quality medical, dental, and

behavioral health services to more than 30 million patients each year, with specific initiatives intended to reach people experiencing homelessness, agricultural workers, and residents of public housing.

In 2021, HRSA-funded health centers provided care for one-in-five residents in rural areas and one-in-eleven people nationwide. One-in-three health center patients are living in poverty, and nearly two-thirds are racial/ethnic minorities.

View an interactive map of today's award recipients, including a state-by-state breakdown: <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/funding/funding-opportunities/arp-uds-supplemental-funding/awards>

Learn more about the Health Center Program: <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/about-health-centers/health-center-program-impact-growth>

Watch the Heart of a Health Center video: <https://youtu.be/M0Pm-HDcsaRQ>

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# House And Senate Approve Financial Relief Bill; Governor Signs It Into Law

**By Whitney Downard**  
The Indiana General Assembly broadly approved a deal providing wraparound social services and inflation relief on Friday, passing both chambers with a wide majority.  
Gov. Eric Holcomb signed the bill late Friday night, saying “This fulfills what I set out to accomplish when calling the General Assembly into special session in order help Hoosiers hurting from historically high inflation. I am also especially grateful for the nearly \$100 million in long overdue increased funding to support the health of our Hoosier mothers and babies. While there is still more to do, better access and awareness of all our programs will be critical to improving our infant and maternal mortality rates – a long-standing priority of my administration.”  
Senate Bill 2 uses over \$1 billion in reserve accounts to send \$200 checks to millions of eligible Hoosiers, including hundreds of thousands of Hoosiers utilizing Social Security or disability benefits.  
It also repeals the diaper tax, increases the

adoption tax credit and allocates about \$74 million in supports needed due to an expected abortion ban.  
The bill passed the House on a 93-6 vote and the Senate approved it on a 37-9 vote.  
For Sen. Travis Holdman, the author of the legislation, paying down debt was “absolutely” a priority, hence his caucus’ insistence the bill include a provision to pay \$1 billion to the Pension Stabilization Fund for educators in 2023 if the reserve accounts hold more than \$5 billion combined.  
“We have a moral and ethical duty to our retired teachers to make sure that their fund is fully funded so that they receive what has been promised to them,” Holdman, R-Marke, said.  
Sen. Greg Taylor, D-Indianapolis, criticized the \$1 billion payment for debt obligations, saying the fund’s annual payment was already paid and money could be directed to Hoosiers who needed it. He also disapproved of the \$200 going to taxpayers indiscriminately, rather than focusing on the poorest Hoosiers.  
“Jim Irsay (the billion-

aire owner of the Indianapolis Colts) is not going to ask you for \$200; I guarantee you he’s never going to know if it hits,” Taylor said.  
Taylor joined eight Republicans and voted against the bill.  
Other Democrats said the estimated \$74 million in funding for social services wasn’t enough for families now, much less the anticipated boom in pregnancies following an abortion ban.  
“SB 2 really does barely scratch the surface of recognizing the concerns for women in this state,” Sen. Shelli Yoder, D-Bloomington, said. “This bill does not even address funding for feeding children we already have.”  
Across the Statehouse, five Democrats and one Republican rejected the bill, including Rep. Ed DeLaney, D-Indianapolis.  
DeLaney noted the confusing process for the poorest Hoosiers, those who normally don’t file taxes because of their low income. They will receive a \$200 tax credit when they file their 2022 taxes next year.  
“It’s now a combination of some bad ideas

from the Senate and limited ideas from the House,” DeLaney said. “It reminds me of when my kids would frustrate me, I’d just say, ‘Here’s \$20. Go do something.’ And that’s what this is – that kind of ‘Just get out of my house.’”  
He also criticized the roughly \$74 million in direct appropriations and discretionary spending for social services, saying the state could, and should, do more.  
What’s in Senate Bill 2?  
• Distributes over \$1 billion in reserve accounts to Hoosiers in \$200 checks, including those on Social Security and disability  
• \$1 billion to the Pension Stabilization Fund, or Pre-1996 Retirement Fund for educators, so long as reserve accounts hold more than \$5 billion in the 2023 fiscal year  
• Establishes the Hoosier Families First Fund with \$45 million for state agencies to distribute via grants for maternal health programs  
• Repeals the state’s sales tax on diapers  
• Caps the gasoline sales tax at \$0.295 cents per gallon until the 2023 fiscal year (though the

tax may decrease based on demand)  
• Increases the adoption tax credit  
• Codifies postpartum Medicaid coverage shall be 12 months  
• Tasks the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning with analyzing reimbursement rates along the state’s borders for pregnancy services  
• Adds donated breast milk to the list of supplies and services provided by Medicaid and the Health Indiana Plan  
• Creates the doula reimbursement advisory board  
• Requires Family and Social Services Administration to seek federal approval for and adopt policies to cover long-acting reversible contraceptives  
• Authorizes human service providers, including local health departments, to seek grants for fertility awareness-based family planning  
• Prohibits the Department of Health from awarding grants for the distribution of contraceptives through schools without the permission of the minor’s parents  
• Requires the Department of Health evaluates access to low-cost birth

control and education related to preventing unwanted pregnancies  
• Adds \$2 Million to the anti-abortion organization Real Alternatives’ \$2.5 million annual contract  
• Supplements the state’s Nurse-Family Partnership Program, which pairs first-time parents with healthcare staff, with \$10 million  
• Gives \$5.5 million to the Safety PIN grant program to protect Indiana’s newborns  
• Allots \$1 million in community grants to purchase newborn safety devices or raise awareness about the devices  
• Allows the Child Care Development Fund to cover more families with an \$10 million  
• Provides \$700,000 to Medicaid to cover expanded services

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# U.S. Interior Department Calls For States To Submit Mine Cleanup Proposals

**By Jacob Fischler**  
The Interior Department asked states last week to apply for \$725 million made available this year to clean up abandoned mine sites as part of the 2021 infrastructure bill.  
The department officially opened a notice of funding opportunity, which gives states the avenue to request federal grants to close mine shafts, prevent the release of methane and other gases and treat acidic mine drainage.  
Guidance released last month by the Office of

Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, an agency within Interior, also called for states to prioritize employment opportunities for coal workers.  
The infrastructure law gave the department \$11.3 billion for mine cleanup grants to be distributed over 15 years.  
Of the \$725 million in new funding next year for Abandoned Mine Lands grants under the infrastructure law, more than one-third could go to Pennsylvania, which is eligible for \$244.9 million.

West Virginia, eligible for \$140.75 million, is the only state other than Pennsylvania to be eligible for more than \$100 million.  
Other eligibility caps include:  
Ohio: \$46.4 million  
Indiana: \$24.7 million  
Virginia: \$22.8 million  
Colorado: \$10 million  
Tennessee: \$8.6 million  
Iowa: \$6 million  
Missouri: \$5.9 million  
Kansas: \$4.9 million  
Maryland: \$4.8 million  
Montana: \$4.6 million  
New Mexico: \$2.4 million

Alaska: \$1.3 million  
The Navajo Nation would also be eligible for \$1.7 million from the fund.  
The extra funding represents a huge boost for OSMRE’s abandoned mine cleanup efforts.  
In fiscal 2022, OSMRE sent a total of \$243.1 million to all states and tribes in the program, with \$153.1 million funded mostly with fees paid by active coal miners and \$90 million in additional federal grants. Pennsylvania had the highest allocation with \$38.1 million.

The extra funding in the infrastructure law was meant to both eliminate pollution from mining sites and to provide job opportunities in communities that have historically relied on coal mining.  
“Through this program, we are investing in coal communities through job creation — including for current and former coal workers — and economic revitalization, all while addressing harmful environmental impacts from these legacy developments,” Interior Secretary Deb Haaland said in a statement.

“We encourage all eligible states and Tribes to apply for this funding so we can reduce hazardous pollution and toxic water levels that continue to impact our communities.”

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# Indiana Governor Signs Near-Total Abortion Ban

By Casey Smith  
Indiana's governor signed into law late Friday a Republican-backed bill that will ban virtually all abortions in the state, making it the first to enact abortion-restricting legislation since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade.

The ban takes effect on Sept. 15, at which point Indiana will have one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the nation.

Senators accepted the House-amended version of the bill in a 28-19 concurrence vote late Friday evening after more than three hours of debate.

The vote marked the close of a special legislative session that saw nearly two weeks of long days and heated debate in both chambers of the General Assembly.

Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb signed the bill into law less than an hour after the General Assembly recessed.

"Following the overturning of Roe, I stated clearly that I would be willing to support legislation that made progress in protecting life. In my view, SEA 1 accomplishes this goal following its passage in both chambers of the Indiana General Assembly with a solid majority of support," Holcomb said in a statement.

"These actions followed long days of hearings filled with sobering and personal testimony from citizens and elected representatives on this emotional and complex topic," he continued. "Ultimately, those voices shaped and informed the final contents of the legislation and its carefully negotiated exceptions to address some of the unthinkable circumstances a woman or unborn child might face."

In a statement following the vote, Indiana Right to Life President Mike Fichter encouraged Holcomb to sign the bill, even though the group lobbied for a stricter ban.

"Although we cannot fully endorse the amended SB 1 due to its rape, incest, and lethal fetal anomaly exceptions, we do acknowledge the

path forward is to either embrace the potential to end the vast majority of abortions in Indiana now, or to allow all abortions to continue under current law, making Indiana an abortion-destination state and driving abortion numbers even higher," Fichter said in a statement.

Katie Blair, advocacy and public policy director at the ACLU of Indiana, meanwhile called the bill's passage "a dark day in the state of Indiana."

"The General Assembly has passed a ban on abortion, turning back the clock 50 years on Hoosiers' fundamental right to control their own bodies," Blair said in a statement. "SB 1 will force women to either travel hundreds of miles or carry pregnancies against their will, resulting in life-altering consequences and serious health risks. This is an unconscionable attack on our freedom."

Democrats, some Republicans, opposed the bill

Senators gave the bill the green light after barely advancing the measure in an earlier chamber vote last week.

Ten GOP senators voted against the initial Senate bill, saying the House should bring it closer to an all-out ban. Instead, the House removed some language the Senate had inserted and expanded some of the exceptions allowing abortions.

Three voted in favor of the weaker version of the bill Friday despite previously voting down the stricter ban. Two changed their earlier votes from a yes to a no.

That included Sen. Mike Bohacek, R-Michiana Shores, who talked about his 21-year-old daughter who has Down Syndrome. He pointed to a pitfall in the bill's exceptions, which he said leave out people who are disabled or under guardianship.

"If she lost her favorite stuffed animal, she would be inconsolable ... imagine carrying her child to term," he said through tears before stopping short and excusing himself from the chamber.

Earlier, lawmakers in

the House spent more than four hours on Friday debating the abortion bill before voting 62-38 to send it back to the Senate chamber.

Democratic Rep. Chris Campbell, of West Lafayette, said the proposed ban is "an instrument of pain and trauma."

"The rights of Hoosiers are being ripped away with this ban," she said. "Women will be forced to give birth."

Rep. Ann Vermillion, R-Marion, one of nine members of the GOP caucus to join Democrats in voting against the bill, said a fetus's life should be protected once they reach viability, but that women should have a choice in the early stages of pregnancy.

She cited too few exceptions for rape and incest, and expressed concern that Indiana will lose doctors because of the abortion ban takes effect.

"I believe no government should take away a woman's right to safe medical care during an unplanned, unwanted pregnancy," said Vermillion, a former hospital administrator who now runs a healthcare consulting business. "I think that the Lord's promise is for grace and kindness. I don't believe the Lord has a priority list on life."

What the abortion ban entails

The new law outlaws all abortions except in the case of a fatal fetal anomaly and cases of serious health risk to the mother — up to 20 weeks post-fertilization. Rape incest survivors can get an abortion up to 10 weeks post-fertilization.

Republicans who voted against the abortion ban in the House, along with all Democrats.

Rep. Ed Clere, New Albany  
Rep. Sean Eberhart, Shelbyville  
Rep. Matt Hostettler, Patoka  
Rep. John Jacob, Indianapolis  
Rep. Cindy Ledbetter, Boonville  
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Although the Senate narrowly voted in favor of a notarized affidavit to be required victims of rape or incest to access an abortion, a House committee eliminated that requirement. They also scrapped a provision in the bill that would allow the state attorney general to take over prosecution of abortion-related cases if a local prosecutor refuses to.

"This bill reflects an understanding that is one the most difficult and challenging issues of our lifetime. This bill restores faith in humanity, and faith that human life has value," bill sponsor Rep. Wendy McNamara, R-Evansville, said Friday. "I think we've landed in a great place and good policy for the state of Indiana."

Under the law, surgical abortions can only be done in hospitals or standalone ambulatory surgical centers owned by a hospital. Several Democrats noted access will be a problem even if a woman meets an exception.

Existing Indiana law makes it a felony for a doctor to perform an illegal abortion, and under the newly-enacted legislation, most abortions will be illegal. There are no criminal penalties for women who seek abortions.

The final language of the ban states explicitly that it does not apply to in vitro fertilization, miscarriages or ectopic pregnancies. The ban also will not limit access to the "morning after" pill or any forms of contraception.

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## Best Of Indiana 2022 Awards Nominations Are Open

The Indiana Office of Technology (IOT) is bringing back the 'Best of Indiana' technology awards in 2022. The award nominations are now open, and the submission deadline is Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022, by midnight.

IOT established the 'Best of Indiana' awards program to recognize the best use of technology by Indiana state and local government and education organizations.

Who should apply? All government and education officials, executives and staff in Indiana are invited to submit nominations.

An Evaluation Committee will review submissions, and all projects nominated must be in production and fully operational by the submission deadline or significant changes have been implemented since January 1, 2021.

- Award categories are:
- Best Application Serving an Agency's Business Needs – State
  - Best Application Serving an Organization's Business Needs – Local
  - Best Application Serving the Public – State
  - Best Application Serving the Public – Local

The Best Application Serving an Agency's/ Organization's Business Needs will be awarded to individuals and teams of an agency or department that

have designed, developed and deployed new applications or improved existing applications that assist the department/agency in handling its day-to-day operations.

The Best Application Serving the Public will be awarded to individuals and teams that have designed, developed, and deployed applications or improved existing applications that deliver services more effectively to the public or other external stakeholders. This application should effectively increase the transparency or accessibility of services.

Applicants can submit their entries on the Best of Indiana 2022 Nomination Portal.

What should I submit? Past entries focused on how technology was used to improve a process or create a better customer/user experience. For example, eliminating a paper process, and redesigning a website.

IOT will announce award winners at the annual Indiana Digital Government Summit. The summit will return to an in-person event on Oct. 6 at Marriott North in Indianapolis. Attendance is complimentary for all state and local government employees, and as an early registrant, you will receive advance access to the virtual event hub and resources.

## Holcomb Statement Following Conclusion Of Special Session

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb offered the following statement after signing Senate Enrolled Act 1(ss) and Senate Enrolled Act 2(ss), passed during the 2022 special session:

"Today, I proudly signed Senate Enrolled Act 2 to return \$1 billion back to Hoosier taxpayers. This fulfills what I set out to accomplish when calling the General Assembly into special session in order help Hoosiers hurting from historically high inflation. I am also especially grateful for the nearly \$100 million in long overdue increased funding to support the health of our Hoosier mothers and babies. While there is still more to do, better access and awareness of all our programs will be critical to improving our infant and maternal mortality rates – a long-standing priority of my administration.

"The exemplary teamwork and seriousness of purpose put into each element of SEA 2 is a testament to the elected leaders who helped shape it. I would like to thank Senator Travis Holdman, Chairman Doc Brown, and Representative Sharon Negele and the many other members from both sides of the aisle who contributed to the strength of the final product.

"The effort to provide the programmatic supports and the billion dollars of inflation relief contained in SEA 2 is all the more remarkable as it was crafted amidst the thorough and thoughtful debate on Senate Enrolled Act 1, which I also signed today.

"Following the overturning of Roe, I stated clearly that I would be willing to support legislation that made progress in protecting life. In my view, SEA 1 accomplishes this goal following its

passage in both chambers of the Indiana General Assembly with a solid majority of support. These actions followed long days of hearings filled with sobering and personal testimony from citizens and elected representatives on this emotional and complex topic. Ultimately, those voices shaped and informed the final contents of the legislation and its carefully negotiated exceptions to address some of the unthinkable circumstances a woman or unborn child might face.

"Thank you Senator Sue Glick and Representative Wendy McNamara for your brave authorship of SEA 1. Each of you demonstrated a steady hand and uncanny poise while carrying this once-in-a-generation legislation.

"Overall, I would be remiss if I did not share a special thanks to my friends House Speaker Todd Huston and Senate President Pro Tem Rod Bray for their partnership, strength and resolve during the lead up and all the way through this special session. You each displayed the best Indiana has to offer in steering your respective chambers through unprecedented waters and delivering on your promises to conduct a respectful and thorough process.

"Lastly, to the people of Indiana, let me assure you that the democratic process marches on, and you should continue to reach out to all your elected representatives to have your voice heard. Looking back, I am personally most proud of each Hoosier who came forward to courageously share their views in a debate that is unlikely to cease any time soon. For my part as your governor, I will continue to keep an open ear."

## Lt. Gov. Crouch, IHCD Announce \$130 Million In Tax Credits And Bond Awards For Affordable Housing

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Board of Directors for the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCD) announced six developments have received awards from the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program, in conjunction with Multifamily Tax Exempt Bonds. This funding is used to incentivize private developers to fund the acquisition, rehabilitation, and construction of affordable housing communities throughout Indiana.

"Affordable housing is vital to a community's vibrancy," Crouch said. "Through the tax credits and bonds, these six properties will preserve or create hundreds of units, greatly benefitting the Hoosiers who live, work and play there in those communities."

IHCD receives applications for Housing

Tax Credits and Multifamily Bonds under the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP). The QAP, which is unique to each authoring state, details selection criteria, and application requirements for the LIHTC program, Multifamily Bonds, HOME funds, Development Fund, and the National Housing Trust Fund in conjunction with tax credits. It also contains all deadlines, application fees, restrictions, standards, and requirements.

• AFR Indiana will have locations in Arcadia, Fowler, and Rensselaer and is developed by Vita Investment Holdings, LLC. They will receive \$985,969 RHTC annually for 10 years and will preserve 186 affordable multifamily units

• Vita of Greenfield Independent Living, developed by Vita Investment Holdings, LLC will receive \$664,501 annu-

ally for 10 years and will build 102 affordable units for seniors

• Country View Apartments, located in Bloomington and developed by Gene B. Glick Company, will receive \$764,381 RHTC annually for 10 years to preserve 206 affordable multifamily units

• Hoosier Woods in Anderson, will be developed by TWG Development and will receive \$889,061 RHTC annually for 10 years to preserve 204 units of multifamily units

• Vita of New Whiteland Independent Living, developed by Vita Investment Holdings, LLC will receive \$674,394 RHTC annually for 10 years to create 102 affordable senior units

• The Plaza at Central Greens, located in Indianapolis and developed by Radiant Communities Development Corporation, will receive \$1,518,036

RHTC annually for 10 years to create 122 affordable multifamily units

"IHCD is committed to preserving and creating affordable housing in all of Indiana's 92 counties," said Jacob Sipe, Executive Director of IHCD. "Affordable housing is a vital asset to Indiana's infrastructure. We will continue to work with our partners to close the housing gap and ensure housing remains affordable for years to come."

The creation and preservation of affordable housing is critical to ensuring long-term affordability that allows residents to thrive in neighborhoods and to maintain consistency in their neighbors, schools, jobs and healthcare."

IHCD has administered the LIHTC program to facilitate the creation and preservation of more than 150,000 units in the state since 1987.



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# U.S. Interior Department Calls For States To Submit Mine Cleanup Proposals

By Jacob Fischler

The Interior Department asked states last week to apply for \$725 million made available this year to clean up abandoned mine sites as part of the 2021 infrastructure bill.

The department officially opened a notice of funding opportunity, which gives states the avenue to request federal grants to close mine shafts, prevent the release of methane and other gases and treat acidic mine drainage.

Guidance released last month by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, an agency within Interior, also called for states to prioritize employment opportunities for coal workers.

The infrastructure law gave the department \$11.3 billion for mine cleanup grants to be distributed over 15 years.

Of the \$725 million in new funding next year for Abandoned Mine Lands grants under the infrastructure law, more than one-third could go to Pennsylvania, which is eligible for \$244.9 million.

West Virginia, eligible

for \$140.75 million, is the only state other than Pennsylvania to be eligible for more than \$100 million.

Other eligibility caps include:

- Ohio: \$46.4 million
- Indiana: \$24.7 million
- Virginia: \$22.8 million
- Colorado: \$10 million
- Tennessee: \$8.6 million
- Iowa: \$6 million
- Missouri: \$5.9 million
- Kansas: \$4.9 million
- Maryland: \$4.8 million
- Montana: \$4.6 million
- New Mexico: \$2.4 million
- Alaska: \$1.3 million

The Navajo Nation would also be eligible for \$1.7 million from the fund.

The extra funding represents a huge boost for OSMRE's abandoned mine cleanup efforts.

In fiscal 2022, OSMRE sent a total of \$243.1 million to all states and tribes in the program, with \$153.1 million funded mostly with fees paid by active coal miners and \$90 million in additional federal grants. Pennsylvania had the highest allocation with \$38.1 million.

The extra funding in the infrastructure

law was meant to both eliminate pollution from mining sites and to provide job opportunities in communities that have historically relied on coal mining.

“Through this program, we are investing in coal communities through job creation — including for current and former coal workers — and economic revitalization, all while addressing harmful environmental impacts from these legacy developments,” Interior Secretary Deb Haaland said in a statement.

“We encourage all eligible states and Tribes to apply for this funding so we can reduce hazardous pollution and toxic water levels that continue to impact our communities.”

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## BUTCH

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grab my Farmall tractor coffee cup and wait for the Keurig to do its thing. Just the smell starts to get me going...it's crazy! After a few sips, my mind is clear. I am ready for the day! I then sit down at my laptop and read The Paper and check my E-mails. Smooth sailing.

I did not drink coffee as a child. My Dad always said that coffee would stunt my growth, so I was stuck with tea and hot chocolate. I started drinking coffee when I was hired on the Sheriff's Department in 1977...and was hooked. Coffee made me more alert and cleared my mind, especially during patrols and investigative interviews. I also often provided a cup of coffee to a suspect during questioning. They relaxed more...and guess what? They started to remember a "few details" that they had forgotten earlier! "Oh, yes, now

I remember...maybe I did accidentally steal that car."

When my oldest son started Purdue in 1990, I took on a second full-time job here at the library. I worked as the librarian from 11 am to 6 pm, then headed home to change clothes and grab a bite to eat before starting my shift as a deputy sheriff from 7 pm to 4 am. I survived on cigarettes, coffee, and Diet Pepsi. Thank God, I was able to quit smoking when I left the Sheriff's Department in 1997! But coffee and Diet Pepsi have remained staples in my daily routine. I only drink half of a Diet Pepsi (caffeine free) each day, but I drink SIX half-cups of coffee every day... coffee with caffeine... no sugar and no funky flavors!

I have read that coffee is an antioxidant that can reduce the risk of cancer. It likely scares

the bejesus out of cancer cells. It reminds me of my drill sergeant at the police academy. It is a "take charge" drink. Strong! Bold! Rich! Lively! Brewed by Roast Masters! Coffee gives orders..."Think! Talk! Move!...and sometimes "Get to the bathroom NOW!" It doesn't fool around like those sissy drinks. After supper, I sit down with a cup of coffee...and it gives MORE orders..."Grab a book! Sit down! Turn on your reading light! Shut up! Relax!" Ah, yes... my coffee, a good book, peace and quiet. All is right with the world! Thanks, Mr. Folgers and Mr. Keurig. I love you both.

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## JOHN

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Now, don't get me wrong. Retail jobs are as noble as any other, as long as you love what you are doing. I just get the feeling that most people in retail don't. I'm certain Brian doesn't. That's because I know the secret that obviously his new employer failed to pick up on:

Brian hates people. I know what you're thinking. You think I'm exaggerating. Probably I mean Brian doesn't like crowds. Maybe he despises folks who don't agree with him. Perhaps he's just perturbed by annoying people.

Nope. I mean he hates people. Period.

Give Brian a set of blueprints, a scale, maybe a calculator and a pen he'll grow your business five-fold. However, I wouldn't dare let him near the "trust fall" game on an employee bonding retreat.

"Oh. You mean I'm supposed to catch her?" I can hear him say.

Young people, old people, shy people, bold people, they all rate the same with Brian. If it were up to him, people would have the life expectancy of mayflies. Once we concluded the birthing process, we'd all die off.

"So, how do you make your job fun," I asked, noting to myself that it had been a long time

since I'd had a good cringe.

"Well," he said, "the store's owner is so desperate for employees, I get away with murder."

Oh, dear heavens! Even I didn't think he'd go that far.

"If my boss wants me to do something that I don't want to do," Brian said. "I just tell him 'no'."

I'm beginning to understand why the shelves are never stocked in those discount stores. "OK, I can see some enjoyment in bossing around your boss, but that still means you've got to deal with the general public at the counter," I said.

"Sure! But that's where the most fun is," he said.

"I guess I just don't see it."

"Well, like the other day," Brian began. "A man came in to buy some antacids. I could tell he was drunk, so I thought I'd have some fun. I picked up the large package, and ran it across the scanner. But instead of putting it in the bag, I set it down on the same side of the counter he set it on. I picked it up the second time, and scanned it again. I did this over and over. You should have seen the man's eyes when I told him he owed \$217.43!"

"Sheesh, Brian! And he went for that?"

"I threw in some sample-sized men's deodorant for free, and he left the store thanking me."

"Okay, but you can't get away with that every day, right?" I hoped.

"Naw, you have to be creative. Our scanners are old and unsophisticated. If there is a multiple item purchase, we can't just scan one item, and then type the quantity on the keypad. We have to scan every item individually."

"Now, that would bore me," I said.

"Not if you make a game out of it," Brian said. "Just Tuesday, a lady brought 75 pencil erasers to the counter, on sale for Back-to-School. I proceeded to scan them one at a time. Several minutes into the scan — with concern on my face — I stopped. I looked the lady in the eyes, and said 'I count 37 so far. How many do you have?'"

"I can't believe you didn't get in trouble," I said.

"Well, the boss did call me into his office that day," Brian admitted.

"I'm not surprised," I said.

"They want to make me Manager. Profits are up 18 percent this month."

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# DNR

## Indiana Department of Natural Resources

### Monroe Lake Open Houses To Highlight Salt Creek Valley Cemeteries

Monroe Lake will dive into the history of several local cemeteries during two open houses. The events are part of Salt Creek Valley History Week, a celebration of the Salt Creek Valley's past that runs Sept. 10 - 16.

The first open house on Sept. 10 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. will share information on three small cemeteries that are located south of Monroe Lake in Hoosier National Forest and named after the Hays family. The open house will be at the Paynetown Activity Center, 4850 S. State Road 446 in Bloomington.

If you have photos, documents, stories, or other records pertaining to people buried in one of the Hays cemeteries, Monroe Lake naturalist Jill Vance encourages you to bring them to contribute to the park's

history. Vance will be able to digitally scan items during the open house, so you can keep your original records.

On Sept. 11 from 10 - 11:30 a.m., Monroe Lake will host a second open house, "Before the Water Rose", at the Allens Creek Cemetery at 7650 E. Allens Creek Road in Bloomington.

When Monroe Lake was constructed, seven cemeteries were relocated to create the Allens Creek Cemetery. Attendees can walk through the cemetery sections with Vance to learn about where these cemeteries were originally located, how they were moved, and hear stories about some of the people buried there.

Susan Snider Salmon, a trained headstone restorer, will demonstrate the proper technique for safely cleaning historic

grave markers. Attendees can also talk with Kel McBride, a cemetery coordinator with the Monroe County History Center, who will share the best techniques for photographing gravestone details.

For further information on these open houses, as well as a list of other programs scheduled during Salt Creek Valley History Week, see bit.ly/SCVhistoryweek2022.

Both open houses are free to attend; however, an entrance fee of \$7 per vehicle with Indiana license plate and \$9 per vehicle with out-of-state plate applies for Paynetown SRA.

Questions should be directed to the Paynetown Activity Center at (812) 837-9967 or email [jvance@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jvance@dnr.IN.gov).

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