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➤ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 23:1-6 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

➤ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Will Bernhardt smiles for our roving photographer. Did you know that Will has two photos in the Carnegie Museum's exhibit on the history of Shades State Park? Go check them out! Thank you for your smile, Will!

➤ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 We'll miss you tomorrow! As you celebrate America's heroes this Veterans Day, don't forget that The Paper does not publish either a Print Edition or an Online Edition on Postal Holidays. We will be back with our usual Saturday edition without fail though. The next time you won't see our regular smiling faces will be on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25 – but like this week, we'll be back that Saturday! Enjoy the holiday!

2 McDonald's restaurants across Indiana and South-west Michigan are honored to serve veterans, active-duty military members and their families each and every day. This year, McDonald's restaurants across the region will be recognizing Veterans Day in a special way, by offering current and former military members a free combo meal. Participating McDonald's restaurants will offer a combo meal to all veterans, with a valid military ID, all day on Friday. Veterans can choose from any combo meal.

3 The Volunteer Organization at Witham Health Services will host a fundraiser on Wednesday, Nov. 16 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Thursday, November 17 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the main entrance of Witham Hospital located at 2605 N. Lebanon Street, Lebanon, IN 46052. The NUTMAN Company will have 200 fine quality nuts, chocolates, snack mixes & candies available for purchase. VISA, MC, Amex, Discover and cash will be accepted. All proceeds benefit the Witham Volunteer Organization Scholarship Program and various Fund the Need Initiatives for Witham Hospital. For more information on Witham volunteer opportunities please reach out to Amy Mitchell at 485-8175 or amitchell@witham.or

Bannon #5 – James Clark And Family



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

To remind you, Anna the next Bannon child was born 19 August 1860, married David Nevius and while raising six daughters (losing two and a son at young ages) she died at 33 years old in Huntington County, Indiana where she spent most of her short life. Following Anna we have our next Montgomery Countian, James Clark Bannon born to Michael and Nancy (Clark) Bannon the 6th day of December in 1830 (died Coal Creek Twp 9 Jan 1923 – he and his



second wife are buried together at Meharry cemetery; however, first wife, Elizabeth Fulwider born 25 Feb 1835 passed before her 40th birthday on 3 Oct 1874 of pneumonia – one source has 1879 is buried in Liberty Chapel. His birth was in Greenville, Ohio and he lived some of his younger years in Randolph County, Indiana. Elizabeth was the daughter of Joseph Henry Fulwider and Sarah Elizabeth Houff. James Clark's brother, the Rev. Lewis Wesley Bannon married the happy couple on

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Butch Shares One Veteran's Story



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

Like many of you baby boomers, I knew several men (and a few women) who had served in WWII...my Dad included. Most of them belonged to the local American Legion Post here in Darlington. As a small fry, I accompanied Dad when he visited the Legion Hall, which was located right above Hiatt's appliances on Main Street. That building is

now the Fountain Trust bank. The WWII veterans, along with a few who had served in WWI, seemed to be a happy bunch of fellows. Most of them played cards, drank beer, told jokes, and occasionally took their chances with the slot machines and punch cards. They discussed the weather, local sports, and the latest news around town. Some of these fellows had suffered permanent life-long injuries during combat, but I never heard them complain. I think these men just felt very fortunate to have come back alive from that terrible war...Ten Darlington men did not make it home from WWII. One thing that I noticed is that these veterans seldom talked about the war. I didn't realize what they had gone

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Fuzzy Bear Ministry Preschool & Daycare



Fuzzy Bear Ministry is focused on the development of the whole child. They partner with families and the community to help children achieve sustainable growth academically, spiritually, socially, physically, and emotionally to prepare them for the next stage in life. They provide a safe, secure, and stimulating environment for

infants six weeks old through pre-kindergarten. United Way in Montgomery County funds are used for the Family Relief Program (FRP) which was created to help families afford childcare. Through the FRP, Fuzzy Bear can offer scholarships, sliding scale fees, and financial grace to families in need.



Salvation Army Of Montgomery County Needs Bell Ringers

The Salvation Army of Montgomery County will kick off the annual Red Kettle Campaign on Friday, Nov. 18 and will continue through Dec. 24. Volunteers are needed to ring the bell at both Walmart and Kroger, Thursday through Saturday. Businesses, churches, community organizations, school groups, individuals, and families who want to make a difference in Montgomery County are encouraged to ring the bell. Ringing takes place from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. and ringers are asked to commit to ringing for two hours. Groups can sign up for entire days or part of days.

The money raised in Montgomery County remains in the county and will be used to provide assistance to those in need in the community throughout 2023. Thus far over 300 individuals have been assisted in 2022. Services offered include assistance for food, clothing, utilities, medication, rent, and disaster relief as well as other crisis-related needs. It is our hope that services can grow but volunteers are needed this season to raise the funds needed to provide these services.

Those interested in ringing the bell can sign up by contacting Clay Adams at 765-376-7194 or by registering online at www.registertoring.com.

The Salvation Army of Montgomery County and your community thank you.

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:27 a.m.
SET: 5:35 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 75 °F
Low: 51 °F

Wacky Holiday Today

- USMC Day
- Sesame Street Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1954 U.S. President Eisenhower dedicates the Iwo Jima memorial in Arlington Ridge Park
- 1983 Bill Gates introduces Windows 1.0

Births On This Day

- 1483 Martin Luther German monk, priest and leader of the Protestant Reformation
- 1968 Tracy Morgan American comedian and actor

Deaths On This Day

- 1982 Leonid Brezhnev Soviet politician
- 2007 Norman Mailer American author and journalist

JUMP Match Recognition Banquet

It was an amazing night for the guests at the JUMP Match Recognition Banquet! Over 45 mentors and mentees attended the JUMP Banquet last Saturday evening to be honored for being part of the program. The volunteer mentors and the children they are mentoring were treated to an evening just for them. Dinner was served, Chad Collyer a magician and mentalist from Indianapolis performed and certificates and gifts were given to all the JUMP members!

"This is a special night for the volunteers and children in the JUMP program," stated Jill Hampton, JUMP Program manager. "If not for these people, the JUMP Program would not be the successful program that it is today. The volunteers give of their time and help provide kindness and support for the youth of our community. That is a big deal! The kids give back as well. I can't tell you how much spending time with a child and seeing things through their eyes have shaped the lives of the volunteers, as well"

Becoming a mentor in the JUMP program really just requires an adult or couple that want to make a difference in the life of a child. To become a volunteer in the program, please contact Jill Hampton at 362-0694 ext. 103 or email jill@mcysb.org.

➤ HONEST HOOSIER

As we approach Veterans Day, here's a tip of the seed corn cap to Bill Mauldin and his wonderful Willie & Joe cartoons!



➤ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Treat burns by immediately soaking the area in cold water for at least five minutes and cover any open areas with antibiotic ointment. 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.



➤ OBITUARIES

None

The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **THERESA GLOVER** for subscribing!



➤ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE 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

"Freedom makes a huge requirement of every human being. With freedom comes responsibility."
Eleanor Roosevelt

➤ TODAY'S JOKE

An officer looks at a PFC and asks if he has change for a dollar. "Sure, buddy," the PFC says. The officer screams back: "That is not how you address an officer, soldier! Try again." The soldier snaps to attention: No sir!"

WTHR 13 7 DAY FORECAST

50/75 NEAR RECORD WARMTH!	50/56 COLLEGE BASKETBALL DAY	28/38 SOME FLURRIES	23/38 AM WIND COOL TO 20°	23/43 CLOUDY	23/39 EMBARRASSED	23/40 STILL CHILLY
THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED

Election Day Update: Complete Montgomery County Results

Election Day has passed and the voters have made their decision. The Paper published an initial list of results in contested races; below, you can find a complete list of all election results, including uncontested races.

U.S. Senator:
Todd Young (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 7,061 votes, 72.47%
Thomas McDermott, Jr. (D) - 2,217 votes, 22.75%

James Sceniak (L) - 465 votes, 4.77%
U.S. Representative (IN-4):
Jim Baird (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 7,566 votes, 66.46%
Roger Day (D) - 2,165 votes, 22.25%

Indiana Secretary of State:
Diego Morales (R) - Winner, 6,440 votes, 66.46%
Destiny Wells (D) - 2,495 votes, 25.75%
Jeffrey Maurer (L) - 755 votes, 7.79%

State Auditor:
Tera Klutz (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 7,268 votes, 75.04%
ZeNai Brooks (D) - 1,994 votes, 20.59%
John Andrew Schick (L) - 423 votes, 4.37%

State Treasurer:
Daniel Elliot (R) - Winner, 7,416 votes, 77.09%
Jessica McClellan (D) - 2,204 votes, 22.91%

Crawfordsville School Board (At-large):
**Top 3 vote earners win*

J. Monte Thompson (NP) - Winner, 1,556 votes, 23.67%
Kathleen Brown (No party) - Winner, 1,526 votes, 23.21%
J. Kent Minnette (NP) - Winner, 1,396 votes, 21.23%
Bobby Horton (NP) - 1,130 votes, 17.19%
Dawn Watt (NP) - 967 votes, 14.71%

Southmont School Board (At-large):
Eric Mason - Winner, 1,399 votes, 61.85%
Joshua C. Hagenow - 863 votes, 38.15%

State Senator (District 23):
Spencer Deery (R) - Winner, 1,288 votes, 83.58%
David Sanders (D) - 253 votes, 16.42%

State Representative (District 41):
Mark J Genda (R) - Winner, 116 votes, 81.12%
Greg Woods (D) - 27 votes, 18.88%

Montgomery County Council (District 3):
Steve Loy (R) - Winner, 1,960 votes, 77.04%
Lindsey Hamilton (D) - 584 votes, 22.96%

State Representative (District 13):
Sharon Negele (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 361 votes, 100%

State Representative (District 28):
Jeffrey Thompson (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 1,184 votes, 100%

State Representative (District 44):
Beau Baird (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 6,381 votes, 100%

Judge of the Circuit Court:
Darren Chadd (R) - Winner, 8,232 votes, 100%

Prosecuting Attorney (22nd Circuit):
Joseph Buser (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 8,090 votes, 100%

Montgomery County Auditor:
Mindy Byers (R) - Winner, 8,232 votes, 100%

Montgomery County Treasurer:
Heather Laffoon (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 8,245 votes, 100%

Montgomery County Sheriff:
Ryan Needham (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 8,435 votes, 100%

Montgomery County Assessor:
Sherri Bentley (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 8,221 votes, 100%

Montgomery County Council (District 1):
Joyce Grimble (R) - Winner, 2,039 votes, 100%

Montgomery County Council (District 2):
Matt Nelson (R) - Winner, 2,356 votes, 100%

Montgomery County Council (District 4):
Brett Cating (R) - Winner, 1,543 votes, 100%

Brown Township Trustee:
Kylene Simpson (R) - Winner, 390 votes, 100%

Franklin Township Trustee:
Jayne Lough (R) - Winner, 462 votes, 100%

Coal Creek Township Trustee:
Roger Kunkel (R) - Winner, 372 votes, 100%

Clark Township Trustee:
Amy Cating (R) - Winner, 342 votes, 100%

Madison Township Trustee:
Greg Fuller (R) - Winner, 248 votes, 100%

Ripley Township Trustee:
No candidate filed

Scott Township Trustee:
No candidate filed

Sugar Creek Township Trustee:
Peggy Whitacre (R) - Winner, 132 votes, 100%

Union Township Trustee:
Sally Evans Molin (R) - Winner, 5,006 votes, 100%

Walnut Township Trustee:
Tyler Baumgardner (R) - Winner, 329 votes, 100%

Wayne Township Trustee:
N. Kathy Ryker (D) - Winner, 226 votes, 100%

Waveland Township Trustee:
Susie Calvert (R) - Winner, 78 votes, 100%

Brown Township Board Members:
Paul Surface (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 338 votes, 34.77%
Jack Reynolds (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 333 votes, 34.26%
Richard Graham (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 301 votes, 30.97%

Clark Township Board Members:
Layton Malone (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 291 votes, 48.42%
David L. Orwig (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 310 votes, 51.58%

Coal Creek Township Board Members:
Kevin McCord (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 318 votes, 34.34%
Dennis (Denny) Olin (R) - Winner, 308 votes, 33.26%
Mike Claycomb (R) - Winner, 300 votes, 32.4%

Franklin Township Board Members:
Brian Bechtel (I) - Winner, 289 votes, 43.79%
Tom Knueven (L) - Winner, 186 votes, 28.18%
Dean Hartley (L) (Incumbent) - Winner, 185 votes, 28.03%

Madison Township Board Members:
Gary Blankenship (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 224 votes, 36.19%
Rob King (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 199 votes, 32.15%
William Fugate (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 196 votes, 31.66%

Ripley Township Board Members:
No candidate filed

Scott Township Board Members:
No candidate filed

Sugar Creek Township Board Members:
Deborah Lough (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 119 votes, 100%

Union Township Board Members:
Stacey Guard (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 4,210 votes, 34.64%
Alan Plunkett (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 4,162 votes, 34.25%
Dennis Hohlbein (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 3,781 votes, 31.11%

Walnut Township Board Members:
Michelle Kinkead (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 275 votes, 35.62%
Michael Woods (R) - Winner, 253 votes, 32.77%
Will Crook (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 244 votes, 31.61%

Wayne Township Board Members:
Melvin Vance (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 302 votes, 39.63%
Randy Perigo (R) (Incumbent) - Winner, 295 votes, 38.71%
Frank Stewart (R) - Winner, 165 votes, 21.65%

Waveland Township Council:
Shawna Wilson (R) - Winner, 70 votes, 100%

North Montgomery School Board Member (Coal Creek Township):
Michael Shepherd (NP) (Incumbent) - Winner, 2,372 votes, 100%

North Montgomery School Board Member (Franklin Township):
Jarrod Zachary (NP) (Incumbent) - Winner, 2,419 votes, 100%

North Montgomery School Board Member (Sugar Creek Township):
Gary Bohlander (NP) (Incumbent) - Winner, 2,402 votes, 100%

North Montgomery School Board Member (Wayne Township):
Teresa Hatke (NP) (Incumbent) - Winner, 2,404 votes, 100%

Southmont School Board (Brown):
Jacob Watson (NP) - Winner, 2,267 votes, 100%

Southmont School Board (Clark):
No candidate filed

Southmont School Board (Walnut):
Jerry Kinkead (NP) - Winner, 2,040 votes, 100%



Southmont To Host The 43rd Annual Indiana Bandmasters Association All-Region Honor Band

Southmont Jr.-Sr. High School will host the Central West site of the 43rd Annual Indiana Bandmasters Association All-Region Honor Band on Nov. 12-13. Southmont is one of 12 Indiana sites that will host an IBA event.

Selected student musicians from 22 area junior high and high schools will be featured, under the direction of guest conductor John Pinson. The 94-piece ensemble will rehearse together on-site for two days, followed by a performance on Nov. 13th at 4 p.m. (EST) in the Southmont High School Auditorium. Admission is free.

"We are excited to welcome so many talented musicians in grades 7, 8, and 9 from across the state," said Southmont Jr.-Sr. High School Band Director Elizabeth Newnum. "The All-Region Honor Band is a great opportunity for students to perform alongside their peers, and work closely with highly respected music educators and conductors. We're thrilled to have Mr. Pinson join us for the weekend from Kokomo School Corporation."

Participating schools include:

- Battle Ground Middle School
- Central Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School
- Clinton Prairie Jr.-Sr. High School
- Cloverdale Middle/High School
- Crawfordsville Middle/High School
- Delphi Community High School
- Frankfort High School
- Greencastle Middle School
- Klondike Middle School
- Lafayette Tecumseh Jr. High School
- North Montgomery Middle/High School
- North Putnam Middle/High School
- Seeger Memorial Jr.-Sr. High School
- South Putnam Middle/High School
- Southmont Jr.-Sr. High School
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BBB Warning: Protecting America's Veterans From Scams

Before President Eisenhower's proclamation establishing Veterans Day in 1954, Nov. 11 was known as Armistice Day, a celebration acknowledging the end of fighting during World War I at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). In recognition of the sacrifices and honor due to military veterans, official ceremonies take place in the memorial amphitheater built around the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. with the laying of a presidential wreath, often directly from the hands of the sitting U.S. president. In addition to defending

the country, the military community also must also defend themselves against predatory business tactics, con artists and government impostors. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), veterans and military retirees have lost more than \$87.8 million to fraud, with a median loss of \$750, since 2018. According to data generated by BBB Scam Tracker, US veterans have reported being scammed out of \$3 million dollars since last Veteran's day. To help protect Indiana veterans from falling victim to scams, BBB provides the following

tips:

- Do your research. The first line of defense is often the strongest. Spend the time to research a company before purchasing their services or goods. Review business profiles on BBB.org and check government websites if the service is required to be licensed, such as interstate moving companies or companies using pesticides.
- Avoid aggressive selling tactics. Companies and businesses that pressure consumers to immediately contract their services without allowing time to obtain quotes or estimates from competitors should be

handled cautiously. While companies must follow up with potential customers and clients to achieve success, aggressive selling tactics may signify that the company is not invested in the consumer's interests.

- Beware emotional appeals. Exercise care when engaging with businesses that use targeted emotional reactions to entice donations or contributions from consumers. Consumers should focus on what an organization is doing to address an issue with an emotional appeal, not just the fact it exists. For example, donations to assist homeless veterans are

very popular surrounding the Veterans Day holiday. However, it should be apparent what the organization is doing to impact homeless veterans and its effect. Consumers can use BBB's Wise Giving Alliance to find a list of accredited charities on Give.org.

- Never wire money to strangers. Money that is sent via wire transfer is extremely difficult to track and nearly impossible to have reimbursed. BBB recommends using a credit card for online purchases whenever possible. Charges on credit cards are easier to dispute and be refunded when engaging with a

business that does not provide the purchased service or goods. Visit BBB.org/Military for more tips and resources to protect active-duty and veteran service members from engaging with fraudulent businesses. The FTC provides resources focused on military consumer protection at MilitaryConsumer.gov. Current and prior military service members who have been victims of a scam are encouraged to report their experience to BBB Scam Tracker. Information provided may prevent another person from falling victim.



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Flu Season May Impact Red Cross Blood Supply

The American Red Cross urges blood and platelet donors to give now and help fight the potential impact of seasonal illnesses and a potentially severe flu season on the blood supply.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention predicts a serious spread of flu this year and is already reporting an early spike in cases in several states. When seasonal illnesses increase, the number of healthy donors tends to decrease, leaving the Red Cross blood supply vulnerable to a potential shortage over the holidays.

Paired with busy holiday schedules, seasonal illnesses may make it harder to collect the blood hospital patients require this winter. Donors especially those with type O blood and those giving platelets can help bolster the blood supply now by making an appointment to give in the coming weeks.

There is no waiting period to donate blood or platelets after receiving a flu shot. Schedule an appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Learn more about flu safety and prevention at redcross.org/flu-safety.

As a thank-you, the Red Cross is offering



American Red Cross

several opportunities to donors this month:

- All who come to give Nov. 1-22 will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. Details are available at rcblood.org/perks.

- Those who come to give over the Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 23-27, will get a Red Cross knit beanie, while supplies last.

- All who come out to help Nov. 28-Dec. 15 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon. Details are available at rcblood.org/together.

How to donate blood Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are

17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

Amplify Your Impact Volunteer!

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check-in and thank blood donors to ensure they

have a positive donation experience.

Volunteers can also serve as transportation specialists, playing a vital role in ensuring lifesaving blood products are delivered to nearby hospitals. For more information and to apply for either position, contact 1-888-684-1441 or visit <https://www.redcross.org/volunteer-today>.

About the American Red Cross:

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State Works To Protect Veterans From Scams

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is warning veterans and their families to be alert to scammers who target the military community.

"On Veterans Day, we Hoosiers pay tribute to the brave men and women who have served in our U.S. armed forces," Rokita said. "Unfortunately, scammers lurk among us who endeavor not to honor our veterans but rather to take insidious advantage of them and their loved ones."

The Attorney General's office prioritizes bringing criminal fraudsters to justice. At the same time — by providing education and raising awareness — this helps would-be victims avoid falling prey to con artists' schemes in the first place.

Recent scams for which veterans and military service members should be on the lookout include bogus military charities, calls, texts or emails attempting to impersonate the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, copy-cat recruiting websites, and crowdfunding scams.

For the most part, Rokita said, military personnel and veterans should follow the same preventative steps as other consumers. In addition, however, they should pay particular attention to the possibility that scammers may use misleading photos or language to falsely imply an association with a branch of the military or veterans group.

Following are tips on protecting personal and financial information:

- Place an active duty

alert on credit reports at no cost. An active duty alert requires businesses to take additional steps before granting credit in the name of the active duty personnel serving overseas.

- Carefully inspect email addresses in all messages landing in your inbox.

- Avoid clicking on links in unsolicited emails, and be wary of email attachments.

- Purchase goods and services from trusted vendors. Use trusted, legitimate websites when doing business online.

- Don't reveal personal or financial information via email or text message.

- Verify the authenticity of a charity before donating money. You may research charities at the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance website at give.org.

- Pay by credit card for all transactions. This enables you to file disputes with your credit card provider if you encounter fraudulent sellers. Do not wire money to purchase items. Never pay with gift cards.

- Do not follow payment instructions that take you outside of the payment services with which you are familiar. This is generally a phishing attempt to steal credit card information.

- Take your time. Never feel pressured to act immediately to sign a contract or make a transaction.

If you believe you've encountered a scam, file a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at www.indiana-consumer.com.

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25 July 1858 here in MoCo. They would have nine children, all reaching a wonderful age except for their eighth, Sally who passed from meningitis at the tender age of 17.

James Clark did not remarry until Oct 1881 when he wed a very good friend of Elizabeth's, Phoebe Marshall who was a lifelong Quaker. JC was a farmer in Parke and Montgomery Counties and lived to 92 when he passed away at his son, Lewis Wesley's (at New Richmond). "Uncle Jim" as he was called by all who knew him well, basically just died of old age and its complications with pneumonia as the last straw. His obituary said, "He was a whole-souled gentleman, intelligent conversationalist, and was esteemed for his sterling qualities of mind and heart!" I'd love to have known Uncle Jim. By the way, he was the last of the eleven Bannon children to pass.

Quite versatile, he farmed, ran a saw mill and was a singing teacher. The Bannons had huge get togethers many years when especially the descendants of the six sons of Michael and the early ones were held in either Meharry or Grenard's Grove, the latter ones at Milligan Park in Crawfordsville, beginning in 1889.

William S. Bannon was their oldest, born the next year in August after his parents' marriage. He was a general merchant in Veedersburg in 1900, with his wife, Emma Rafferty and their two daughters, Muriel and Mary. By 1910, they had moved to Peoria, Illinois where they spent the rest of their lives. William was a travelling salesman and later worked in confectionery retailing, owning his own business (Bannon & Co). Emma kept a few borders in their home, as well. Don't believe either of the daughters had children but may be wrong in that instance.

Emogene (Imogene) was born in Deerfield, Indiana 16 March 1861 and lived to just past her 89th birthday. She married first George W. Abbott and birthed a son and daughter (James and

Daisy, James buried with his gpa' James Clark Bannon). Sadly, George died in 1890 (married 11 years) of stomach cancer. She married #2, Hugh Hartley Jackson and they were married just over 30 years before he passed - no children, don't believe! She is buried at Liberty Chapel Cemetery.

Benjamin Arlistes (now, that's a name) was born in Crawfordsville 15 Oct 1862 but lived in Illinois much of his life and passed away in Springfield 6 Aug 1917. In C'ville (on Valentine's day 1889) he married Martha Elnora Wilson. Three sons born (James Claire; Charles and Noble C) and a daughter, Nellie. Boys were long-livers but not sure about Nellie. Son Noble was quite proud of his father who was a chef at St. Nicklas Hotel in downtown Springfield, Illinois where he fixed meals for several presidents and many other dignitaries. Later, he began his own restaurant. Although sometimes Ben, other times Benjamin, mainly he was known as Arlie. Noble himself retired after 44 years at the Sangamon Electric Company. James Claire was a bugler in the 24th Field Artillery in WWI and is buried in Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield. Nellie married Harrison Buckler and they are buried in Berrien County, Michigan.

I do indeed love the next son's middle name and guess he took it to heart as that's what he did all of his life. Charles Farmer Bannon (born 17 Dec 1863 Russell Mills, Parke County died in Indianapolis 12 April 1935). His wife of 30 years was Mary Melinda Lane, always called "Mollie!" Our farmer boy was father to three sons and two daughters the last son and last daughter being twins (Iva who married James Cecil Walker and mothered Mary and Viola and her twin, Evan, married Vera Crane and was father of Richard and Clela one great gal). The other two sons' names also began with E - Ernest the oldest, Eldo and the other daughter

was Lenna Prudence named for gma' of course! Ernest was father of one, I believe - Lyle, both passing within a couple of months of each other. Eldo (12 Oct 1894 attended Breaks School passed 13 Jan 1988) married Wanetah Monroe and they were parents of one of the coolest ladies I know Virginia Lael Bannon Kelsey and also had son Max. Lenna Prudence Bannon married Alva Lee Smith and they were parents of Charles, Russell, Jack and Mary.

Joseph Edwin Bannon was born Dec 15 in 1864, married three times and fathered 14 total children. He farmed in Warren County mainly but passed away in Attica.

Lena Bannon was just 11 when her mother, Elizabeth Fulwider passed away and she was raised by an aunt and uncle. She married Conrad Holle - they lived in Marion County, Indiana where Conrad was a bookkeeper. They were parents of four: Louise, Herman, Imogene and Elizabeth and moved to St. Joseph Michigan where he was a lumber salesman.

Lewis Wesley Bannon born 1870 died in Dec 1959 in Montgomery County. He was a farmer in the Wingate area and is buried at Masonic Cem. He and wife, Minnie Eller were parents of Paul, Edythe, Luther and Edna.

Then, their last child was Baker George Ashley Bannon who was called Bake. He was an upholsterer in Terre Haute and the father of at least five children: Joe, Jim, Charlie, Hazel and Vera.

Big family there for the Bannon #5 saga (thanks to Don Coling for the nice photo of this handsome fellow). Stay tuned for next Thursday's group, the last of the Bannon Saga.

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BUTCH From Page A1

through...the injuries, the trauma, the battles, etc....until later in my life. One of the veterans was Robert "Bob" Anderson, owner of a local trucking company. He often came to our farm to pick up livestock to take to market. Bob married Betty Binford after the war, and they had five children, Jane (Switzer), who was a classmate of mine, Chuck, Peggy (Whitacre), Jack, and Andra (Storms). Bob had graduated from Bowers in 1943, and entered service in December of that same year. He was sent overseas on Christmas Day, 1944, as a member of the 259th Infantry Regiment. A few years ago at the library I discovered the following account in a 1945 Darlington Herald newspaper:

"PFC. ROBERT ANDERSON LOSES 30 POUNDS IN 40 DAYS OF IMPRISONMENT"...Pfc. Anderson, along with 27 other men in his outfit, were captured March 18, 1945, during the fighting near the Siegfried line. He had been in action only thirty hours when captured. Harbored first in German pillboxes, the men were soon started on a long march to Stalag 7 prison camp, which required

almost constant marching for 14 days and nights. Arriving in the camp, where 2800 American soldiers were imprisoned, Pfc. Anderson found it wasn't really a camp at all, but a large farming community where the prisoners were herded in the fields and along the roads like cattle and horses. During their imprisonment a number of prisoners were shot and killed for going contrary to the rules their captors laid down for them...

"During the 40 days their food consisted mainly of dandelions and raw potatoes and small parcels of stale bread which the Germans tossed out to them. Pfc. Anderson weighed 178 pounds when captured and only 148 pounds when liberated April 27 by the men of the 63rd tank division... Pfc. Anderson and some of his buddies personally accompanied the German officers back to the battlefield where they removed and cared for all of the wounded American soldiers."

I had no idea that Bob had gone through such a terrible ordeal during the famous Battle of the Bulge, the largest battle of the war in which there were 89,000 American casualties, including

19,000 killed, until I read that article. I had no idea that my own father had been in the same battle. Other Darlington men had also been in fierce battles, several of them in the Pacific islands as members of the Darlington National Guard, fighting the Japanese. They just never talked about it. They did not want to relive those experiences. But those sights and sounds and images were still floating around in their mind...and remained in their memories to their dying day.

The same is true for those who served in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and other wars. One of my sons, Clark Dale, saw heavy fighting as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Iraq War. The veterans may not talk about their wartime experiences, but these men and women who served our country in the military are a proud bunch, and they deserve our respect...not just on Veteran's Day, but EVERY day...Thank you to all of them!

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