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TODAY'S VERSE

Philippians 4:6 -7 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Tim Sabens was dressed for the chilly day it was recently when he ran into one of our roving photographers. Fortunately, the weather is slowly improving. Spring isn't too far away, right?

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Are you a proud parent or grandparent? Got a great photo of your loved one? E-mail it to news@thepaper24-7.com along with the pertinent info (and your contact information so we can reach you if we have questions). C'mon, let's show off as many bright and smiling faces as we can and make clear exactly why Montgomery County is such a great place to raise a family!

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3 The fictional Barney Google may have "goo-goo-goo-gally eyes" in the song that made its debut in 1923. But the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] reports that the Guinness Book of World Records says Sidney de Carvalho Mesquita, who hails from Brazil, has real life googly eyes that he can pop out of their sockets at will. He can make his peepers protrude nearly three quarters of an inch.

BTN

By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous details, bias or slanted reporting. To borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!

\$1,250

The Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club is proud to announce that they will be offering scholarships of \$1,250 to one eligible graduate of each of the three Montgomery County high schools. These scholarships are designed to support and encourage students who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership skills, and, most importantly, a commitment to serving their communities. The scholarships will be awarded based on academic merit and service to the community, and recipients will be chosen by a committee of judges from the Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club.



Governor Eric J. Holcomb has proclaimed Saturday as "Indiana 211 Day," as Indiana joins states and cities across the country raising awareness about 211: an important, free resource, available to all Hoosiers. In 2022, Indiana 211 helped connect more than 150,000 callers throughout Indiana with housing, utility assistance, health care, food and many other important resources.

12th

The Purdue University Board of Trustees last Friday endorsed President Mung Chiang's request for a 12th consecutive tuition freeze, meaning students will see no increase in tuition through at least the 2024-25 academic year. To be formally approved by the trustees in late spring per state statute, after the legislative budget setting, base undergraduate tuition at Purdue will remain at \$9,992 per year for Indiana residents and \$28,794 for out-of-state students through 2024-2025.

\$400,000

With the help of Equitable Education Solutions, Southmont Schools has been awarded the Indiana Department of Education's Comprehensive School Counseling Grant. This highly selective and innovative grant will provide more than \$400,000 dollars towards Southmont's efforts to develop comprehensive student support services and redesign the existing school counseling programs. Grant dollars will enable Southmont to address student needs through a graduation pathways director, elementary mental health counselor and Second Step Curriculum.



\$24.6 million

The Department of the Interior announced more than \$24.6 million in fiscal year 2022 funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to create good-paying union jobs and catalyze economic opportunity by reclaiming abandoned mine lands in Indiana. Millions of Americans nationwide live less than a mile from an abandoned coal mine. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law allocated a total of \$16 billion to address legacy pollution, including \$11.3 billion in abandoned mine land funding over 15 years, facilitated by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. This funding is expected to address the majority of inventoried abandoned coal mine lands in the nation, which will help communities address and eliminate dangerous environmental conditions and pollution caused by historic coal mining.

138,000

A bill authored by State Sen. Spencer Deery (R-West Lafayette) that would limit scenarios in which public Indiana colleges may refuse transcript distribution to current and former students unanimously passed the Senate Committee on Education and Career Development Wednesday. According to Ithaka S+R, around 138,000 Hoosiers owe an average of \$2,800 to colleges and universities. Senate Bill 404 would prohibit universities from withholding a transcript if a student paid at least \$100 to \$300 toward their debt within the last year, depending on the amount owed.



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:43 a.m.
SET: 6:21 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 50 °F
Low: 34 °F



Today is...

- Galentine's Day
- National Football Hangover Day



What Happened On This Day

- 2004 The universe's largest known diamond is discovered
- 2000 The last "Peanuts" comic strip is published
- 1991 Two "smart bombs" kill at least 408 civilians in Baghdad



Births On This Day

- 1946 Richard Blumenthal American politician
- 1950 Peter Gabriel English singer-songwriter, producer

Deaths On This Day

- 1662 Elizabeth Stuart, Queen of Bohemia
- 1728 Cotton Mather American minister

HONEST HOOSIER

Been to a high school sports event this winter? If not, the popcorn smells delicious. Come on, let's go!



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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Grandma's advice not to put anything smaller than your elbow in your ear was right – that includes Q-tips. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



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TODAY'S QUOTE

"To love someone means to see them as God intended them."
Fyodor Dostoyevsky

TODAY'S JOKE

Why do melons get married in church?
Silly, cause they cantaloupe.

OBITUARIES

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



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7 DAY FORECAST

41 SOME SUNSHINE FRI	22/42 COLD START, SUNNY SAT	29/50 MILD AND SUNNY SUN	34/50 MILD AND SUNNY MON	32/51 RAIN LATE DAY TUE	46/63 BREEZY AND MILD WED	53/60 SHOWERS, BREEZY, FALLING TEMPS THU
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Barely Remembered

"The worst thing," I told my mother, "was when you made us eat venison sausages for lunch. That sausage lasted forever!"

I am visiting my parents, and we somehow got to discussing our less-than-favorite foods. My mother always made wonderful school lunches with fresh fruit and a homemade cookie. But memory is fickle. What I remember most clearly was when my father brought home from work what seemed to me, as an elementary-school-age kid, a venison sausage the size of a baseball bat, and I had to eat sandwiches made from it—forever, as I recall.

"That was not the worst thing," my father said.

"No, you're right," I agreed. "The worst thing was when you made tongue sandwiches. I didn't eat those."

"When did I make you a tongue sandwich?" my mother asked.

"You made it for my lunch!"

"How did you know it was tongue?" she asked.

"It had bumps!" I told her, suddenly reliving the experience.

"It couldn't have had many bumps," my mother said.

"How many bumps do you think it needs for an 8-year-old to refuse to eat it?" I asked.

My mother laughed. She's not a fan of tongue, either.

We were talking after dinner. My husband, Peter, and I were visiting my parents in their home "up north." We were having my mother's pumpkin bars for dessert and talking about old times and relatives I barely remembered—if at all.

I knew my mother's father had a brother named Evald, and I knew they used to go fishing. I remember my grandmother saying that grandpa was not going up north to fish but to drink beer with Evald. I figured with 11 kids to raise and 50 cows to milk, drinking a little beer with Evald once a year wasn't the worst thing a guy could do.

"I've never seen the house you lived in when you were little!" I told my mom.

"It's in kind of sad shape, last I saw," she told



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

me. "But it's still there. You need a tour!"

"I do," I agreed.

Memory is a funny thing. It seems to disappear completely, then slaps us with a vivid clarity—like an image of the bumps on a tongue sandwich eaten (or not eaten) 50 years ago.

I'm going to take a tour of the house my mother and her siblings grew up in the next chance I get. Even if the old farmhouse isn't looking as fine as it used to, even if it's been empty for a long time. I'd like to hear what memories my mom has when she sees it again and try to imagine some of the things that are now barely remembered.

"That was not the worst thing," my father said again. "We didn't make you eat the worst thing."

"What was the worst thing?" I asked him, trying to think what could be worse than a tongue sandwich in elementary school.

"You remember what your Uncle Evald gave us?" my dad asked my mom.

"No!" my mother said.

Uncle Evald lived off the land, up in the north woods, occasionally driving a school bus, from what my mother said.

"It was canned bear meat. In a jar. The fat had separated from the rest of it."

"I don't think I ever saw that," my mother said.

"That wasn't the worst of it," my dad continued. "There was hair in the jar!"

"No!" my mother said.

"There was," my dad said. "So, it could have been worse than venison sausage for lunch."

I had to admit, my dad was right.

Till next time,
Carrie

Photos and other news can be found at CarrieClasson.com.

The Lincoln School For Colored Children

EDITOR'S NOTE: In 1881 Crawfordsville School Trustees ordered a school be built at the southwest corner of Spring and North Walnut Streets to serve black students in grades 1-8. Once graduated, the students attended the integrated Crawfordsville High School. This site accommodated the vast majority of black families living in Crawfordsville's north end. Trustees purchased the lot in September 1881 for \$2,000. On Dec. 3, 1881, Hinckley and Norris won the contract to build the building for \$6,400. The architects designed a plain two-story red brick structure with playgrounds for all the black children who resided in that area. Lincoln School officially opened in September 1882 with 42 students. When the black population moved to the east end to work in the factories, Lincoln Building 1 was renovated into Horace Mann, and Lincoln Build 2 was opened on East Wabash Avenue. That building became Lincoln Rec Center and was demolished in 1981. This project began as a project historical research project to honor all those individuals who went to school in separate and unequal facilities as the law dictated.

Mattie Keene Davis 1869- 1957

Mattie was born on 7 May 1869 to James Upton and Emily Johnson Keene. Her father, James, was born on 23 April 1824 as an enslaved person in Kentucky, owned by the Talbott family. James served

during the Civil War with Company H, 124th United States Colored Troops. After the war, he made his way to Crawfordsville and became a well-respected resident. Although uneducated, he was a man of superior intellect and could hold his own in any debate with broad humor and sarcasm, especially when defending Republican ideals. James died on 26 March 1898. Emily was born in October 1844 in Kentucky, but very little is known about her. The family made its home at 318 East Franklin Street.

Mattie began showing her industrious side as early as June 1890. She placed an ad in the paper looking for families for whom to do housework. By July 1891, the newspapers reported that she and Mattie Brown, graduates of Lincoln School, were preparing to enter Wilberforce University in Ohio. Unfortunately, many Wildberforce records were destroyed by natural disasters, so nothing is known about her time there.

In December 1892, the newspapers recorded her marriage to Nathaniel S Davis, cook at the Barnett Hotel in Crawfordsville. "Mattie Keene, one of Indiana Athens leading colored belles, hosted her marriage at the AME Church and was one of the pronounced society events of the season, attended by a large assemblage of Crawfordsville elite. Reverend Pettiford performed the ceremony, and at its close, the bridal party repaired to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson, where a reception was tendered

the newly wedded pair." The couple made their home at 1110 East Jefferson St. Mattie worked as a laundress and a cook in private homes.

Nathaniel Davis, born December 1867 in Kingston, Missouri, eventually became the caterer at the Crawfordsville Country Club. According to Edith Reed's interview for Wabash College's Black Experience, Nate was the first Black to gain admittance to the Crawfordsville Country Club. He was also active in St. Mark's Masonic Lodge Number 25.

One child, daughter Ethel Edna Athenia, was born to the couple on 22 January 1894. Unfortunately, she died on 24 December 1914 at age 20 after a battle with tuberculosis. The Eastern Star, Martha Chapter 18, conducted the funeral, with her classmates serving as pallbearers. Mattie and Nathaniel were utterly heartbroken and, for a time, stopped living in their Jefferson Street home and lived at the Country Club, where Nate was still working. According to her obituary, Ethel was always kind, affectionate, and loving. She had graduated from Lincoln School in 1909 and from high school on 10 June 1913. "She was a girl of fine qualities and earnest worker and whatever she undertook to do. She proved herself to be a faithful Christian and always kindly assisted wherever needed in the promotion of the work of the church. She was a fine musician and served for three years as organist of the Bethel choir,

Music Hall, and the Princess Theater. She was a musician of many talents and could easily play the most challenging music. She was of a quiet and unassuming disposition yet a faithful and efficient worker in the church".

Nathaniel died in 1927 from pneumonia. Mattie died in February 1957 at her home at 110 North Street. She was an active member of the Bethel AME Church and Order of the Eastern Star.

McClelland Jones 1878- 1929

McClelland was born in Crawfordsville on 22/24 December 1878 to parents Burl and Margaret. He had at least four brothers, Harry, Idaho, Marshall, Sam, and one sister. The family resided at 43 West Pike Street.

He married Sadie Jackson on 1 September 1898. While married, McClelland registered for the World War I draft. His draft card listed his employer's name as R W Heady in Decatur City, Illinois, and his physical characteristics as short, stout, with black hair and dark brown eyes. He became a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Knight Templar.

McClelland and Sadie moved to Decatur, Illinois, and lived there for 23 years; for the last 12 years, McClelland served as a chef in the St. Nicholas Hotel. He was employed in the Amsterdam Hotel in Cleveland when an unknown assailant stabbed him to death in May 1929.

More than 500 persons attended his funeral at Masonic Lodge number 17 in Cleveland.

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2023 Lexus RX350 Is A Safe And Comfortable Mother-In-Law Suite

Unlike some of you, I love my mother-in-law, and when she came to me about her next new car, I was in for the chase. She wanted a car of the highest quality, durability, and comfort, but it also had to be easy to drive. Fuel economy was important as was safety. She has two young grandchildren. All-weather capability would also be good since she was planning long drives to see said grandchildren. She was essentially describing a luxurious Toyota Camry crossover. I propose the redesigned 2023 Lexus RX350 Luxury to become her rolling mother-in-law suite.

It's a brash design, but also one that's familiar. For sure, nobody will miss the bolder version of Lexus' trademark spindle grille, but how the body color gradates into satin silver from top to bottom is an inspired design flourish. Piercing strings of LED headlamps define precision. The side view is more muscular with curved forms, but is topped

Likes:

- Bold upscale style
- Comprehensive safety systems
- Lush luxury appointments

by the last generation's floating roof that works just as well. Around back, LED blade taillamps and LEXUS spelled across the decklid enhance elegance.

My mother-in-law craves comfort and she'll find plenty here. Traveling under a panoramic glass roof are plush stitched dash coverings, brushed nickel accents, and soft leather trimmed seats that are heated and ventilated front/rear. Add to that a heated steering wheel and saturating Mark Levinson audio. She can crank up her favorite oldies and groove. Infotainment is controlled through a wide intuitive touchscreen, connected via wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Charge phones wirelessly on the console pad. It

Dislikes:

- Raspy four-cylinder engine sounds
- Harsh ride with 21" wheels
- Pricey with options

all sounds complicated, but is very easy to use.

Safety was definitely a priority in the RX350's design. Protecting everybody are automatic emergency braking with pedestrian detection, lane keep assist with steering intervention, adaptive cruise, lane tracing assist, and side exit assist that prevents passengers from stepping into traffic. A wide head-up display that projects speed, navigation, and safety system status over the hood keeps eyes ahead. There's also an automated parallel/perpendicular parking and hands-off traffic jam assist for creeping through morning commutes.

There are hybrid and plug-in hybrid plus F Sport versions of the new RX, but my

2023 Lexus RX350 Luxury

Five-passenger, AWD Crossover
Powertrain: 2.4-liter T4, 8-spd
Output: 275 hp/317 lb.-ft
Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind
Wheels f/r: 21"/21" alloy
Brakes f/r: disc/disc
Must-have features: Style, Safety
Fuel economy: 21/28 mpg city/hwy
0-60 mph: 7.2s
Towing: 3,500 lbs.
Assembly: Cambridge, ON
Base/As-tested price: \$48,550/\$61,740

mother-in-law will do just fine with the base 2.4-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine that delivers 275 horsepower and 317 lb.-ft. of torque. It shifts to the all-wheel-drive system through an eight-speed transmission, which enables fuel economy ratings of 21/28-MPG city/highway. If she decided to go camping or boating, my daughter's grandmother could tow up to 3,500 lbs.

Driving the RX350 is much like piloting a tall Camry. The turbo-four sounds raspy at full

throttle, but moves the car from naught to sixty in a brief 7.2 seconds. On smoother roads, it provides a calm ride. However, the car-based independent suspension works overtime to tame those 21" steamrollers when they encounter rough pavement and potholes. It's a little harsh when the road fights back. An electronic suspension would help, but would also add unnecessary cost. Overall, Lexus made good trade-offs between comfort and performance. This is, after all, Luxury trim



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

and not an F Sport. It was not difficult to recommend the redesigned RX350 to my mother-in-law. I want her to be comfortable and safe for many years to come. If it is essentially a taller Camry with advanced safety systems, then it should serve her well. A base price of \$48,550 rose to \$61,740 as tested. Competitors include the Cadillac XT5, Lincoln Nautilus, BMW X3, Mercedes-Benz GLE, Audi Q5, and Genesis GV70. Storm Forward!

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Indiana's GOP Lawmakers Split on Bill to Offer 'Driving Privilege' Cards to Immigrants

By Casey Smith

Indiana's Republican lawmakers appear divided over a bill that would expand driving privileges to immigrants without documentation.

The bipartisan measure narrowly advanced 5-4 from the Senate Transportation Committee Tuesday and now heads to the Appropriations Committee for a fiscal impact evaluation.

Bill author Sen. Blake Doriot, R-Goshen, said the "driving privilege" cards can only be used for driving and not as an ID for anything else, including employment or voting. Driving privilege cards also couldn't be used for commercial driver's licenses.

Anyone seeking a driving privileges card would still need to carry auto insurance.

Among other requirements, individuals must also show proof that they paid taxes in Indiana for at least one year. Doriot said Tuesday that ensures "we know they are already a contributing member to our economy and society."

"What we have are a group of individuals that are here, participating in our economy, in our society. They are employed. They're holding up — in my district — the RV industry," Doriot continued. "This is going to put safer drivers on the road because they are going to be going through the same thing that our children or any other adult has to go through to get their driver's license."

But other GOP lawmakers are not on board. They say immigrants to the United States should "follow the rules" to establish legal residency before earning the "privilege" to drive.

"How are we, as a society, supposed to set aside the rules and do the right thing?" said Sen. Jim Buck, R-Kokomo. "As

sympathetic as many of us might be, that's a hard hill to crawl over."

How driving cards would work

Currently, Indiana law does not allow immigrants who lack permanent legal status to drive. That means immigrants who live in Indiana often lack the means to legally complete daily tasks and are unable to show identification when asked by law enforcement.

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) reports that recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) are only issued a license if they meet requirements to obtain a REAL ID: a full legal name, date of birth, social security number, two proofs of address or principal residence, and paperwork showing lawful immigration status.

In order to get a driving privilege card, a person would be required to have paid taxes in Indiana in the last year, submit fingerprints for a criminal background check, and have insurance, according to the bill.

They must also renew their driving privilege card every year. Doriot said the provision ensures that Indiana doesn't become "a destination" for the cards.

Sixteen other states have similar programs already.

Bill co-author Sen. David Niezgodski, D-South Bend, said the bill is a "common sense thing to do."

He noted that the driving privilege card will also come with an additional \$50 fee, in order to help with the cost.

The BMV expects the cost to issue a redesigned license type as required under the bill to cost about \$1.3 million, according to legislative fiscal analysis.

But Niezgodski said the bill is also likely to increase state revenues.

Up to 500 annual requests for the new credentials are expected in the first four years of

implementation, and up to 1,100 total requests could be made in the first four years after the cards are made available. Most of the demand is anticipated to come from the state's immigrant population, including DACA recipients who don't have the necessary documents for a REAL ID.

Taking that data into account, Indiana legislation is expected to increase state revenue from driving card credential fees by approximately \$132,500 in the first four years of administration.

Broad support from across Indiana

More than a dozen groups testified in support of the bill on Tuesday.

Michael Niland with the Insurance Institute of Indiana said the proposal would lead to fewer uninsured motorists in the state, which in turn would decrease the current cost shift to Hoosiers who are already paying for auto insurance.

"The hope with this bill is that you could see a decrease in the amount of premiums you'd have to pay towards the uninsured motorist portion of your insurance policies, so you can get back to just paying your traditional insurance that covers your person," Niland said.

Kellie Walsh of the Indiana Motor Truck Association doubled down that the bill would improve roadway safety by decreasing the number of untrained, unlicensed drivers.

Goshen Mayor Jeremy Stutsman submitted a letter of support signed by 49 mayors — 25 Republican mayors, 21 Democrats and three independents.

Goshen Chief of Police Jose Miller said his community is home to many immigrants "who are good people just trying to live the American dream — trying to get to work, trying to take their kids to school and go to the grocery store."

"Truly, these people just want to have the right to function in our society — and we've let them in our society," Miller continued.

He said driving privilege cards will reduce hit-and-run accidents and make it easier for police to identify people who get pulled over or are involved in collisions.

The bill is also supported by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council, Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police, Indiana Farm Bureau, Indiana Catholic Conference, Indiana State Poultry Association, Indiana Muslim Advocacy Network, among others.

Not all GOP lawmakers on board

Still, Sen. Jim Tomes, R-Wadesville, questioned if a person needs to be able to speak English in order to get the driving privilege card.

Both Doriot and Niez-

godski pointed out that English language proficiency is not a current requirement to get a driver's license.

Tomes later noted he's "not against" the bill, but said immigrants like his daughter-in-law — who went through the citizenship process — would likely feel "frustrated" if lawmakers help immigrants without documentation.

"When I hear what we're doing here, you have to understand my side of this. I'm willing to help people. I know what we're trying to do," Tomes said. "But I also understand that people like my daughter-in-law — who work very, very hard to be a citizen of this country ... you can understand how it must feel ... when we say 'Well, sorry about your luck, but these are the things we're going to do for those who come here illegally and want to stay here illegally.'"

Buck called the proposal "one of the best bills" he's seen come through the senate committee. But he ultimately voted against it.

"The fundamental question still remains from those that have obeyed the rules and done the right thing — to try to placate their frustration when I'm down here voting to complicate their frustration ... I'm just struggling," he said. "You've got two sides here, very emotionally involved, and I keep hearing this same phrase, to 'follow the rules and do the right thing.' It's hard to square."

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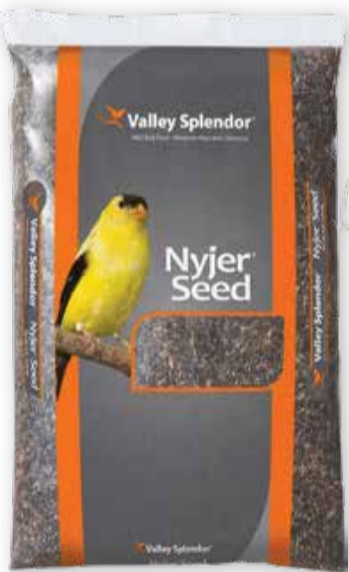
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