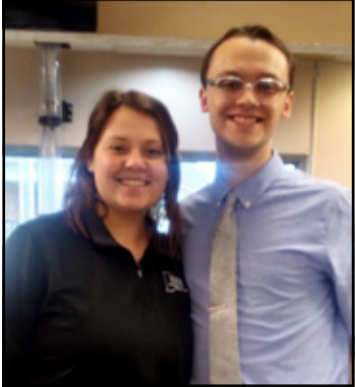


➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 5:3 – 5 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope; And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Kirstin Dillion and Aidan Knee smile brightly from HHSB on a beautiful Monday morning. Thank you for your smiles!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 The Indiana Department of Transportation announces 9th Street will close on or after Monday, April 3 for continued work on the I-65 added travel lanes and bridge construction project near Battleground. 9th St. will be closed between Burnetts Rd. and Prophets Rock Rd. It's expected to remain closed through early July, weather permitting. The official detour follows Burnetts Rd. to River Rd. to County Road 600 N. to Prophets Rock Rd. and back to 9th St. Starting on or after Saturday, April 8, the I-65 southbound exit ramp will close at S.R. 43. The official detour for the ramp closure involves exiting southbound I-65 at S.R. 18, then traveling to S.R. 43, and then back to I-65. Emergency responders will be kept informed of which route/ramp they will have access to each week. The ramp is expected to reopen after early August, weather permitting.

2 Maddock Lipp of Golden, CO is eight years old and likely to soon receive recognition by the Guinness World Record judges for being the youngest person to have skied the slopes of all the world's seven continents, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. According to Guinness, to date "the youngest person to ski on all seven continents is Victoria Rae White beginning at the age of 9 years 88 days in Zermatt, Switzerland and ending aged 10 years 79 days in Winter Park, Colorado, USA, 16 March 2008." Despite his age Maddock has been skiing for half his life, so far; he put skis on for the first time when he was four years old.

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Montgomery County Educational Foundation Celebrates Local Teachers' Creativity In The Classroom

Thursday morning nearly 100 county educators and students joined the Montgomery County Educational Foundation to share innovative or creative projects implemented in their classrooms this year. Projects presented were funded by MCEF's Teacher Grant program, which distributes nearly \$25,000 per year to Pre-K through 12th grade public school teachers in the county.

The foundation's president, Phil Boots, welcomed grant recipients and their students to breakfast and shared thanks to representatives from the Montgomery County Community Foundation, the primary contributing funder of the Teacher Grant program.

MCEF was also fortunate to receive donations from Valero Renewal Fuels and Hoosier Heartland State Bank that allowed additional grants this year.



Photo courtesy of MCEF

1 Hoover Elementary's Mrs. Furgyle & her Book Dragons have been earning rewards for achieving their reading goals. Teachers collaborated to incorporate the theme of the reading program into art projects as well.

This year's recipients used grant funds to implement technology software into music education, purchase new instruments needed to engage

more learners at once, encourage a love for reading, connect students to college mentors, and

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Butch's Fashion And Lifestyle Rules For People Over 70



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

Well, we made it to 70. Now what? It's not exactly party-time central, but we don't want to sit back in the old recliner and collect mold now, do we? There's no use trying to act like we're teenagers, but we need to remain active, socialize, and set some new goals in our lives. However, there are a few rules to keep in mind to prevent embarrassing old-age fashion

faux-pas and live a suave, debonair lifestyle...such as:

RULE # 1: Guys, get rid of the long hair. No ponytails or mullets. It wasn't cool then, and it's even worse now. And forget trying to imitate some of the teenage boys today who look like a cow took a dump on top of their heads. While I'm at it, guys, do NOT try to color your hair. I tried this one time. I looked like Howdy Doody. Right now silver is in style, but you ladies over 70 can color your hair. Just don't color it blue, green, pink, chartreuse, or any other unnatural color. You are not a high school freshman, OK?

RULE # 2: Before you go anywhere in public, look in the mirror a second time. Yes, use your reading glasses. Fellows, make certain you don't have a hair sticking two inches out from your nostril, a line of

➔ See BUTCH Page A5

Linden Depot Opens Soon

The Linden Depot Museum will open for the season on Friday, March 31. The museum will be open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. The admission price of \$6 for adults and \$1 each for children includes all museum attractions.

Two special events are coming this summer.

On Sunday, June 25 the Depot Museum will showcase a European HO model railroad attraction. The museum acquired a large donation of European HO model railroad equipment, including Marklin, Roco, Fleischmann and others. Board member, Greg Reynolds, a retired Rolls-Royce electrical engineer, has worked on this project for more than two years to make the attraction an outstanding exhibit of European HO superb technology. This is a very unique display and well worth a visit to the museum.

On Saturday, August 12 will see the debut of the 3rd Annual Midwest Railroad Fair.

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Is it just me, or is there a way to bet on almost everything these days? And does anyone else remember when anything other than office pools and friendly wagers was frowned on?



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

When you read a food label, make sure you determine how many servings are in the package. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



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Show Us Those Smiles!

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!

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Any jackass can kick down a barn, but it takes a good carpenter to build one."
Sam Rayburn, 43rd Speaker of the House

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

How old is baseball? Well it got mentioned in the bible. Remember Genesis? In the big inning...

The Daily Almanac

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• National Ag Day
• Memory Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1970 Earth Day is celebrated for the first time. The first edition was limited to some cities in the United States. Today, Earth Day is observed by about 1 billion people around the world.
- 1943 A plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler by suicide bomb fails. German Wehrmacht officer, Rudolf von Gersdorff, failed to blow up the dictator but managed to defuse his bombs just before they went off and avoid suspicion.



Births On This Day

- 1806 Benito Juárez Mexican lawyer, politician, 25th President of Mexico
- 1940 Solomon Burke American singer-songwriter

Deaths On This Day

- 1843 Guadalupe Victoria Mexican politician, 1st President of Mexico
- 1656 James Ussher Irish archbishop

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OBITUARIES

Glen Edward Taylor

July 8, 1936 - March 17, 2023

Glen Edward Taylor, age 86 of Crawfordsville, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, March 17, 2023 at Franciscan Health in Crawfordsville. He was born in Montgomery County on July 8, 1936 to the late Charles Taylor & Iva (Sipple) Newby.



Glen attended Ladoga High School and proudly served his country in the United States Navy. He worked from the time he was 12 years old but retired after 20 plus years as a custodian at Wabash College. He had a great sense of humor and was always joking around. He would literally give you his last dime and "clip". He was always tinkering with something and loved riding around on his hover round wearing his hi-visible vest flying his American flag. He also loved animals, was always helping others, was active in his church at Grace & Mercy, and loved spending time with this family. He was one of the sweetest men you could ever meet.



He is survived by his four daughters, Melissa (Doug Lejeune) Howard, Romona Royal, Glenna (Tim) Florence, and Ragenia Taylor; a brother, Curtis (Wendy) Newby; a sister, Alma Hole; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other family members.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Taylor; his mother, Iva Newby; his step-father, Charles Newby; a son, Joseph Taylor; a daughter, Vikki Hoke; two sisters, Helen Williams and Betty Stonebraker; and a brother-in-law, William Hole.

Cremation was chosen with a visitation at Grace & Mercy Ministries, 257 W Oak Hill Road, in Crawfordsville on Saturday, March 25, 2023 from 12 p.m. till the time of the memorial service at 2 p.m., with Pastor Nathan Miller officiating and military honors by the United States Navy and Legion Post 72 Honor Guard. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com

Martha J. Rogers

June 11, 1936 - March 19, 2023

Martha Rogers, 86, of Crawfordsville passed away at 2:55 a.m. on March 19, 2023 at the Ben Hur Nursing Home.



Born June 11, 1936 in Crawfordsville, she was the daughter of Clarence Arison Weaver and Esther Ann (Willhite) Weaver. She first married Everett Phelps and they divorced. She then married James A. Rogers, Sr. on July 20, 1963. He passed away Nov. 1, 2011.

Survivors include: son, James "Arnie" (Donna) Rogers, Jr. of Crawfordsville; step-daughter, Deborah Kay Rush (fiancé- Roger Ratscer) of West End, North Carolina; sister, Norma Poe of Crawfordsville; three grandsons, a granddaughter, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by husband, James A. Rogers, Sr., two sons, Randy J. Phelps and Russell W. Phelps, her parents, sisters, Patricia Hill and Russell Carol Gooding and step-grandson, Matthew Northcutt.

She was a graduate of Marshall High School and worked at R.R. Donnelley and Sons in addition to being a homemaker. Calling hours will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Burkhart Funeral Home, 201 West Wabash, Crawfordsville. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 24 with Pastor Gary Edwards officiating. Burial will be at the New Richmond Cemetery.

Please honor Martha's love for animals, especially her cat Molly, with a donation to the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County, 1104 Big Four Arch Road, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Online condolences may be made at www.BurkhartFH.com.

William Albert Schlicher

April 13, 1940 - March 18, 2023

William Albert Schlicher, age 82 of Crawfordsville, passed away on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Bickford of Crawfordsville. He was born in Fort Madison, Iowa on April 13, 1940 to the late Albert Michael & Irene Dorothy (Koellner) Schlicher.



William graduated from St Thomas Aquinas High School in Fort Madison, Iowa, then attended St Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa, then graduated from Burlington Junior College in Burlington, Iowa where he met the love of his life, Patricia K. Ford and they later married on Jan. 4, 1964. He was a Sears Catalog Store Manager for 25 years, starting in Fairfield, Iowa then transferred to Crawfordsville. He then went on to work as the Service Manager at Larry Cummings Olds & Horner Automotive. He loved sports and going to the Coaches Corners on Wednesday nights, enjoyed fishing, jig saw puzzles, playing games, and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Patricia; four children, Regina (Sean) Royce of Indianapolis, Kurtis Schlicher of Lafayette, Tiffany (Tony) Bowen of Crawfordsville, and Blair Schlicher of Crawfordsville; six grandchildren, Danielle, Kaitlin (Justin), Jacob, Laine, Benjamin, and Taylor; one great-granddaughter, Sophia; one brother, Stanley (Susan) Schlicher of Iowa; two sisters, Alice (Roger) Hoenig and Barbara (Joe) Merschman; and a brother-in-law, James (Janis) Ford, all of Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Raymond Schlicher.

Visitation will be at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington St, in Crawfordsville, on Thursday, March 23, 2023 from 3 pm till the time of the memorial service at 6 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Special Olympics Area 4, 6200 Technology Center Drive, Suite 105, Indianapolis, IN 46278. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com

Meeting Notes

Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority

Agenda
 Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.
 Montgomery County Government Center
 1580 Constitution Row - Room E109

Crawfordsville, IN 47933
 Roll Call
 Minutes - Nov. 18, 2022
 Reports
 Approve Relocation of Subsurface Drainage Tile in ROW of Nucor Road & Ladoga Road
 Approval of Claims
 Other Business
 Adjourn

Meeting Notes

Montgomery County Plan Commission

Agenda
 Wednesday March 22, 2023 4 p.m.
 Montgomery County Government Center Community Room
 1580 Constitution Row
 Crawfordsville, In 47933

I. Call to Order
 II. Approval of February 2023 meeting minutes
 III. Reports
 IV. Agenda modifications
 V. Old Business:
 VI. New Business:
 A. Casey's Marketing - DSR (drainage plan) approval
 VII. Adjournment

Health Dept. Hires New Nurse



Photo courtesy of Montgomery County Health Department

The Montgomery County Health Department recently hired a new public health nurse, Lindsey Ballinger. Lindsey is married to Wagner Ballinger and together they share one daughter, Brooklynn, and another daughter due in July. Lindsey graduated from Saint Elizabeth School of Nursing with her BSN and has a background in postpartum and the operating room.

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Biden Administration Details Potential Cuts In Education, Food Aid And More

By Jennifer Shutt

Federal departments and agencies say U.S. House Republicans' plans to cut federal spending would result in reductions to key programs like food aid, education assistance and wildfire management.

The series of letters from across the federal government released Monday detail exactly how plans to cut at least \$130 billion in domestic spending during the upcoming fiscal year could impact people's everyday lives.

"The draconian cuts would take away the opportunity for 80,000 people to attend college and impact all 6.6 million students who rely on Pell Grants," said House Appropriations ranking member Rosa DeLauro, who requested the letters. "If implemented, 200,000 children will lose access to Head Start, and 100,000 children will lose access to child care, undermining early education and parents' ability to go to work."

"As if that was not enough to deter these harmful cuts, 1.2 million women, infants, and children would lose vital nutrition assistance they receive through WIC," added DeLauro, a Connecticut Democrat, referring to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for

Women, Infants and Children that provides grants to states.

Speaker Kevin McCarthy, a California Republican, promised conservatives within his party that he'd cut spending during the upcoming fiscal year, slated to begin Oct. 1, back to the prior year's levels. The promise was one of many McCarthy made to hold-out Republicans in order to become speaker.

Social security safe
Many top ranking U.S. House Republicans have said they won't touch Social Security, Medicare or defense spending, leaving domestic spending, Medicaid and food aid for low-income people on the list for potential spending cuts.

While the Democratic Senate and President Joe Biden would have to sign off on any changes, House Republicans are pushing for strict caps on spending levels in exchange for addressing the debt limit.

Those spending cuts, according to the letters from Cabinet secretaries and agency heads, could impact dozens of federal programs and quality of life for many Americans.

Agriculture Secretary Thomas J. Vilsack wrote, "While Congressional Republicans haven't released a specific plan, cuts on the scale suggested would have

very real and damaging impacts on our families, our communities, our economy, and our competitiveness — undermining a broad range of critical services the American people rely on in their everyday lives such as food and nutrition security, protection of life and property from catastrophic wildland fires, a safe food supply, and more."

Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration Kijakazi wrote that if spending were to revert to fiscal 2022 levels, the agency would likely have to close field offices, shorten hours, lay off about 6,000 employees and implement a hiring freeze.

"Cuts on this scale would dramatically undermine our ability to function effectively," Kijakazi wrote.

"It would cut in-person access to our field offices, drive up wait times for initial disability and retirement claims processing, lengthen phone wait times, prohibit development of online tools to compensate for the difficulties to reach us by phone and in-person, and create backlogs across the board," Kijakazi added.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg wrote the spending cuts would likely "require furloughs of essential safety person-

nel, including air traffic controllers and safety inspectors, and could also require Reductions in Force (RIF)."

"Under this scenario, safety would be undermined for years to come — curtailing vehicle, rail, pipeline and aviation safety inspections, limiting our research programs across these programs, and significantly compromising our transportation operations," Buttigieg wrote.

Interior Department Secretary Deb Haaland wrote the spending cuts could undermine wildfire management, disrupt services and safety at national parks, affect drought mitigation efforts, cut support for tribal nations, and reduce energy and mineral development.

"Visitors to the national parks would feel the impact of funding reductions at parks across the Nation," Haaland wrote.

"Parks would need to reduce hours, close visitor centers, reduce trash collection and facility cleaning, as well as ranger-led programming," she added. "The need to curtail services such as snow plowing would impact decisions including whether to maintain winter access to parks like Yosemite National Park, which welcomed over 336,000 visitors this winter despite record levels

of snow."

GOP budget resolution House Republicans have not yet released their budget resolution for the upcoming fiscal year, though they likely will sometime this spring.

That tax and spending blueprint will give the first look at how much the House GOP wants the federal government to spend on defense and nondefense discretionary programs during fiscal 2024.

The House GOP will then draft the dozen annual appropriations bills for that fiscal year, detailing how much money the party wants to spend on each department and agency that falls within the roughly \$1.7 trillion discretionary budget.

House Republicans will have to successfully negotiate those bills with the Democratically controlled Senate and the Biden administration if they'll have any hope of becoming law.

Senate leaders, who will also move their own appropriations bills through that chamber, are approaching the upcoming appropriations process differently than their House colleagues.

Washington Democratic Sen. Patty Murray, chair of the Appropriations Committee, and Maine Republican Sen. Susan Collins, ranking member

on the Appropriations Committee, have released a handful of joint statements this year pledging bipartisanship.

"Now that the President has released his budget, we are pressing forward with the work of writing our nation's spending bills as quickly as possible," they said earlier this month. "We have a real opportunity — and an important responsibility — to work together to make our country safer, more competitive, and do some good for the people we all represent back home. The power of the purse rests with Congress, and we take that responsibility seriously."

In the event the two chambers cannot reach a bipartisan agreement on spending by October, they can pass a stopgap spending bill, known as a continuing resolution, that extends current funding levels for months, or they could begin a partial government shutdown.

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A Transgender Bill Time Out

In March 2022, Gov. Eric Holcomb vetoed a transgender athletics bill that quite possibly could end his political career.

In his veto letter, Holcomb said that the legislation was a "solution" for a problem that didn't exist in Indiana. "It implies that the goals of consistency and fairness in competitive female sports are not currently being met," Holcomb wrote. "After thorough review, I find no evidence to support either claim even if I support the overall goal."

The governor said the enrolled act fell short of providing a clear and consistent policy.

Last May, the Republican super majorities overrode that veto by wide party-line margins. In June, in an act of retribution against Holcomb-appointed Secretary of State Holli Sullivan, she was defeated for renomination at the Indiana Republican Convention, with a number of delegates telling Howey Politics Indiana that it was a payback for Holcomb's veto.

This past week, the transgender youth scenario was again in the headlines. Senate President Pro Tempore Rodric Bray assigned HB1407 to the Senate Rules Committee and an almost certain demise. It was filed by State Rep. Dale DeVon after a transgender child had been removed by the Department of Child Services following multiple reports that the child's mother was emotionally and mentally abusive.

The DeVon bill is one of around 150 such bills filed by Republicans in the 50 state legislatures in a concerted effort to capitalize



BRIAN HOWEY
Howey Political Report

on transgender issues.

"All's I'm trying to do is, in this bill, is to protect parents from government's overreach [in] taking their children from them without having harmed them," DeVon, R-Granger, said on the House floor (Capital Chronicle). "I don't know if this bill is the right answer, but our government took that child away"

A spokesman said Bray "did not see a path forward" for the bill, both because of concerns about the policy and the ongoing lawsuit that will be heard by the Indiana Supreme Court.

The Capital Chronicle covered State Rep. Wendy McNamara's floor testimony prior to House passage. "I don't think any parents should be separated from their child and have an undue process to be able to receive that child back," she said. "But I also feel there is a better route and way for this bill to go. To fix this wrong, she added, "it might put in jeopardy hundreds of other kids in our system."

As with the transgender athletic bill that was vetoed, I spent a few hours trying to learn of the scope of the issue. There is a compelling lack of data. It was unclear how many DCS cases involve the removal of transgender kids

from their families.

What I did learn came from the Indiana Youth Institute. It said 4.5% of Indiana's population identify as LGBTQ+, and 34% of the LGBTQ+ population has children. As of September 2020, Indiana was home to 43,000 LGBTQ+ youth ages 13 to 17; 7.8% of this population comprised 3,350 transgender youth. According to Gallup and the Williams Institute, approximately 4.5% of U.S. adults identified as LGBT in 2017 (about 14.65 million people). This includes about 1.4 million people who identify as transgender (0.6% of the U.S. adult population in 2016). In Indiana, 4.5% of Indiana adults identify as LGBT (about 300,000 people). This includes 0.56% who identify as transgender (about 27,600 people).

According to a summary of HD1407 by the Indiana Family Institute, the bill "would elevate parental rights to a fundamental right. It makes clear that parents have a right to direct the upbringing, education, health care, and mental health of their child, and that the government of Indiana may not interfere. The only exceptions that allow government involvement are legitimate abuse and neglect. The bill clarifies several key areas that are not appropriate reasons for government involvement."

The ACLU of Indiana also weighed in, saying, "This bill would make it illegal for child services agencies to consider failure to provide a safe and affirming environment to a trans youth when deciding whether to remove a child from a potentially

abusive home. This bill attempts to capitalize on unfounded public fear that parents will be 'forced to accept' trans youth. There simply aren't examples of Indiana agencies removing children from homes for the sole reason that parents didn't provide trans-supportive care."

While the number of DCS cases involving transgender youth is a missing data set, the issue will continue to make headlines.

On the day that Bray killed HB1407, the Anderson Herald Bulletin reported that a Pendleton Heights HS counselor had been fired in "an apparent effort to withhold information from parents about student gender transition decisions."

Board President Mike Hanna, responding to a March 2 meeting to a pointed question from a parent about whether a gender support plan exists, described it as "a work in progress," according to the Herald Bulletin.

The key phrases jumping out are DeVon's ("I don't know if this bill is the right answer") and Hanna's ("work in progress") assertion from Pendleton Heights.

There's a great deal to sort out here, with impacts facing transgender kids, perhaps the most vulnerable Hoosiers among us, as well as their families.

Bray was wise to pull HB1407 and await more information on the scope of the dilemma and its impacts.

The columnist is managing editor of Howey Politics Indiana/State Affairs at StateAffairs.com/pro/Indiana. Find Howey on Facebook and Twitter @hwypol.

Makes A Guy Wonder

"Makes a guy wonder sometimes," Windy Wilson said, "if gettin' all stabbed to death might not be a bad way to go."

The rest of us – the Supreme Court of Dang Near Everything at the Mule Barn coffee shop – politely choked on our java and put the cups down. Even for Windy, this was quite an observation.

"Yer proly askin' yerselves," Windy said, "how I gerrymandered myself into this observation."

"Well ... yes ... actually."

"Doc, I know you and the boys need fresh ideas ever year or two jest to keep you sharpened, so here's how I figger it. You know it's dang near March fifteen, right? Back in the olden days, before we even had our interdependence from England, they called it The Idears of March. So they knew they needed ideas even back then. This whole stabbin' thing came from that old Roman guy, Julius Caesar.

This year woman, called herself the Oriole of Dolphins, 'cuz she thought she was smarter than most folks in Baltimore or even in Miama ... she told ol' Julius to beware them Idears of March, 'cuz they's nothin' but trouble."



SLIM RANGLES
Columnist

Windy waited for Loretta to top off his cup. "But ol' Julius wasn't too purty good about listenin' cuz he'd already whupped England and Germany so he figgered he was too smart already. So he give a speech they didn't like and a bunch of Brute's stabbed him plumb to death. Well, it sure made him famous, didn't it? I'm sure you heard of a caesarian section house – somethin' on the railroad, I think – and an epileptic Caesar, and Caesar salad, and an Orange Julius. 'Course you have.

"So mebbe we need to ease up on them Brute's in history, light up a roman candle in their honor. They messed up them Congressional steps some, but Julius Caesar's story is still around and it's long after that mop bucket dried out."

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Shop For Spring Household Essentials With Ease

(StatePoint) Whatever your spring plans include cleaning your living spaces top to bottom or taking up an outdoor fitness routine, you'll likely need some household supplies to fuel your seasonal endeavors.

With so many new products being introduced all the time on both store shelves and online, you may be wondering which items have already passed muster with other consumers. Fortunately, resources exist to help you quickly hone in on the best of the bunch. Product of the Year USA, the largest consumer-voted awards program centered around product innovation, recently announced the winners of the 2023 Product of the Year Awards. Determined through a national study of 40,000 American shoppers in partnership with Kantar, a global leader in consumer

research, each winner's packaging boasts a red seal of approval.

"Today's savvy consumers expect products that are smart, efficient and easy to use. At the same time, the amount of access they have to different merchandise is unprecedented," says Mike Nolan, global CEO of Product of the Year Management. "We're proud to be providing shoppers and their families with trusted guidance and information as they sort through their many options."

Demonstrating the ever-evolving trends seen in the U.S. market, the year's winners are a round-up of the top products for function, design, packing or ingredients. As you stock up on spring essentials, consider the following 16 winners in household and personal care categories:

- Auto Dish Care | Cascade Platinum Plus –

- Procter & Gamble
- Body Cleanser | Dial Body Wash – Henkel
- Car Care | Rain-X Truck & SUV Wiper Blade – ITW Global Brands/Rain-X
- CBD | CBD Sleep Gummies – Sky Wellness
- Children's Health | Children's ZYRTEC Allergy Chewables – Johnson & Johnson Consumer Health
- Digestive Health | Dulcolax Chewy Fruit Bites – Sanofi Consumer Healthcare
- Hair Growth | Nature's Bounty Optimal Solutions Hair Growth – Nestlé Health Science
- Home Cleaning | FamilyGuard Brand Disinfectants – S.C. Johnson & Son
- Home Essentials | Ziploc Endurables – S.C. Johnson & Son
- Immediate Relief | Carmex Weather Guard Lip Balm – Carma Laboratories
- Mattress | Nectar

- Premier Mattress – Resident Home LLC
- Topical Pain Relief | Icy Hot Pro – Sanofi Consumer Healthcare
- Weight Management | Nature's Bounty Optimal Solutions Metabolism Booster – Nestlé Health Science
- Wellness Device | Aspercreme Flexi-Motion – Sanofi Consumer Healthcare
- Wellness Supplement | Nature Made Wellbills – Pharmavite LLC
- Women's Daily Supplement | Nature's Bounty Optimal Solutions Advanced Hair Skin & Nails – Nestlé Health Science

For additional information about this year's winners, visit productoftheyearusa.com.

Whether you tend to shop for household essentials online or in brick-and-mortar stores, it's smart to rely on resources that can help you make better choices.

MCEF From Page A1

purchase resources to gamify math learning, to name a few.

"Our hope is that these grants will help remove some of the limitations our teachers face in carrying out all their great ideas. We really love to see proposals that will enhance learning by incorporating new technology, creative approaches to teaching the subject matter, and making learning more fun. We've also been happy to fund some very practical purchases that have a big impact on large numbers of students, such as a digital keyboard or a tubano drum for our music classrooms." Said Cassie Hagan, MCEF board member. "We really enjoy seeing what the students have learned at the breakfast each year. For those of

us who do not work in PK-12 education, it's so powerful to see the students demonstrate how the grants have opened doors for learning."

Montgomery County teachers can apply for the next round of grant funding through April 17, 2023 online at mcef-in.org. Samples of previously funded projects and resources for preparing a grant proposal can be found online as well. Grants are awarded up to \$1000 per teacher per year, or multiple teachers can collaborate on interdisciplinary proposals.

If anyone is interested in donating to MCEF for to assist in future teacher grants, you can visit our website at mcef-in.org or mail your donation to MCEF, PO Box 642, Crawfordsville, IN 47933

BUTCH From Page A1

Welch's grape jelly above your upper lip, lettuce stuck on your front teeth, or a spaghetti stain on shirt. And ladies, check your makeup. Don't cake it on so thick that you appear to be mummified...and please don't attach those fake eyelashes. It looks like two tarantulas are glued to your eyelids.

RULE # 3: Guys, get rid of the sandals and flip-flops. No one wants to see cracked, white heels and curled-up toesies...or God forbid...fungus infected toenails. Now if you have aching feet, only wear Dr. Scholl's footwear if it's an absolute necessity, as they are a dead giveaway that you are on your last leg. NO "Chuck Taylor Converse All-Stars" tennis shoes...It's not 1965.

RULE # 4: Do not dine out at those "all-you-can-eat" restaurants. The last time my wife and I ate at Golden Corral...many years ago, I watched people pile food on their plates three, four, five times.

A famous Lafayette auto dealer was at a nearby table, shoving it down faster than a coyote eating a rabbit. You know what happened to him, don't you? He's not a "good friend of mine and tradin' my way" anymore. He's a goner.

RULE # 5: When we were growing up, you achieved adulthood by becoming a smoker. Dad smoked. Mom smoked. The teachers smoked. The coach smoked. The doctor smoked. Remember?...roll those Lucky Strikes up in your T-shirt sleeve, light it up, inhale, blow it out your nose, and talk about car stuff. Or gals...light up an Ultra-thin lady-like cigarette, drink coffee with the girls, and discuss the irritating male specimen you married. Today we realize how stupid we were...so, don't smoke. And forget vaping, too. It looks like you are sucking on a USB stick.

RULE # 6: Do not walk through stores or the mall while singing, or even humming, tunes

from the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s. It's OK to do that when no one is around, but no sane bystander wants to hear "At the Hop," "Imagine," or "Night Fever" at Macy's.

RULE # 7: If you decide you want a tattoo, wait a few months before taking that step. And never get a tattoo if you have been drinking. You don't want to wake up and see a tattoo of Elvis or a nude Marilyn Monroe...or the name of some guy or girl you met at the bar...on your forehead.

RULE # 8: No leather pants. No denim shorts. No 80s giant sunglasses. No gold chains. No earrings longer than one inch. And please do not use Ban Roll-on or drench yourself in cologne or aftershave. The smell of talcum powder is not cool either. Ladies, stash those crazy sweatshirts with beads and embroidery, along with bright-colored tapered pants, in the closet. Those are for

Christmas Day only.

RULE # 9: This is the absolute FINAL RULE...Disregard all of the above. You made it this far. As the Smith-Barney commercial says, "You made 70 the old-fashioned way, you earrnnned it!" You are a survivor. Color your hair green, slap some Ban-Roll-On under your armpits, grab that funky sweatshirt (roll up the sleeves so people can see your Ann-Margret tattoo), put on your denim shorts, flip-flops, and shark tooth gold necklace, light up a Marlboro, and head to the Golden Corral while singing "Tutti-Frutti" all the way....Feels great, doesn't it? Oh, yeh...if some punk points out the chocolate icing on your chin, tell them to shove it.

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LINDEN From Page A1

The fair will include railroad exhibitors, railroad vendors, food vendors and much more. During the fair, the 1837 Norris 4-2-0 steam engine will run three trips -- 10:30 a.m., noon and 2:30 p.m. This is a chance of a lifetime to experience 1837 railroad transportation! The train fare is \$25 per person. It includes a gourmet

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