

➤ TODAY'S VERSE

Matthew 11:28 - 30 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

➤ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

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David Brock smiles for one of our roving photographers. Thank you for your smile, David!

➤ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Thanks to a crappy weather forecast, Sunday's 70th Anniversary Hoosier Hundred at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park has been postponed to Friday, May 26th - joining the Carb Night Classic. The Hoosier Hundred will now become a points-paying Silver Crown race and remain at the 100-mile, 146-lap distance on May 26th, featuring a winner's share of \$25,000 and a total purse of \$92,000. Pre-purchased tickets to the Hoosier Hundred will be good for admission at the Carb Night Classic presented by Protective Insurance. Pricing for Carb Night Classic tickets will remain unchanged, with general admission tickets available for \$25, reserved seats at \$35, and pit passes at \$35.

2 Federal disaster assistance has been made available to Hoosiers to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms, straight-line winds and tornadoes from March 31-April 1. FEMA said that this makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Allen, Benton, Clinton, Grant, Howard, Johnson, Lake, Monroe, Morgan, Owen, Sullivan and White counties. Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster. Residents who sustained losses in the designated areas can begin applying for assistance www.DisasterAssistance.gov, by calling (800) 621-3362 or by using the FEMA App.

3 "I love skating, but I am passionate about hula hooping," says 54-year-old Veronica Harris of Houston, TX. And so off she went and twirled her hula hoop while skating backwards for 33 minutes and one second right winning entry into the Guinness Book of World Records.

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Kiwanis President Jacob Moore and Dr. Linda Huck

Dr. Linda Huck Speaks To Crawfordsville Kiwanis

Dr. Linda Huck, Medical Director of Hospice and Palliative Care at Accent Care in Indianapolis spoke to the Crawfordsville Kiwanis club on Thursday 4-13-23. Dr. Huck, whose specialty is internal medicine addressed topics about the availability of hospice, the services provided, the purposes of hospice and who is eligible for hospice.

Hospice is a type of end-of-life care that provides support and comfort to patients with terminal illnesses. It is designed to improve the quality of life

for individuals who have been diagnosed with a life-limiting illness and have a prognosis of six months or less. Hospice is available to just about anyone, regardless of age, in the US who meets these conditions. Even infants have been in hospice. The hospice agency provides a bereavement service that follows the death for a period of 13 months.

Hospice works with a team of specialists including a Dr., a registered nurse, social work-

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An' the Gobble-uns 'll Git You...



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

When I was a small fry, my Dad would often recite a portion of the "Little Orphant Annie" James Whitcomb Riley poem before I went upstairs to bed...

"Wunst there was a little boy wouldn't say his prayers--An' when he went to bed at night, away upstairs, His Mammy heard him holler, an' his Daddy

heard him bawl, An' when they turn't the kivers down, he wuzn't there at all! An' they seeked him in the rafter-room, an' cubby-hole, an' press, An' seeked him up the chimby flue, an' ever'wheres, I guess; But all they ever found wuz thist his pants an' roundabout--An' the Gobble-uns 'll git YOU...ef you don't watch out!"

Of course, you might know my bedtime prayer was..."Now I lay me down to sleep; I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take." With goblins and the thought of possibly dying in my sleep on my mind, you can understand why I requested a night light!

Well, I can't totally blame Dad for me being frightened at night, because I did watch a few scary movies at the Sunshine Theater in Darlington.

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Garden / Art Tour Is Back

Coming Soon to the Crawfordsville community - it's the event that has been absent from the calendar for the past two years. The Flower Lovers Garden Club is back and has been preparing the 16th Garden / Art Tour with a delightful tour of nine beautiful gardens in Crawfordsville and the surrounding area.

The event is set for Sunday, June 25 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. The cost for the tour is \$12 per attendee to tour all nine gardens, with children 12 and under free.

Tickets are now available for cash or check at eight locations:
· Davidson Greenhouse 3247 E. Ladoga Rd. 364-0556
· ProGreen Garden Center 1000 Lafayette Ave. 362-9575
· Country Hearts & Flowers.

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JUMP Is Seeking Volunteers

The Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau, JUMP Program is currently seeking volunteers to mentor the youth of our community. The JUMP program matches adult volunteers with youth and they get together a minimum of 4 hours per month to hang out. The JUMP program even offers one free group activity per month to help out and allow the mentors and mentees a pre-planned activity. Everyone is busy with their lives but giving some time to help encourage a child can be a part of your everyday life. The children on the waiting list for the JUMP program don't expect to do extraordinary activities, they just want to spend some time with an adult who is there to listen and offer support. In fact, some of the best times and conversations happen during a run to the store or while doing everyday errands.

This article will profile one boy on the waiting list who would like to be matched with a male mentor or a couple mentoring together. Joel is 12 years old and lives in the North

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Today is.....
• Income Tax Pay Day
• Piñata Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1951 The European Coal and Steel Community, a precursor of the European Union, is established.
- 1906 A massive earthquake destroys San Francisco. About 3000 people died in the disaster. Over 80 percent of the city was destroyed by the quake and resulting fires.



Births On This Day
• 1964 Niall Ferguson Scottish historian
• 1971 David Tennant Scottish actor

Deaths On This Day
• 1955 Albert Einstein German/American physicist, Nobel Prize laureate
• 2012 Dick Clark American television host, producer, founded Productions

➤ HONEST HOOSIER

It's tax day. Do you know where your money is?



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➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Remove ticks by grasping them with tweezers as close to the skin surface as possible.

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

Timothy Joseph Pettice

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➤ TODAY'S QUOTE

"I'm proud to pay taxes in the United States. The only thing is, I could be just as proud for half the money."
Arthur Godfrey

➤ TODAY'S JOKE

A Notre Dame grad, a vegan and a liberal walk into a bar . . . we know, because they told us.

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OBITUARIES

Timothy Joseph Pettice

Feb. 27, 1990 – April 13, 2023

Timothy Joseph Pettice of Darlington passed away Thursday night at the age of 33.

“Joe” AKA “TJ” to his many friends, worked at Steel Tech and had just been hired on by Nucor. He was a mechanic who loved to work on cars and motorcycles and loved riding them. Riding his Harley was his happy place! He was an avid user of Facebook Marketplace, always wheeling and dealing. He loved his children and family most of all.



Born Feb. 27, 1990 in Danville, Illinois, he was the son of Timothy Gene Pettice and Robin Marcella Shirar Pettice. He attended Armstrong-Ellis High School in Armstrong, Illinois.

Surviving family includes: parents, Timothy Gene Pettice and Robin Marcella Pettice; four children, Colton Joseph Pettice, Conner Michael Pettice, Zoey May Pettice, Dylan Jean Pettice; three brothers, Christopher Daniel Pettice (Cheyenne) of Crawfordsville, Blake Allen Pettice (Katelyn) of Lafayette and Mitchell Emerson Pettice of Ladoga; little sister, Anna Jolynn Pettice, whom he protected at all cost and would drop everything any time she called his name!; grandparents, Richard Joseph Harvey of Alvin, Illinois, Deborah Lynn Harvey of Crawfordsville-Alvin, IL and Shirley Diane Pettice of Hoopston, Illinois; special companion, Stephanie, whom he cared for deeply; special childhood friend, Dylan Howie; mother of his children and best friend, Rebekah Kelly, whom he loved and respected very much; several nieces and nephews, with one special mention to the one he called his favorite, “Gracie,” although he loved them all!

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Dave Gene Pettice and an infant son, Timothy Gene Pettice, aunt, Rhonda Renee Morphew and his uncle, Troy Allen Shirar, who was his life-long mentor and biggest fan, whom he missed dearly.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Burkhardt Funeral Home, Crawfordsville. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Central Time (Noon Indiana Time) at the Mann’s Chapel Cemetery, south of Rossville, Illinois.

Online condolences may be made at www.BurkhardtFH.com.

Senior Golf Results

The Senior Golf League of Montgomery County was sizzling last week when two teams notched 8-under-par scores.

The foursome of Joe Noble, Ed Bayless, Damon Douglas and Steve Winningham were awarded first while the

group of Dick VanArsdel, Greg Simpson, Bud Wright and Jim Lee were second.

Proxys went to Noble on No. 2 and Brad Kenny on No. 11. And VanArsdel won long drive honors for a golf 80 or oder.

Ivy Tech Foundation Exceeds Day Of Giving Goal



IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ivy Tech Day – the first-ever Day of Giving for Ivy Tech Community College – brought alumni, students, and friends of the College together on Tuesday to celebrate 60 years of achievement and opportunity in Indiana. The 24-hour event also exceeded its goal with 1,839 gifts contributing \$241,685 that will provide for immediate student and programmatic needs across the state. The Foundation set a goal of 600 contributions to recognize Ivy Tech’s 60th anniversary this year.

The Ivy Tech’s campus in Lafayette received 73 contributions equaling \$13,777 in the first-time day of giving.

Several events across Indiana knitted together the state’s passion for the nation’s largest singly accredited community college – such as lighting downtown Evansville green, a commemorative Ivy Tech wine in Terre Haute, a “green scene” in downtown Muncie, and a Monument Circle lighting in downtown Indianapolis. Locally, the

Lafayette campus hosted several events on campus throughout the day to provide students, staff, community leaders, and friends of the College with a festive way to celebrate Ivy Tech and support the cause of student financial support. “The response underscores the importance of Ivy Tech to the State of Indiana,” said Sue Ellspermann, president, Ivy Tech Community College. “Our donors, alumni, students, employer partners, faculty and staff, and friends in the community demonstrated the collective passion people have for Indiana’s community college, and I am incredibly grateful to the many people and organizations who support our work.” Approximately 173,000 people attend Ivy Tech’s 19 campuses across Indiana. Last year, over 41,000 credentials and certifications were awarded, and 93 percent of those who graduate stay in the Hoosier State to pursue their careers. More than 50 challenge donations, ranging from

\$200 to \$10,000, were received during the day.

“Ivy Tech Day was about bringing people together across Indiana, and we are thrilled with the response of our communities and campuses,” added Courtney Roberts, Ivy Tech Foundation president. “Our college and communities work together to make Indiana a great place to live. More than 90 percent of our graduates stay in Indiana to pursue their careers, and they showed us this week how they make a real difference for Hoosiers.”

Ivy Tech was founded 60 years ago on March 15, 1963. Ivy Tech contributes \$3.9 billion annually to Indiana’s economy, including a net impact of \$3.6 billion from alumni working in the state. Eight of ten students who graduate from Ivy Tech do so without student debt.

Additionally, Ivy Tech: graduates more nurses with 2-year degrees than any college in the nation, and most stay in Indiana to pursue their careers.

contributes to 1 of every 70 jobs across Indiana. “We are incredibly grateful to our generous alumni, community partners, and friends across Indiana,” Roberts said. “Their spirit and enthusiasm made it a great day, and their commitment makes Ivy Tech a wonderful college for students in Indiana.”

About Ivy Tech Community College

Ivy Tech Community College is Indiana’s largest public postsecondary institution and the nation’s largest singly accredited statewide community college system, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Ivy Tech has campuses throughout Indiana and also serves thousands of students annually online. It serves as the state’s engine of workforce development, offering associate degrees, short-term certificate programs, industry certifications, and training that aligns to the needs of the community. The College provides seamless transfer to other colleges and universities in Indiana, as well as out of state, for a more affordable route to a Bachelor’s degree. Follow Ivy Tech on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn for the most up-to-date information.

About the Ivy Tech Foundation

The Foundation’s most important function is to provide support for Ivy Tech Community College beyond state appropriations and student fees. Its overall program of work focuses on meeting student needs. Invest IN Ivy Tech, a \$285 million statewide fundraising campaign, provides greater opportunity for each of the College’s 19 campuses to educate, train, and support all 92 of Indiana’s counties. Learn more at www.ivytech.edu/InvestIN IvyTech.

Letters

The Real People Behind Your Power

Dear Editor:

Sometimes it’s a snake, squirrel or other small critter that causes a short circuit and knocks out power. Other times, cars may take out the poles that support power lines. And most of us are familiar with the severe and even catastrophic weather events that can put us in the face of challenging, untimely and even dangerous circumstances.

We rely on electric-

ity to power our lives and it can be frustrating when it goes out. But no matter what the cause of an outage, lineworkers answer the call. These dedicated men and women mobilize to do jobs unlike any other – chasing storms, climbing poles, understanding the intricacies of power generation – being prepared no matter the circumstances.

They help keep our families, neighbors and communities safe

by keeping electricity flowing, fixing it when it goes out, and working on large-scale projects that are preparing the grid to be more resilient and resilient than ever before.

While the official day for National Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 18, lineworkers are valued and appreciated each day for the outstanding work they do safely and reliably serving customers. They are caretakers, emergen-

cy personnel and true community heroes. We appreciate those sacrifices and the dedication it takes to do a job that touches the lives of everyone and hope you will join us in recognizing that work.

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Gov. Holcomb, INDOT Kick Off 2023 Construction Season



Gov. Eric J. Holcomb

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb and the Indiana Department of Transportation today officially kicked off the 2023 construction season and shared the importance of work zone safety as road construction projects begin across the state.

INDOT Commissioner Mike Smith joined Capt. Ron Galaviz from Indi-



ana State Police, Indiana Constructors Inc. President Richard Hedgecock, contractors and industry partners near the Clear Path 465 construction zone on the northeast side of Indianapolis to mark the

seventh year of delivering Governor Eric J. Holcomb's Next Level Roads plan, which invests \$60 billion over 20 years to improve existing roads and finish major projects in Indiana.

"Indiana is stronger than ever when it comes to infrastructure," said Gov. Holcomb. "We're doing what we said we would do - maintaining what we have, continuing to deliver on projects like Clear Path and I-69 Finish Line, and planning for the future."

INDOT will deliver nearly 1,200 construction projects in 2023. When combined with preventative maintenance activities, the state is investing more than \$2.5 billion in infrastructure improvements this year alone.

As motorists travel across the Hoosier State, they can expect to encounter plenty of orange signs and barrels, as well as a number of safety measures to keep both drivers and road crews safe. INDOT will continue deploying back-of-queue warning

trucks, automated queue warning systems, and HAAS alert systems in work zones this year. The agency will also continue partnering with Indiana State Police and local law enforcement to patrol construction zones.

"We've come a long way, but there is more that can be done to make work zones safer," said INDOT Commissioner Mike Smith. "We all play a part in keeping work zones safe. With the number of projects happening this year, I cannot stress enough the importance of slowing down, avoiding distractions and paying attention to your surroundings on the road. We want everyone going home at the end of the day."

To prepare for construction, Indiana drivers are encouraged to "Know Be-

fore You Go" by visiting 511in.org or downloading INDOT's TrafficWise app to see real-time traffic conditions and construction project updates. Hoosiers can also view upcoming projects on INDOT's Next Level Roads Map. To report a roadway concern, call 855-INDOT4U or visit indot4u.com.

This week, INDOT is recognizing National Work Zone Awareness Week (April 17-21). Join the agency in promoting work zone safety by sharing messaging on social media and wearing orange or hi-vis gear on Wednesday, April 19. Drivers are reminded to slow down, avoid distractions and use extra caution in work zones. More information on work zone safety is available online at <http://workzonesafety.in.gov>.

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ergy impacting all the tissues, it just pulverizes the tissues, it liquefies organs, it destroys and pulverizes bones and muscles, it just leaves these horrific wounds that are almost unable to be treated because of how devastating they can be. Handguns simply don't carry that kind of energy. It just makes treating those patients so much more difficult."

Dr. Smith and his colleagues in Louisville and across the nation now routinely see this type of American carnage. "The amount of gun violence and the escalation that's happened over the 22-23 years since I have been out of medical school has just been unbelievable," he said. "This was somewhat isolated and on a downturn in the 1990s and the uptick of what we're seeing now is on a scale that has not been seen in this country, ever. That is what people need to understand. This is a public health crisis."

"We have to begin the discussion; we have to have the dialogues because there is no simple answer any longer," Smith said. "We have to be able to come up with complex solutions. I would simply ask you to do something because doing nothing, which is what we've been doing, is not working."

This epidemic of gun violence that has brought a low-grade war into American society. The Gun Violence Archive reports there have been 147 mass shootings in the U.S. so far this year (involving four or more victims) following Monday's rampage at an Old National Bank branch in Louisville. There have been 73 kids under age 11 killed and 164 injured. There have been 409 teenagers killed and 986 wounded.

There have been 16 police officers killed and 109 wounded.

As of April 12, the Gun Violence Archive reports there have been 11,757 gun deaths so far this year, including 5,025 homicides, and 6,732 suicides.

There have been 377 school shootings since the massacre at Columbine in 1999. Last year, there were 46 school shootings - more than any year since Columbine. A Pew Research Center analysis found that the number of children below the age of 18 who were killed by guns rose from 1,732 to 2,590 between 2019 and 2021 - a stunning increase of 50% in just two years.

A sizable share of American parents are worried about their kids getting shot. In a fall 2022 Pew Research Center survey, 22% of parents with children under 18 said they were extremely or very worried about any of their children getting shot at some point, while another 23% said they were somewhat worried.

These are siren symptoms of a sick society.

What can we do to stem this mayhem without violating the 2nd Amendment?

How about raising the gun purchasing age to 21 and preventing those who have a record of violent misdemeanors, alcohol abuse or domestic violence from purchasing? Or banning hollow-point bullets (the U.S. military prohibits them). Or reinstating the assault weapon ban? Or high-capacity magazines, which were never meant for civilian use? Or requiring steeper insurance premiums for guns, the way the industry does for flashy sports cars or homes with swimming

Pop Remembers



SLIM RANDES
Columnist

Billy's been a busy guy ever since he became the official town dog here. Sally had been the town dog until she passed away on Doc's porch, and then Billy's owner died just two weeks after that, so it was something of a natural progression. Sometimes offices are filled without an election.

The high school wood shop boys built Billy a dog house next to the school crossing, but Billy preferred Aunt Ada's couch in the cold months and a nice dog depression under an oak tree when it's warm.

Billy was making the rounds this morning. He had snacks at the Gates of Heaven Chinese café (back door, of course) and the Mule Barn truck stop, and conned a granola bar out of some kids just leaving the convenience store. Then he headed down the main street, turned right at the drug store, and ended up on the porch of The Rest of Your Life Retirement Home. A brief scratching and whining gave him access, and he cruised around, being petted and loved, until he found Pop Walker.

Pop can remember what happened in World War II right down to the mess hall menu, but he has a tough time with names and

whether he's had breakfast today or not.

"Uh ...?" Pop looked at the lady in the nurse's uniform.

"I'm Jean, Pop." "Oh sure ... Jean, okay if I go outside with the dog?"

"Only in the back yard, Pop. Okay?"

He grinned. "Okay." Pop and Billy walked around back there for a while, and Pop found a stick and threw it for Billy a few times. Then they went to a bench in the shade and Billy laid his head on Pop's knee and got some free ear rumples.

Pop looked down at the dog.

"I'm glad you came over today ... Billy," Pop said.

Pop remembers World War II, also.

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Connor Sturgeon, a former star athlete at Floyd Central High School, had just shot about a half dozen of his Old National Bank colleagues with his legally purchased AR-15 when he sat in the lobby and waited behind reflective glass for the cops to come. One of the first to respond was 26-year-old Louisville PD Officer Nickolas Wilt, a rookie working just his fourth shift after being sworn in on April 4.

Wilt was ambushed, taking an AR-15 round to his brain.

"They have him sedated. We are keeping our fingers crossed. It's just a wait and see," LaGrange Fire Chief Jim Sitzler told CNN. Wilt is a volunteer firefighter with the department. "Hopefully, he will recover enough where he can go to rehab. (Nick) is going to have a long road ahead of him but he's young."

When Dr. Jason Smith of the University of Louisville Medical Center was asked on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" about the difference between a wound created by an AR-15 as opposed to a Glock 9mm handgun, he responded, "There is simply no comparison. The energies and velocities of the bullets moving from a rifle are just devastating to the human body. That is what they were designed to do. The amount of en-

pools?

And then there are the societal costs that are largely unexplored.

As Hoosier legislators complain about a spike in property tax bills, not yet appearing in the conversation is the array of expensive steps taken to "harden" our schools and add school resource officers, borne by taxpayers. We have no idea what the collective price tag is.

In past eras, if a 23-year-old bank employee was fired, he might go on a bender or end his own life. On Monday, Connor Sturgeon took his AR-15, killed five people and injured eight (including three police officers), all while live streaming his massacre on Instagram.

If these atrocities persist, if this low-grade war on Americans continues without a government response, there will be political ramifications. If not in the coming 2024 election cycle, then when the generation of kids who have endured "active shooter drills" in school begin voting and running for office.

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You can also check out Crawfordsville Kiwanis at CrawfordsvilleKiwanis.club

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I loved westerns and the Ma and Pa Kettle movies, but in 1955, when I was 7 years old, I watched my first science fiction movie, "Tarantula," which was about a 100-ft. tall spider that devours people. The next day, when I was mushroom hunting in the woods located about a half mile behind our house, I just knew that damn giant tarantula was coming after me...and I ran all the way to the house as fast as I could!

I didn't go to any more scary movies until two years later, when I saw "The Incredible Shrinking Man." After being enveloped by a strange fog which changes his molecular structure, main character Scott Carey starts to shrink in size...gradually to child size, then to doll size, then so tiny that he lives in a matchbox. Could that really happen? I had Dad measure me the next day. He proclaimed that I had shrunk a half-inch! Oh my God!...Well, thanks, Dad, for causing paranoia again in a small child!

That same year, in 1957, I watched "The Deadly Mantis," a movie about a 200-ft long preying mantis that had been trapped in the Arctic ice for millions of years and now enjoyed munching on humans. At the age of 9, I now realized that this could not happen. After the movie was over, however, some boys caught three real preying mantises in the library bushes nearby and released them in the drug store. All of us kids...even the

high school girls, were screaming and hiding under the booths! I still can't stand to look at those creepy-looking insects.

One of the most frightening movies that I watched was "The Fly," which came out in 1958. The plot was about a transporter science experiment which goes wrong, with the scientist having the head and arm of a fly. I wasn't too afraid until the very end, when a fly, with the scientist's head and arm, is discovered trapped in a spider web...screaming "Help me! Help me!" I did not sleep very well that night! Whoever said, "you are afraid of a fly" was correct!

That same year I also watched "Attack of the 50-ft. Woman," which was about an alcoholic woman who encounters an alien spacecraft and is exposed to radiation. She becomes a giant (albeit an attractive, scantily clad beauty dressed only in bed linens), and seeks revenge on her philandering husband and his mistress. This movie made me wonder if I should still stick my feet in the shoe department X-ray machine at Dellekamp's store in Crawfordsville. Although my Dad wore a size 10 shoe, I ended up with size 13 feet. I blame radiation on that. I also learned that it would not be wise for a husband to have an affair if his wife was 50-ft. tall and drank excessively.

The last horror movie I watched at the Sunshine theater was also in 1958... "The Blob," starring Steve McQueen.

The "blob" was a giant red bundle of slime which trapped, covered, and chemically absorbed humans, becoming larger after each "meal." I wasn't afraid of it because I just knew I could outrun that gooey thing. It could not be killed, but eventually the military was able to freeze it and transport it to the Arctic...no longer dangerous as long as the Arctic remains cold. Well, with people now claiming climate change is warming the earth, we may be in trouble yet.

The Sunshine theater closed in 1959 when I was a fifth-grader. Since then I have watched very few horror movies. When I watched "The Exorcist" in 1973, and the main character Regan MacNeil (played by Linda Blair) vomited and turned her head all the way around, that did it for me. I'm done!

Well, some people love horror movies. Not me... "Hoosiers," "High Noon," "Grease," and "Forrest Gump" suit me just fine. Throw in an occasional 1930's or 40's love story or musical every so often, and I'm good! But I miss the old theater. It was a special time in my childhood. And guess what? I recited the Little Orphant Annie poem to all four of my kids. Serves 'em right for being born into a nutty family!

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 32 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

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district. Joel lives with a single parent. He loves animals of all kinds

and is also into baking, cooking, watching tv and going to plays. He likes doing puzzles and drawing/craft projects. He also enjoys swimming. If Joel could do anything he wanted, he would go to the movies and eat at the Golden Corral. He states he is good at math and at building stuff. Joel says he would like a mentor to get him out of the house and to do fun things.

He is home schooled so he is limited in social activities and would love to have someone special to hang out with on a regular basis. He is not really into sports but would like to practice hitting a ball with a bat and go swimming if he had a mentor. He is limited in his ability to

walk long distances due to some health issues but still likes getting out and doing fun things. The JUMP program offers several activities per year that include swimming at the high school, going to a water park and a family fun day at Milligan park pool so swimming would be an easy activity to provide.

Joel's mom describes him as very intelligent and a loving, caring child. He does like video games but mom limits his time on them. He enjoys building things with Legos and really likes anything to do with art. His mom would like to see Joel improve on his social skills and have another trusted adult in his life.

Jill Hampton, JUMP Program Manager states, "Joel is a very interesting

child and is open and upfront with his thoughts and feelings. He is a sweet kid and would be great with a male mentor or a married couple."

Joel would be a great kid to be matched but he does have some special needs as far as his social skills are concerned.

If you feel like this is someone you would like to spend time with and do fun things, give Jill Hampton, the JUMP Program Manager a call at 362-0694 ext. 103. Or email jill@mcysb.org. To learn more about the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau, visit www.mcysb.org or visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcysb.org.

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