

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Micah 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

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➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Share your love of the outdoors with a child during Kids to Parks (KTP) Day on Saturday, May 20. It's a national day of outdoor play designed to connect kids and families with local, state, and national parks. Gov. Eric Holcomb declared May 20 as Kids to Parks Day in Indiana and signed an official proclamation that acknowledges the important initiative to "encourage kids and empower families to get outdoors and visit America's parks."

2 "Special Counsel Durham's report is thorough and damning: the Russia collusion investigation was a hoax from the get-go, was based on uncorroborated intel that was never corroborated, and should never have been opened. Media outlets and politicians that spread these baseless lies should issue retractions and apologies, and the politicizing of our justice system has to end." - Senator Mike Braun

3 LeBron James lived up to the expectations of his fans early in the 2023 NBA Playoffs. He led the Los Angeles Lakers in upending the NBA champion Golden State Warriors on May 12, a day after one of his more ardent fans had barber Miguel Rosas, Director at New Style Hair Academy in Moline, IL, carve a good luck likeness of LeBron in the hair on the back of his head. It took Rosas two hours to create his masterpiece. There are those who might say that it did the trick and helped LeBron score 30 points, nine rebounds and nine assists for the Lakers.

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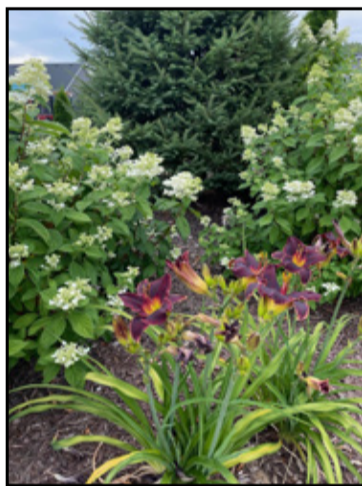
Our informal landscaping reflects our love for nature. After living in the Black Hills of South Dakota for 18 years, we both wanted to be surrounded by trees and rocks. Welcome to our Gardens.

Landscape Architect Lee Eggleston was able to incorporate our desire for rolling mounds, trees, shrubbery, and rocks in the plan for our gardens, established 4 years ago. You will see Serbian Spruce, Norway Spruce, Imperial Honey Locust, Green Weeping Japanese Maple, Weeping Redbud, Arborvitae, Sugar Maple, Flowering Dogwood, Jayne Magnolia, and Globe Blue Spruce.

Throughout the garden mounds are perennials of Fountain Grass, several varieties of Lilies, Variegated Madden Grass, Hosta, Moonbeam Coreopsis, and Cat Mint.

As you approach our home, you are greeted by a statue of a deer in the front garden and another deer is near the exit of our gardens.

All of the white quartz came from our property in South Dakota. We have added interesting pieces of yard art. One being a



penguin made from old motorcycle parts that was a gift from a dear friend.

For added interest during your walk through our gardens, we have a local Harpist, Taylor Mermound to perform her music. You will be able to observe, Crawfordsville High School Student/ Artist Elli Jeffries painting a floral picture. Both musician and artist will be on the back portico over looking the gardens.

Elli's floral painting will be raffled at the conclusion of the Garden Walk. Raffle Tickets will be available for \$1.00 each as you exit the Corey Gardens.

Timmons Wages Battle Between Good, Evil



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents
Like a lot of you, I'm at the age where sleeping through the night is an elusive commodity. It's not that I have trouble falling asleep. I'm usually lucky that way. It's just I don't stay asleep.

The biggest issue is going to the bathroom. On a good night,

that may only happen once or twice. On others, well, I've lost count.

And far too many times, when I wake up - whether it's 2 in the morning or 5, I can't go back to sleep. I just can't. Most of my work days then start before the sun comes up for that very reason.

A few years ago I was interviewing former Crawfordsville mayor (and football coach) Glenn Knecht. He was in his

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Art on Thursday - June 8th - Linoleum Printing



Linocut is a relief block printmaking technique using linoleum as a matrix. An image is cut into the top surface of the linoleum with a gouge or graver. The surface is inked and printed onto paper or fabric using a baren or press. Areas that are raised print. Areas in the block that are cut away do not print. Relief block printmaking also includes woodcut and wood engraving which were first used in Medieval China to create religious texts (sutras).

The artform appeared in Western Europe during the Renaissance. The most famous relief prints are by the German Albrecht Durer who illustrated stories from the Bible. Linoleum is sometimes chosen over wood because it's cheaper in price and easier to cut. Picasso used linoleum in many of his abstract

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We Need More Stories Across Boundaries



The League of Women Voters, Open to men as well as women, is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the Montgomery County LWW, visit: www.lwvmtcoinc.org or message to LWW, PO Box 101, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

Story has a way of worming sideways into a situation, its insights unfold and illuminate what had been confusing or unresolved. Story can unify people, literally. When doctors scanned brains of people listening to the same story simultaneously, the same centers in the brain lit up as the story progressed.

The problem with story when introducing a column written in the third person, is that personal

stories are excluded, and retelling another person's tale may lead to copyright issues. Today, we'll need to protect copyright and privacy, so I'll venture into the first person.

But the story starts with first wondering, is there a story to tell? All good narratives begin with characters who venture out of their comfort zone, usually in want of something and enter into an unfamiliar situation where they face some level of discomfort to which they must adapt. They may get what they want and may pay a high price for it before they return to their safe place changed. What happens when the character doesn't have to leave their comfort zone for what they want?

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Did you hear that on the west coast, the Seattle airport is offering mushroom coffee "to ease the stress of traveling." Let's hope the pilots don't drink it before flying.



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➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Police Officer's Breakfast

The Neighborhood Cafe will be hosting a Police Breakfast for all active duty and retired police officers on June 20, at 9:30 a.m. Contact Gary Bell by June 15 to RSVP. 765-366-3688

➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

In addition to keeping track of what you eat, also determine how and why you eat to try and find ways to cut back.

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.



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Old people shouldn't eat health foods. They need all the preservatives they can get." -Robert Orben

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Why can't pigs race in the Indy 500? They hog the road.

➔ OBITUARIES

Randall Stuckey

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



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OBITUARIES

Randall Stuckey

May 8, 1943, Thursday, May 11, 2023

Randall Stuckey, 80, passed away on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at home with his family at his side. Randall was born on May 8, 1943 to the late Maynard and Bernice (Luginbill) Stuckey in Decatur, Indiana. He married Janet (Thompson) Stuckey on August 28, 1965, and they spent 54 years together until her passing in 2019.



Randall was a graduate of South Adams High School and Purdue University. He was an engineer for various companies. His greatest accomplishment during his career was assisting with the technology used in the Stealth Bomber. Randall enjoyed woodworking, trading and following the stock market and gardening. He was always ready to accept a challenge and loved helping people.

Randall is survived by his 2 children, Jeff Stuckey and Kimberly Stuckey; 4 grandchildren, Tressa Gordon (Levi Shearer), Samantha Gordon, Finnegan Stuckey and Mary Stuckey; great-grandson, Landon Burris; and siblings, Debra Bohnke (Eric) and John Stuckey.

Cremation was chosen with a private family gathering with details to be shared on the family member's Facebook pages. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

How To Enhance Your Home's Outdoor Living Spaces

(StatePoint) With warm weather here, it's time to make the most of your home's outdoor living spaces.

"Whether you want to beautify your landscaping or add elements to your patio that will help you entertain, using manufactured stone veneer is a smart, on-trend choice," says James Alpeter, stone marketing manager at ProVia. "A versatile and charming alternative to brick, high-quality manufactured stone looks natural, but can be installed much more quickly and affordably than the real thing."

Project Ideas

As you mull over your plans, consider these three manufactured stone project ideas, all of which will boost the beauty and functionality of your outdoor living spaces:

1. Outdoor kitchens. Manufactured stone allows you to think well beyond a simple grill by building a complete outdoor kitchen. Depending on your budget and goals you may include a prep space, a sink, refrigeration and storage, and go for more niche features like a pizza oven. No matter how you choose to build this space out one thing is certain, you will be creating an instant room-like area to gather for conversation and laughter, or to relax after a long day of work.

2. Outdoor hearths. Enjoy the warmth and ambiance of flames on cool summer nights with an outdoor hearth, which can provide a stunning, one-of-a-kind focal point, whether it's connected to the home or part of your backyard patio. Imagine having friends over for hot mulled cider and s'mores or snuggling up in front of the fire under a star-lit sky. For maximum comfort, treat this space as you would your family room, adding outdoor-grade couches, cushions and rugs.

3. Landscaping. Have you ever dreamed of having a water feature in your backyard that would pro-

vide a habitat for koi fish or local wildlife? Is it time to take your garden to the next level? Manufactured stone is ideal for a range of elegant landscaping applications, from surrounds for a small backyard fish pond to raised planting beds to retaining walls.

Selecting Materials
Manufactured stone is as versatile and authentic-looking as natural stone, offering endless options to tailor your project to your unique aesthetic. Stone profiles range from the classic shape and texture of limestone to the irregular and imperfect look of ledgerstone to the layered and precise fit of dry stack stone. They also come in various hues, so you can go for a warm, cozy feel or a sleek and striking look.

For the true depth and character of natural stone, just be sure to select materials inspired by nature itself. The process at ProVia, for example, starts with trained stone masons who select stones from nature to create the casts used to build their molds, and who pay careful attention to the contours and varying hues of natural stone. With ProVia, you'll also have the opportunity to select the grout color, which is a factor that should not be overlooked.

"Contrasting grout colors can be used to intensify the overall look while complementary grout colors can soften it. Selecting a grout color that mimics the dominant color of your stone can help blend materials into a near-seamless palette," says Alpeter.

Look before you leap with the brand's Stone and Grout Visualizer tool, found at www.provia.com/stone/grout-visualizer/. For additional design inspiration, visit www.provia.com/stone/applications/.

This season, consider outdoor projects that will not only extend your home's outdoor living spaces, but add elegance and charm while you're at it.

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Hoosier AG Todd Rokita Pushes Back On Trans-Sanity

Attorney General Todd Rokita is demanding the U.S. Department of Education treat Hoosier girls and women with greater respect by stopping efforts to open female sports teams to biological males.

"These leftist bureaucrats are hellbent on rewriting sex to mean gender identity," Rokita said. "Codifying this trans-sanity would destroy 50 years of progress toward protecting the rights of girls and women under Title IX."

This week, Rokita led a 17-state letter to U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona protesting the

Biden administration's assault on women's sports.

"I am grateful to these states, led by powerful attorneys general, for standing up to this woke-leftist trans-sanity," Rokita said.

After successfully obtaining a court injunction against earlier administration efforts to weaken Title IX through administrative "guidance," the letter states, the attorneys general are prepared to continue their fight in defense of girls' sports.

In 2022, the Indiana General Assembly passed legislation to protect female athletes from being forced to compete against

biological males with natural athletic advantages. Attorney General Rokita strongly supported the measure, which remains in effect, and has defended it in court.

The White House would use the new federal rules to nullify such state laws, Rokita said.

"The Left's assault on women's rights would undo the very protections for which Title IX was created and that we in Indiana have fought to maintain," Rokita said. "These elitist-driven proposals would harm regular Hoosiers just wanting fairness for girls and women."

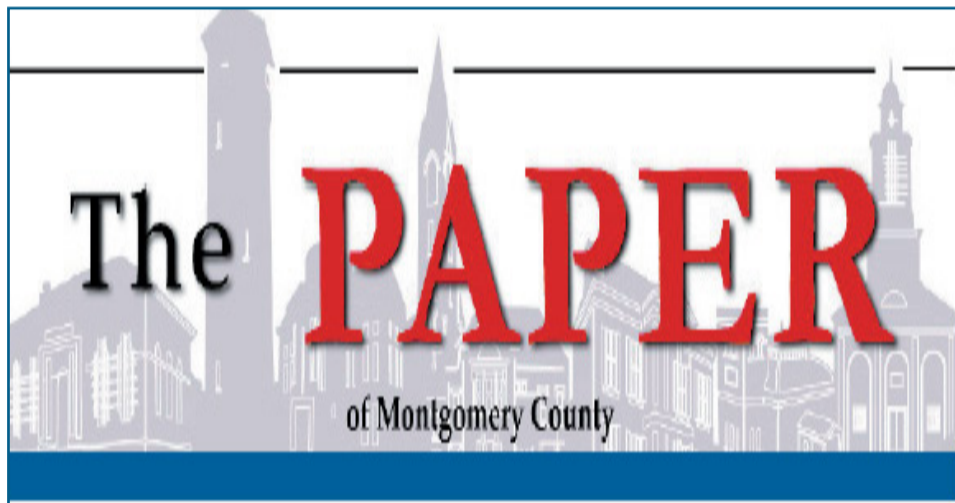
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 The fund will be provided for by a property tax rate of \$0.0500 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of taxable real and personal property within the taxing unit beginning in 2023 payable 2024 and thereafter, continuing until reduced or rescinded.
 25 or more taxpayers in the taxing unit who will be affected by the tax rate and corresponding levy may file a petition with the Montgomery County Auditor not later than noon 30 days after the publication of this Notice setting forth their objections to the proposed cumulative fund. Upon the filing of the petition, the County Auditor shall immediately certify the same to the Department of Local Government Finance, at which point the Department will fix a date for and conduct a public hearing on the proposed cumulative fund before issuing its approval, disapproval, or modification thereof.
 Dated this 4th day of May, 2023
 Darlington Town Council

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54D02-2206-MF-000449, wherein Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper was Plaintiff and Michael Reinken, et al., were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 14th day of June, 2023 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, 600 Memorial Dr., Crawfordsville, IN 47933, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana:
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 By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54C01-1503-MF-000237, wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association was Plaintiff, and Brian Nulf was the Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on June 14, 2023, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 600 Memorial Drive, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana.
 Lots numbered 7, 8, 9, 10, and the north half of lot 11, in Block numbered 2, as the same are known and designated on the Recorded Plat of Clark's Addition to the town of Waynetown, in Montgomery County, Indiana.
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New Research Underscores Widespread, Pandemic-Fueled Learning Loss In Indiana

By Casey Smith
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Indiana students lost nearly six months of learning in math and over four months in reading as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to new research from Harvard and Stanford universities.

The new Education Recovery Scorecard released last week offers the first comparable view of district-level learning loss that occurred in Indiana between 2019 and 2022.

A new interactive map shows that data for individual districts varies widely, with many districts' achievement losses amounting to almost an entire year in math. New research also further confirms the pandemic widened disparities in achievement between high- and low-poverty schools.

The results underscore continued concerns expressed by Hoosier lawmakers and state education officials about learning loss — especially among some of the state's youngest students. Last year's IREAD scores showed roughly one in five Hoosier third graders can't read proficiently.

Other Spring 2022 tests showed that 30.2% of Hoosier students in grades 3-8 passed both the math

and English sections of ILEARN. While the standardized test results were a slight increase compared to 2021, passing scores trailed 8 percentage points behind 2019's pre-pandemic pass rates.

Key findings from the research
Researchers at the Center for Education Policy Research at Harvard University and Stanford University's Educational Opportunity Project used 2022 data from the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), as well as Indiana's publicly reported district proficiency rates on their Spring 2022 assessments.

Their analysis found that Indianapolis Public School District students experienced nearly eight months of math learning loss and over five months of reading learning loss.

Meanwhile, Carmel Clay School District students experienced about three months in math learning loss and four months in reading learning loss.

In Monroe County, Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corporation students experienced nearly a full year in math learning loss and over seven months in reading learning loss. The small

district serves approximately 2,700 students, according to Indiana's Graduates Prepared to Succeed (GPS) dashboard.

The larger Monroe County Community School Corporation — which enrolls more than 10,000 kids — experienced just over four months of student learning loss in math and less than four months in reading.

In Lake County, River Forest School Corporation students experienced nearly eleven months in math learning loss and nearly six months in reading learning loss. Nearby Hobart School City District students fared slightly better, experiencing just under five months in math learning loss and four-and-a-half months in reading learning loss.

South Bend Community School Corporation students experienced some of the state's worst learning loss — nearly an entire year in math and over a school year in reading. Students in the neighboring Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation lost just over three months of math learning and less than four months in reading.

Researchers emphasized that changes in achievement scores impact later life outcomes, including

lifetime earnings, educational attainment incarceration and arrest rates.

The estimated loss in lifetime earnings per Hoosier student is \$15,150 as a result of pandemic-related learning interruptions. When multiplied by the number of public school students enrolled in the state, the aggregate loss in lifetime earnings is more than \$15.5 billion.

How Indiana compares
Harvard and Stanford research indicates that the median U.S. public school students in grades 3-8 lost the equivalent of a half-year of learning in math and a quarter of a year in reading.

That means that in Spring 2022, students were about six months behind students in the same grade in Spring 2019.

Nationally, 8% of students were in districts that lost more than a year of learning in math, while 3% were in districts where math achievement actually rose.

Lawmakers send more help

Many states and districts — including those across Indiana — continue to use their portion of the \$190 billion in federal COVID-19 aid to add tutoring and summer school and extended days.

But researchers cautioned that many of those efforts are not yet large enough to fully address the learning loss that has occurred.

State lawmakers passed multiple new bills in the 2023 legislative session as part of an ongoing effort to reverse learning loss and increase academic proficiency.

That included House Bill 1638, which allows current high school students to retake classes they took online during the pandemic for a better grade. Students are eligible if the new course is the same subject matter, not virtual and at the same school.

A separate GOP-led effort will also require schools to use "science of reading" curricula approved by the Indiana Department of Education by fall of 2024.

The phonics-based literacy approach incorporates phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Education experts say it gives students the skills to "decode" any word they don't recognize.

The state is also banning schools using the "three-cueing model," which encourages students to make educated guesses at words using context clues. The model has been

largely disproven by cognitive scientists but is still used by schools in Indiana and around the country.

The science of reading shift will be paid for from a \$111 million fund created late last year by the state and the Lilly Endowment, which donated \$60 million to K-12 science of reading efforts and \$25 million to teacher preparation programs. The state has chipped in \$26 million from the state's federal COVID relief dollars.

Additionally, Indiana's next biennial budget adds up to \$20 million in each of the next two years for education department's efforts on science of reading.

Individual school districts can also apply for grants from the department for literacy coaches, textbooks and lessons, teacher and administrator training or giving students extra reading help with tutoring or summer programs.

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dents can go to Walmart, the library, and the gas station, and work with people who look like themselves and share some memories about the Strawberry Festival or high school. Many of us were born here and will live most of our lives here. We don't realize that the homogeneity we experience day to day is the product of a social practice that siloed us.

I didn't. I grew up near Fort Wayne and spent the first decade of my life in a trailer court where every single resident was White. I learned from the oldest grandson of the owner, a man who prided himself on running the "classiest" mobile home park in the state, that every adult who leased space was interviewed in person to ensure the community remained exclusively White. Because I was homeschooled, I had no chance to encounter people of color, as did other kids when they went to school each day.

There's a term for the practice enacted around me during those years. It's "Whites Only," or "Sundown community," about which sociologist James Loewen wrote in his book *Sundown Towns*. Indiana and Illinois were the cradle of such practices from the early 1900s. Officially Fort Wayne was not one of 300+ hundreds of Hoosier towns that passed ordinances or policed people of color out of its borders by nightfall. - For context, Indiana has about 570 municipalities, so the majority of them were a sundown town at one time. - yet people living in the trailer court enforced the "sundown" code, even though it was illegal in the 1980's when I lived there. A mob once formed late on a Saturday night when someone from the adjacent neighborhood walked through after dark. They claimed "a Black person with a butcher knife" was roaming our streets. When they came to our door to pull my father into the mob, he talked them into disbanding and going home.

So there is a reason that I first lacked a compelling tale with which to lead this column. Growing up in constructed "Whites Only" spaces robbed many of us of rich friendships and great memories across America's beautiful subcultures.

About five percent of our county population is now Latino, just over one percent is Black, and nearly one percent is Asian or Indian. They're not always visible, in part because they tend to live in pockets on the edge of town, as Agata Szczeszak-Brewer, co-chair of Humans United for

Equality Immigrant Allies group, noted in her Lunch with League presentation on April 29.

Szczeszak-Brewer, an English professor at Wash College, who is also foreign-born, began the Immigrant Allies group with HUE to help out the more than 1000 foreign-born people living in Montgomery County. They have left their comfort zone in want of something - safety, a better job, access to health-care or education. They feel the discomfort and pay the price that comes with moving to another country and culture. Each time they walk out of their homes, they leave their comfort zone again. And, they face a unique hurdle: because they're immigrants, they may not yet have a license to drive. The LWVMC has previously written on the acute problem that is the lack of public transportation in Crawfordsville and the county.

Immigrant Allies is tackling a solution. They wrote and received a small grant to seed a rideshare initiative that will bring people of all backgrounds together. They're hosting meetings with stakeholders to explore whether a rideshare model akin to Lyft would solve the needs of anyone without a car. Szczeszak-Brewer believes we'd reap the additional benefit of building community trust because people from different groups would engage with and get to know one another. They hope it will build trust.

Truthfully, I have collected more anecdotes recently - tales of neighborly kindness that impact my family, my block, and the city - ramshackle houses being refurbished, neighbors mowing lawns of single mothers, shared garden goods for the good stuff. Also targeting that puts lives and safety at risk, on the negative side. Some incidents were mentioned at the Lunch with the League. They indicate the possibility of trust, though in most stories, the acts of kindness are from the immigrants towards long-term residents here. What we need, along with public transportation solutions, is a community-wide intention to build trust. It starts with leaving our comfort zone.

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80s and had some health issues. After a coughing spell he looked at me and paraphrased the old Bette Davis line, getting old is not for sissies.

Amen, brother. So it was the other day that I opened my eyes and was surprised to see the bedroom wasn't dark. I looked at my watch and it said 6:58 - and even though my bladder was screaming at me to hurry along, I stayed in bed for two more minutes . . . just so I could say I didn't get up until 7.

Hey, we take little victories where we can get them.

But this victory was tainted. I did not go to bed at the normal 8 or 9 the night before and stay there all night. Not at all. For this night, you see, was marred by an intruder sneaking into our bedroom well after midnight. My wife let out a small shriek that woke me up and to our horror, we found ourselves staring at the trespasser - a bat.

Before you pooh-pooh our terror, let's take three facts into consideration.

- Bats can transmit rabies - and should one bite you and get away, rabies shots are next.

- According to the CDC, bats are the leading cause of rabies deaths in the U.S.

- Bats can turn into vampires.

OK, OK, maybe the last one isn't so much a fact, but hey, it's a weird world out there today. You can't be too careful.

This is the third time a bat has gotten in and, I'm not sure how, but it has been my job to get the creepy things out.

Did I mention the vampire thing?

Listen, you might be laughing, but I spent hours upon hours in the Diana Theater watching Christopher Lee, Bela Lugosi, Peter Cushing and others transform from a creepy flying thing into creepy standing things. And it was always the poor schmuck who laughed it off that got killed first.

No one can accuse me of not learning a thing or two growing up.

I shook the cobwebs off, grabbed a broom and started flailing away. I

managed to get the thing out of our bedroom and into the living room. The only problem was the ceilings are higher out there - and the . . . danged thing landed on the wall near the ceiling - far out of my reach. (As if further proof was needed to prove it is an unholy creature from hell - it sat on a vertical wall. I mean c'mon, it has little claws, fur, flies and can sit on a wall.)

I was going to try to throw a pillow at it, but my wife reminded me that whether I hit it or not, the pillow would likely hit the TV.

Just as we were debating the accuracy of my pillow throwing, the bat swooped off the wall and flew straight at my face. For a brief moment, we were eye to eye, locked in mortal combat. He knew the broom meant his death and I knew he wanted to bite into my jugular and cause mine.

It's that moment where men's souls are tried and found equal to the task at hand, or wanting.

I dropped the broom and dove behind the couch.

But 1, Tim 0.

So went our struggle until finally, the broom and bat connected. I didn't kill it - stun was more likely. With thick fireplace gloves on, I scooped him up and threw him outside where he flew up into a tree - no doubt ready to pounce upon his next unwitting victim.

Of course I couldn't go back to sleep right away. Who could? The adrenaline of the war between good and evil we just waged was pumping through my veins. I decided to read - and realized the book on my nightstand was by Stephen King.

Not a help.

I finally did get back to sleep and remained there until 7 a.m. I did not get up once during that period. So all in all, sleeping in until 7? The bat might've been worth it.

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Young Pays Tribute To Hoosier World War II Veteran Marion "Wayne" Saucerman

Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) spoke on the Senate floor about the life and legacy of Corporal Marion "Wayne" Saucerman, a World War II Marine veteran from Indiana.

While serving at Iwo Jima, Corporal Saucerman earned the Purple Heart after being shot three times by the enemy. When the war ended, he returned home to Indiana, where he lived and worked until he passed away on May 2.

In his remarks, Young expressed gratitude for Saucerman and all World War II veterans for their service.

Senator Young's full remarks, as prepared for delivery:

Corporal Marion "Wayne" Saucerman graduated from Dugger High School in Sullivan County in 1943.

Two days later he was a Marine, a decision he made after he listened to reports of the attack on Pearl Harbor over the family radio in 1941.

He was ready to fight. And he did, with great valor.

In a year he went from rural western Indiana to the volcanic beaches of Iwo Jima, as part of an elite sniper platoon in the 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division.

As they approached the shore, the battle was so fierce the Marines could barely make out the smoke-shrouded island.

Days after landing, Corporal Saucerman and his 30-man platoon reached the front lines. Only 10 returned.

While Corporal Saucerman did not raise the Stars and Stripes on Mount Suribachi, he could see it waving high in the distance from his position down the shoreline.

That American flag would not have flown over

the island had Corporal Saucerman and his brother marines not been there fighting for it.

Weeks later, leading an operation to flush out Japanese riflemen hidden deep in caves, Wayne was hit three times by enemy fire: a bullet to the right hand and two more in the left leg, one of which he carried the rest of his life.

The Purple Heart was Corporal Saucerman's award for his bravery at Iwo Jima; the bullet in his leg was a reminder of his service there.

The sacrifices of those Marines and Sailors on Iwo Jima, men like Wayne Saucerman, saved the lives of 24,000 American air crewmen from a perilous fate in the waters of the Pacific and changed the tide of World War II.

And then they came home, they built communities, they raised families, and they continued to make history.

For 35 years, Corporal Saucerman worked at Allison Transmission in Indianapolis, helping build the machines that took Americans across highways, into the air, and to the moon.

Mr. President, Corporal Saucerman passed away on May 2. He was 97.

I rise to give tribute to a life well-lived, in both heroic service to his country and dedicated service back home, with great love for family and friends. And to a Hoosier who was, in return, greatly loved.

His passing is a reminder that the ranks our World War II veterans daily grows thin.

They saved civilization by simply doing their duty.

In what time we have, with what poor power we have, let us never forget or cease to thank them for doing so.

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