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➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 119:89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. (KJV)

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Lily, Doris (Owner) and Kimberly of the Breakfast Club offered one of our roving photographers winning smiles while accepting their Readers' Choice 2023 Award. Thank you for your smiles!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Governor Eric J. Holcomb is directing flags to be flown at half-staff in the State of Indiana in honor and remembrance of Indiana State Trooper Aaron N. Smith who was killed in the line of duty. Flags should be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset on Friday, July 7. Gov. Holcomb is asking businesses and residents in Indiana to lower their flags to half-staff.

2 A national leader in creating tomorrow's innovators in STEM disciplines such as motorsports engineering, Purdue University is announcing a full-season partnership with the Superstar Racing Experience (SRX). Coming off the recent launch of Purdue University in Indianapolis, Purdue's first comprehensive urban campus, the iconic Boilermaker gold and black will adorn the race car shared by Indianapolis sports icons Tony Kanaan and Helio Castroneves.

3 Robbee Wedow, an assistant professor of sociology and data science in Purdue University's College of Liberal Arts, an adjunct assistant professor of medical and molecular genetics in the Indiana University School of Medicine, and Purdue's inaugural faculty-in-residence at AnalytIX-IN/16 Tech in Indianapolis, maps miles of genes for insights into how genetics interacts with social forces and environments. He uses genetic databases to study how tiny bits of genes called single nucleotide polymorphisms, or SNPs, affect complex, overarching traits including sexual behavior, educational attainment, socioeconomic status, health behaviors and more.

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Stock The Trailer Food Drive Event



ABBY MORGAN
Purdue Extension Office

There are many leadership development opportunities offered through the Montgomery County 4-H program but one that is newer but hit the ground running is our Montgomery County 4-H Junior Livestock Board. This group of teens look to provide educational opportunities for their peers regarding livestock and look for ways to give back to the community. New for this year, the Montgomery County 4-H Junior Livestock Board is excited to partner with Farm Credit Mid-America to host a Stock the Trailer event during the 2023 Montgomery County 4-H Fair. This project will start July 11th and conclude at the end of fair week on July

20th. Stock the Trailer is a community-wide food drive to help meet the needs of those in our community. We understand that there are many locally that are in need of food items, as our own local FISH Food Pantry reports that on average they have 50-60 visitors a day. We also know that Montgomery County's food insecurity rate is 12.6%, which is 15.6% higher than the national average. All food items collected during the week of the fair will stay local and be donated to Montgomery County food banks. At the end of fair week, we will weigh the food items donated and report that number to representatives at Farm Credit Mid-America. There will be cash prizes for counties that place 1st-3rd.

We invite all community members to help in this effort by donating non-perishable food items during the following dates and times. Our 4-H Junior Livestock Board mem-

bers will be present to help you unload items and load them into their trailer.

- July 11 from 5-7:30 pm
- July 13 from 8-10:30 am
- July 14 from 3:30-7:30 pm
- July 15 from 10:30 am-8 pm
- July 16 from 9:30am-12 pm; 4:30-7 pm
- July 17- July 19 from 5-8 pm
- July 20 from 5:30-7 pm

We live in such a generous community and know you will help us in our efforts in collecting non-perishable food items to donate to our local pantries. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Montgomery County Extension office at (765)364-6363.

- Abby Morgan is the 4-H Youth Development Educator at the Montgomery County Purdue Extension Office. She can be reached at asweet@purdue.edu or 765-364-6363.

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:24 a.m.
SET: 9:20 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 84 °F
Low: 64 °F

Today is...

- Chocolate Day
- Comic Sans Day
- Tell the Truth Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1981 Sandra Day O'Connor is appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court.
- 1958 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs the Alaska Statehood Act into law.
- 1947 Roswell UFO sighting.

Births On This Day

- 1907 Robert A. Heinlein American writer
- 1906 Satchel Paige American baseball player

Deaths On This Day

- 1930 Arthur Conan Doyle Scottish physician, author American musician, songwriter, producer
- 1307 Edward I of England



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Photo courtesy of Butch Dale by Dora Dale Cohee

Vacation Bible School students posing on the steps of Darlington Methodist Church in July, 1947

Butch Remembers Vacation Bible School...



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

According to my folks, I was a little "ornery" as a toddler, so when I turned four years old, my Dad started taking me to Sunday School at the Methodist church in Darlington. They felt it was important for us kids to attend Sunday School or church to gain a basic Christian education. At that time in the 1950s, most all of the parents, includ-

ing those who did not attend church, felt the same way. During the summers, the three Darlington churches combined to sponsor a one-week long Vacation Bible School. The three ministers organized VBS, and they were assisted by church members and local schoolteachers. A variety of activities were held each day, and attendance often reached upwards of one hundred children of all ages...from kindergarten to high school. I always looked forward to Vacation Bible School, and I had great teachers such as Mary Price

and Marian Doubet. In 1957, my class made a scrapbook of prayers, poems, quotes, and Bible passages...and I still have that scrapbook today!

But times have changed. Church and Sunday School attendance has been in decline for many years. Our town and township still has a population of around two thousand, but the number of kids who attend Sunday School and Vacation Bible School is much lower than in the past. With the proliferation of various activities

➔ See BUTCH Page AX

State Road 32 Closing Near Alamo

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces State Road 32 will close on or after Thursday, July 20 for culvert work near Alamo. It will be closed approximately 0.75 miles west of S.R. 25 through the end of October, weather permitting.

The official detour follows S.R. 341 to U.S. 136 to S.R. 25 to S.R. 32.

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

I don't much care for Biden . . . or Trump. But how is it that the media focuses on every little thing Trump does wrong and, in general, Biden gets a free pass?



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Keep meat tenderizer in your first aid kit - apply it to stings to destroy the venom. 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.



➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Community Announcement: Crawfordsville Investment Club to Meet Tuesday

The Crawfordsville Investment Club will meet Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at the Crawfordsville District Public Library. The program is about Morningstar reports. The Crawfordsville Investment Club meets for educational purposes only. Visitors are welcome. For more information call 765-362-2826.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"I'd like to be remembered as a person who wanted to be free and wanted other people to be also free."
-Rosa Parks

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

How is a joke a "dad joke?"
When it's apparent!

➔ OBITUARIES

None

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



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Meeting Notes

Southmont Schools Board of Trustees

Regular School Board Meeting
Corporation Board Room
Monday, July 10, 2023
6:00 p.m.
AGENDA

Work Session
The Board of School Trustees will meet in a Work Session on Monday, July 10, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m. in the corporation board room for the Fiscal Plan Presentation with Mr. Michael Reuter.

Public Meeting
I. Call to Order
II. Pledge of Allegiance
III. Roll call
IV. Welcome and Recognition of Visitors.

We will have members of the FFA that went to the State FFA Convention to discuss the success they had.

V. Revisions to the Agenda

VI. Public Comments (All Items) **Any person wishing to speak needs to sign in and will receive 3 minutes maximum**

VII. Consent Agenda: (minutes, monthly claims, field trips/facilities usage, contributions/gifts and personnel) Minutes from previous meetings Claims/Payrolls Personnel:

-Approve resignation of Jana Boggess - Math Teacher - Southmont High School.

-Approve resignation of Sydney Scherry - Elementary Teacher - New Market Elementary.

-Katy Yoakum - Media Specialist - Southmont High School.

-Madison Karrfalt - Math Teacher - Southmont Jr. High School.

-Luna Barnett - Elementary Art Teacher - Ladoga/Walnut Elementary Schools.

-Rescind Lucia Iannantuono - Spanish Teacher - Southmont High School.

-Yessica Paddilla - Spanish Teacher - Southmont High School.

-Approve resignation of Bryce Adams - Instructional Aide - Southmont High School.

-Alison Burris - Instructional Aide - Southmont Jr. High School.

-Brooke Mefford - Instructional Aide - New Market Elementary School.

-Brooke Bellendir - 6th grade Volleyball Coach - \$1000.00.

-Katy Yoakum - 7th grade Volleyball Coach - \$1500.00.

-Madison Karrfalt - 8th grade Volleyball Coach - \$1500.00.

-Rod Tolliver - 7th grade Assistant Football Coach - Volunteer.

-Cameron Giles - 8th grade Football Coach - \$2500.00.

-Amy Reeves - JH Cross Country Coach - \$1000.00.

-Alison Burris - JH Assistant Cross Country Coach - Volunteer.

-Elliott Franklin - JH Boys Tennis Coach - \$1500.00.

-Desson Hannum - Varsity Football Coach

- contract.

-Jeremiah Sparks - Varsity Assistant Football Coach - \$3500.00.

-Mitchell Dehne - Varsity Assistant Football Coach - \$3500.00.

-Baylee Adams - Varsity Assistant Football Coach - \$3500.00.

-Ken Dooley - Varsity Assistant Football Coach - \$3500.00.

-Bill Whalen - Varsity Girls Golf Coach - \$3000.00.

-Dave Williamson - Varsity Assistant Girls Golf Coach - \$1500.00.

-Shelley Allen - Varsity Cross Country Coach - \$3000.00.

-Justin Lowe - Varsity Assistant Cross Country Coach - \$1500.00.

-Matt Allen - Varsity Assistant Cross Country Coach - Volunteer.

-Erin Barry - Varsity Volleyball Coach - \$5000.00.

-Bella McIntyre - JV Volleyball Coach - \$1654.00.

-Lauren Witherspoon - Varsity Assistant Volleyball Coach - \$2000.00.

-Nathan Poynter - Varsity Boys Tennis Coach - \$4000.00.

-Joe McCutchan - Varsity Assistant Boys Tennis Coach - \$1500.00.

-Reese Long - Varsity Assistant Boy Tennis Coach - Volunteer.

-Michael Byrum - Fall Weights Program - \$1726.00.

-Megan Shaw - Varsity Cheerleading Sponsor - \$3000.00 (1/2 on 11/18/23 & 1/2 on 03/18/24).

-Jennifer Calder - JV Cheerleading Sponsor - \$1500.00 (1/2 on 11/18/23 & 1/2 on 03/18/24).

-Roger Azar - Varsity Girls Soccer Coach - \$4000.00.

-Angie Williams - Varsity Assistant Girls Soccer Coach - \$1500.00.

-Stephanie Kennedy - Varsity Boys Soccer Coach - \$4000.00.

-Technology E-Waste listing to be determined excess inventory and disposed of accordingly.

VIII. Report from Superintendent

1. Montgomery Co. Alternative Education Program Joint Agreement.

2. Student and Adult Meal Pricing Recommendation, SY - 2023-2024.

3. Approve Handbook changes at the high school.

4. Approve Handbook changes for the elementary schools.

IX. Adjournment.

Future Meetings:
August 14, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 PM
September 11, 2023 - Regular Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 PM
September 26, 2023 - Regular Meeting (Budget Hearing) - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 PM

This meeting site is handicap accessible. Any person requiring further accommodation should contact the Superintendent at the School Corporation office.

Montgomery County Legislators Support New Law Cutting Taxes For Active-Duty Military Members

Hoosier military members are set to receive much-needed tax relief thanks to a new law supported by local lawmakers.

Currently, active-duty service members are eligible for a \$5,000 deduction from the state individual income tax. Under the new law recently signed by Gov. Eric Holcomb, active-duty military members will receive a complete income tax exemption beginning in January regardless of their deployment status. National Guard and reserve members already receive a \$5,000 deduc-

tion, and a full income tax exemption when mobilized or on duty.

"Service members make so many sacrifices to protect this great nation," said State Rep. Beau Baird (R-Greencastle), co-author of the new law. "Indiana has long stood as a welcoming state for veterans, and this law builds on our reputation and commitment. We hope this incentivizes service members to stay in our state or move here."

According to State Rep. Jeff Thompson (R-Lizton), chair of the House Ways

and Means Committee and co-author of the law, other states, including Michigan and Kentucky, offer a full income tax exemption to all service members.

"Our state's strong fiscal standing is providing opportunities to cut taxes in a number of areas, including on the behalf of those who serve in the military," Thompson said. "This is a commonsense approach to making sure military members keep more of their hard-earned money."

"Our Hoosier military members deserve our gratitude and support, and

this new law is a way to show how much we appreciate their service," said State Rep. Sharon Negele (R-Attica). "This tax cut will help offset the cost of living for military families and encourage them to stay in or locate to our state."

"Our state values Hoosiers with military experience and the skills they bring to the table," said State Rep. Mark Genda (R-Frankfort). "This tax cut is a great way to say thank you and will hopefully motivate more service members to call Indiana home."



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RESCHEDULED: State Road 32

State Road 32 to be temporarily restricted near Shannondale starting on or after July 24 for utility work.

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces temporary restrictions on State Road 32 have been rescheduled to start on or after Monday, July 24 for

utility work near Shannondale. The restrictions are between N. 1075 E. and 1175 W. This is expected to last through Friday, July 28, weather permitting.

INDOT urges motorists to slow down, use caution and consider worker safety when traveling through work zones.

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Profiles On Dietz and Phelan, College Football Hall Of Fame Inductees



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

mediocre starts to their Boilermaker careers before finding success. We profiled Andy Smith last week.

And then there's the stories of William "Lone Star" Dietz and James Phelan.

Dietz had been out of college football for two seasons before coming to Purdue on March 28, 1921. It turns out there was a reason why a coach who had posted a 27-3 combined record at Washington State and for the Mare Island Marines during the United States' involvement in World War I was out of work.

For years, Dietz had claimed to be of Native American heritage. According to Dietz, he was born on the Pine Ridge reservation to Julia One Star and a German father who joined the Sioux to avoid capture and death at the hands of a war party.

The Washington Post reported in 2013 that Dietz was actually born in Rice Lake, Wis., in 1884 to white parents according to his birth certificate and census records.

When Dietz registered for the draft before World War I, he claimed to be a non-citizen Indian. A Bureau of Investigation inquiry led to Dietz's indictment in 1919. The first trial resulted in a hung jury. The second ended with a no contest plea and a 30-day sentence in the Spokane (Wash.) County jail.

None of this, of course, was mentioned in the Journal and Courier story announcing the Dietz hiring. Noting that Dietz played at Carlisle for legendary coach Pop Warner, the story mentioned his Rose Bowl victory at Washington State and a 10-1 record

with the Marines in 1918. The lone loss was to a Great Lakes Navy team in the Rose Bowl which featured NFL founder George Halas and fellow Pro Football Hall of Fame members Paddy Driscoll and Jimmy Conzelman.

"We believe that a new era of football is dawning for Purdue," the optimistic Journal and Courier writer proclaimed.

Instead it was the continuation of the malaise the Boilermakers had slipped into since Andy Smith left West Lafayette after the 1915 season.

Purdue scored nine points for the season and its lone victory was 3-0 over Northwestern. That kept the Boilermakers out of the Big Ten cellar.

The Indiana game that year perfectly summed up the season. Purdue outgained IU 281-99 and had 15 first downs to the Hoosiers' 3. But a late fumble followed by a drop kick field goal was enough to lift Indiana to a 3-0 victory. Full disclosure: My wife's grandfather, R.C. (Cooper) Kerr, started at end that day for Purdue.

Dietz did not return for the 1922 season, denied a new contract during a scandal that accused him of recruiting violations. Dietz would compile a college coaching record of 104-60-7 in addition to a two-year stint in the NFL with Boston, which today is the Washington Commanders.

Inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2012, Dietz died in 1964.

Phelan also won just one game in his first season at Purdue (1-5-1), defeating Millikan 10-0 in the opener and forcing a 7-7 tie at Indiana. Journal and Courier sports editor Robert A. McMahon wrote this after the 1922 season:

Phelan "was handicapped by a scarcity of veteran material, and for the most part, a lack of brilliant green candidates. Those two causes just mentioned are enough to take care of the questions of those who want to know why Purdue did no more than it did this season.

"... Should the system be allowed to improve unhampered, with five years Purdue should amount to something in football."

The Boilermakers needed three years for a winning record under Phelan (5-2 in 1924) but really gathered steam from 1926 to 1929. Purdue went 24-6-2 in that span, culminating with an 8-0 outright Big Ten championship season in 1929. No Boilermaker football team has claimed an outright league title since.

No one would have predicted after Elmer Burnham's first season as head coach in 1942 that one year later Purdue would field its most recent undefeated football team.

The fourth coach to descend from the Phelan tree, Burnham was promoted to head coach on Feb. 25, 1942. That's the same date Guy "Red" Mackey began his 29-year stint at athletic director.

By the time Burnham made the climb up the Boilermaker coaching ladder, the program was no longer one that thrived under Phelan and his successor, Noble Kizer. Purdue had fallen from a 5-1-2 mark in 1938 under Kizer's successor, Mal Elward, to a 2-5-1 record in 1942.

When Elward decided to re-enlist in the United States Navy, giving up his athletic director job as well, Purdue president Edward C. Elliott took less than a week to fill both jobs.

Lafayette Journal and Courier sports editor Gordon Graham praised both hires, noting that "several times we have heard Burnham termed the best freshman football coach in the country."

Thanks to an influx of

talent from the Marines and Navy, which sent prospective officers to West Lafayette for training, the 1943 season would be one of the most memorable in school history.

That season, profiled in the excellent book "Perfect Warriors" by Cory Palm, would see Burnham lead Purdue to a 9-0 record behind All-Americans Alex Agase and Tony Butkovich.

Burnham surprised Purdue when he announced in May 1944 that he was resigning to become head coach and associate professor of physical education at the University of Rochester.

"I felt the position offered to me by the University of Rochester presented an opportunity that could not be ignored," Burnham told the Journal and Courier.

Graham speculated that Burnham was offered more money and a potential lifetime job at the New York school. Rochester did not offer athletes scholarships or any other benefits.

The Jim Young era at Purdue lasted just five seasons but resulted in the school's only 10-win campaign and three bowl victories from 1978-80. When Young stepped down, it seemed obvious who his successor should be.

Leon Burnett was the architect of the "Junk Defense," which helped Keena Turner become a star and allowed linebacker Kevin Motts to set a career tackles record that has been in place since 1979.

Despite more than a dozen future NFL players on the 1982 roster, Purdue went 3-8 in 1982. The Boilermakers started the season 0-5 and closed the year with a 13-7 loss to Indiana at Ross-Ade Stadium.

A 3-7-1 mark followed in 1983 but one of the wins was a thrilling 31-30 effort at Indiana.

Burnett and the Boilermakers put together a memorable 1984 season, one that saw Purdue defeat Notre Dame, Ohio State

and Michigan in the same year for the first time.

Burnett landed the No. 1 player in the country in 1986, Warren Central quarterback Jeff George. But internal strife coupled with George suffering an injury led to Burnett's firing the week of the Old Oaken Bucket game. Burnett went out in a blaze of glory, thanks to Rod Woodson, in a 17-15 victory against the Hoosiers.

Purdue fans were stunned when Fred Akers was hired on Dec. 10, 1986. Akers had gone 86-31-2 in 10 seasons at Texas but was fired when the Longhorns finished 5-6 in 1986.

In addition to his reported compensation of \$200,000 a season, Akers also insisted on construction of a practice facility next door to Ross-Ade Stadium.

Things went wrong right away. Showing the immaturity that would derail a promising NFL career years later, Jeff George left Purdue and would eventually wind up at Illinois.

With little talent remaining on the roster, Purdue "celebrated" its 100th year of football with a 3-7-1 record and a 35-14 loss at Indiana.

With a top 20 recruiting class signed in February 1988, it looked like Akers would turn the Boilermakers around. Quarterback Brian Fox would win Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors and direct a victory at Ohio State. Three high school All-America defensive tackles in Frank Kmet, Peyton Minter and Lonnie Palelei. The best of the lot turned out to be Jeff Zgonina, who went on to play 17 seasons in the NFL.

But the enthusiasm created by the 31-26 win at Ohio State died with a 52-7 loss at home to Indiana. Fox transferred to Florida after the season. Two years later, Akers was fired after a 2-9 season, and Purdue fans were sure football fortunes couldn't get any worse.

Two decades later, along came possibly the biggest

waste of money in Purdue University history in 2013. And arguably, the worst football coach in Big Ten history.

Even at a reported \$2 million a year, more than twice what predecessor Danny Hope was making, Darrell Hazell seemed like an up and coming coach. He won 11 games in 2012 at Kent State, a school that has one Mid-American Conference title in its long history.

In a column I'd like to forget during my days at the Journal and Courier, I wrote that "Purdue may have lucked out again with the hiring of Kent State's Darrell Hazell" instead of presumptive first choice Butch Jones, who ended up at Tennessee.

"Hiring a minority football coach also could help national perception of Purdue. Being thought of as progressive is preferable to a reputation for being cheap."

Trying to dispel that stigma of being unwilling to pay high salaries, athletic director Morgan Burke insisted on an "all-star" coaching staff that included failed Chicago Bears offensive coordinator John Shoop. The only all-stars on that staff were future Notre Dame head coach Marcus Freeman and Fighting Irish offensive coordinator Gerad Parker.

Hazell would lose 11 games in his first season at Purdue, his lone win a 20-14 thriller against Indiana State in his home opener. Records of 3-9 and 2-10 followed and Hazell's firing became a matter of time when Mike Bobinski replaced the retired Burke as athletic director.

That time was up the day after a 49-35 Homecoming loss to Iowa on Oct. 15, 2016. For \$12.75 million over six years, Purdue got from Hazell a 9-33 overall record and 3-24 in the Big Ten.

- Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.

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Taken Out To The Ball Game Witham Health Services Newsletter Of Services



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

I love baseball and now with a few rule changes, the games are faster and, I think, even more exciting.

four balls and only three strikes?"
"I don't know that either."
"Maybe my questions are too hard, Dick. Here's an easy one: When is the World Series?"
"They don't play those games until November, after each baseball team has played 162 games in the regular season."

I knew it would be fruitless, but I was hoping to entice Mary Ellen to enjoy the sport so we could watch a few games together. So, one day in the car, I attempted to pique her interest.

"Then when is the Super Bowl?"
"That's in February after each football team has played 17 games. Again, in the regular season."

"Would you watch a baseball game with me one night?"

"That sounds easier job than 162 games. Maybe it's hard to find guys willing to work every Sunday. Dick, is your favorite team in the National Group or American Group?"

"How long does a game last?"
"Well. No one knows exactly."

"They are not groups. They are called leagues, the American League and the National League."

"How could that be? Haven't they been playing baseball for over a hundred years. Can't somebody time it?"

"What's the difference?"
"Again. You have stumped me. It's a hard question to answer."

"Let's try again. Ask me any questions you might have about baseball."

"Why is that a difficult question? Nordstrom and Kohl's are in different leagues. Any fan of shopping knows the difference."

"Okay, why do they call it a strike when the guy doesn't hit it, but in bowling they call it a strike when he does?"

"Okay, here's one difference between the two leagues. The American League has a DH, a designated hitter. That means that the pitcher does not bat. Someone bats for him."

"Again, I have no clue."

"Any why are there

"That doesn't seem very fair to the pitcher."
"The pitcher doesn't care."

"Well, if he doesn't care, he shouldn't be playing. Can't they find people who do care. Why do the umpires wear black?"

"Again, no clue. By the way, there was a perfect game a few nights ago."

"What does that mean?"
"It means the pitcher allowed no hits, no runs no walks. Not a single person reached a base. Everything was perfect."

"Sounds perfectly boring. Why would anyone go to a game like that?"
The truth was, I couldn't really answer most of Mary Ellen's questions. As I continued talking about baseball, I glanced over and she looked like she was nodding off. We pulled over and I drove.

That night we watched a game together and after each play I explained to her the fascinating intricacies of baseball. It was a close one between arch rivals Cubs and Dodgers. I don't know the final score. I fell asleep in the 7th inning.

- Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.

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Butch, Gary and Julie Sunday School 1958

for kids nowadays... sports, school activities, swimming, camps, etc., many families have decided to put church activities on the back burner, and a Christian upbringing for their children is not a priority anymore. As a police officer, I often saw the results.

Now I'm not saying that going to church automatically insures that a child will grow up to be a good and kind human being. I have arrested adults who never missed a Sunday church service. Some people put on a good show. And I know several outstanding kind-hearted people who never went to church in their lives. But for the most part, children who have some religious training have a much better chance to become responsible adults who care about others and will make the right choices.

In my 1957 Vacation Bible School scrapbook, I

have the following quote from John Wesley, one of the founders of the Methodist religion:

"Do all the good you can...In all the ways you can...At all the places you can...At all the times you can...To all the people you can...As long as ever you can."

And another part of my little scrapbook says: "It's not so much the world outside that makes us sigh or smile; It's more the thoughts within our hearts that makes life seem worthwhile."

I'm glad my folks took me to Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. It was a special time in my life that I will always remember.

- 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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Reader's Choice 2023 Special Section

Readers' Choice is wrapped up for another year, and once again, The Paper's annual promotion to recognize your favorites in a multitude of categories was a huge success.

Back when our company was founded, we created this fun and good-natured promotion that features local businesses, people, products and more and gives you, our readers, the opportunity to vote for your favorites. We often joke that this is like Chicago politics and encourage you to vote early and vote often.

You see, this has never been about the rigidity of the process. Instead, it is designed to be an absolutely fun and very positive way for our readers to cast a good light on their favorites. And oh, how you have responded! We annually see ballots that number in the hundreds of thousands.

This is our special section showcasing all of the results for Readers' Choice 2023. We hope that you find it handy when you are looking for goods and services.

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Readers' Choice Awards 2023



The Complete Results For Readers' Choice 2023

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<p>Audiologist WINNER: Beltone Runner Up: C'ville Audiology Honorable Mentions: Hearing Care Professionals Auto Body Shop WINNER: Gould's Runner Up: Jeff Neal Honorable Mentions: •Stull's •Miller's Body Shop •Morris Neal •Harwood •Sheets</p>	<p>Chevrolet Runner Up: Etter Ford Honorable Mentions: York Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Auto Dealer Used WINNER: Etter Ford Runner Up: York Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Honorable Mentions: •Brown •Lashley's •Garcia's •Christi Hubler Chevrolet •J&J Auto •Rhodes Autos Auto Parts Store WINNER:</p>	<p>NAPA Runner Up: Autozone Honorable Mentions: •O'Reilly Auto Parts •Advance Auto Repair Shop WINNER: Pomp's Tires Runner Up: Jared Brock Honorable Mentions: •Froedje •JTR •Etter Ford •Surb's •Walt's •Wilson's •York Dodge Jeep Ram •Miethe's Auto Care •Miller's Used Tire •Morris Neal •Muffs and Tails •ATS</p>	<p>•Blankenship •Harwood's •Mike's Tire •Nathan's Repair •Stevenson's •Tarter's Bakery WINNER: Jack's Donuts Runner Up: Maxine's on Green Honorable Mentions: •Warehouse Bakery •Kroger •Wal-mart Band (Local Country) WINNER: Darlington Road Runner Up: Desperate Measures Honorable Mentions: Honky Tonk Attitude</p>	<p>Band (Local Rock) WINNER: Tuf Luk Runner Up: Fonda Honorable Mentions: •Eric Barr •Gertie's Ride •Stompin' Ground •Beautiful Calamity •Coffinsville •Desperate Measures •Street Legal •Sweet Nothings •Vinyl Junkies Band (Local Jazz) WINNER: North Montgomery Jazz Band Runner Up: Wabash College Honorable Mentions: Remote View</p>	<p>Bank WINNER: HHSB Runner Up: Tri-County Bank and Trust Honorable Mentions: •Fountain Trust •Chase •First Merchants •PNC •First Financial</p>
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 - Darlington Conservation Club
 - Crawfordsville Country Club
 - Crawfordsville Municipal Golf Course
 - Hampton Inn & Suites
 - Moose Lodge
- Bar & Grill**
WINNER:

- Francis & Mount
Runner Up:
Applebee's
Honorable Mentions:
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 - Barefoot Burger
 - Waveland Pub
 - Backstep Brewing Co.
 - Station 308
 - Creekside Lodge
 - Buffalo Wild Wings
 - Corner Café
 - Crash McClains
 - Indy Road Pub
- Barber Shop**
WINNER:
Carpenter's Barber Shop
Runner Up:
Hairport
Honorable Mentions:

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 - Lavender & Hops
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 - Hair Loom
 - Serenity
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WINNER:
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Runner Up:
The Queen and I

- Honorable Mentions:**
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Bike Shop
WINNER:
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Runner Up:
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Honorable Mentions:
Rotten Robbie's
Cable Company
WINNER:
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Runner Up:
Metronet
Honorable Mentions:
• TDS
• AT&T U-Verse
Car Wash
WINNER:

- Soft Cloth
Runner Up:
Great Details
Honorable Mentions:
- Laserwash
 - Jiffy Lube
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WINNER:
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Runner Up:
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Honorable Mentions:
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Chiropractor

WINNER:
Chiro Med

Runner Ups
Northridge Chiropractic

Honorable Mentions:
•Russell Chiropractic
•Montgomery County Chiropractic

Advanced Chiropractic Church

WINNER:
First United Methodist

Runner Ups
St. Bernard's

Honorable Mentions:
•Rock Point (Pleasant View)
•Woodland Heights

•Whitesville Christian
•Darlington Congregational

•Mace Methodist
•New Hope

•1st Christian Church
•Waynetown Christian

•Grace and Mercy Ministries
•Brown Valley

•Christ United Methodist

•Bethel Church/Shannondale

•Ladoga Baptist
•Ladoga Christian Church

•Linden United Methodist

•Alamo Christian Church

•Wabash Ave. Presbyterian
•First Baptist

•First Church of Nazarene

Clothing Store

WINNER:
Maurice's

Runner Ups Denhart's Mercantile

Honorable Mentions:
•Cato
•Goodwill
•Walmart
•Heathcliff

•Dunham's Sports
•Eliza's

Club/Organization

WINNER:
Kiwanis

Runner Ups
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Honorable Mentions:
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•Eagles

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•Jack's Donuts
•1832 Brew
- Computer Repair**
WINNER:
Phantom Point
Runner Up:
Edge Information Technologies
Honorable Mentions:
Livesay PC & Software Innovations
Consignment Store
WINNER:
Goodwill
- Runner Up:**
Simpler Times
Honorable Mentions:
•Trader Bucks
•Just Because
•Eliza's
•Wesley Thrift Shop
•Marianne's
- Contractor**
WINNER:
Biddle
Runner Up:
Inside and Out-Ryan Orr
Honorable Mentions:
•Hoss Construction
•Woodkey
•Akers Construction
•Hard Hats & Hammers Construction LLC
•DC Construction
•Donovan
•Isenberg
•Ratcliff
- Humphrey's Construction
•Anglin
Counseling Service
WINNER:
Rockpoint Grief Share
Runner Up:
•Center for Women's Ministries
•YSB
Honorable Mentions:
•Pleasant View Counseling
•Karen Cover
•Mike Uhl
•Child and Family
•Jennie Slavens
•Rainbow Recovery
•Valley Oaks
Credit Union
WINNER:
TCU
- Runner Up:**
IFCU
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WINNER:
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Runner Up:
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Runner Up:
Crawfordsville Dance Academy
Honorable Mentions:
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Day Care Center
- WINNER:**
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Runner Up:
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Honorable Mentions:
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•Miss Colleen
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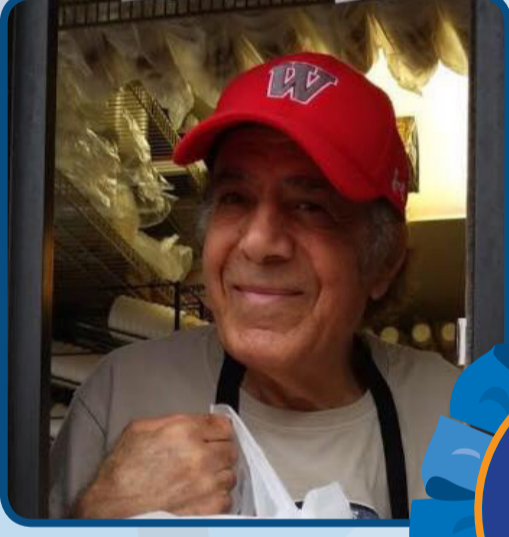

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 • Don Rose
 • Goff
 • Dean Justice

Electronics Company
WINNER:
 GameStop

Best Bagel
WINNER:
 The Breakfast Co.
Runner Up:
 The Forum
Honorable Mentions:
 Neighborhood Café

Best Hamburger/Cheeseburger
WINNER:
 Culver's
Runner Up:
 Barefoot Burger
Honorable Mentions:
 • Crawfordville Country Club
 • Creekside
 • McDonald's
 • Steak 'n' Shake
 • New Ross Steak House
 • Applebee's
 • Francis & Mount
 • Neighborhood Café
 • Wendy's
 • Forum
 • Burger King
 • Buffalo Wild Wings

Best Chilli
WINNER:
 Wendy's
Runner Up:
 Arni's
Honorable Mentions:

Runner Up:
 Wal-Mart
Honorable Mentions:
 Edwards Compucycle
Agency
WINNER:
 Workforce Plus
Runner Up:
 Manpower
Honorable Mentions:
 ProResources
Excavating Service
WINNER:
 Busse
Runner Up:
 Maxwell
 • Neighborhood Café
 • K&K Cafe (Waynetown)

Best Cookie
WINNER:
 Subway
Runner Up:
 McDonald's
Honorable Mentions:
 Steak and Shake

Best Cup of Coffee
WINNER:
 Jack's Donuts
Runner Up:
 Good to Go expresso
Honorable Mentions:
 • Joshua Cup
 • 1832 Brew
 • Speedway
 • McDonald's
 • Starbucks
 • The Breakfast Co.
 • Neighborhood Café
 • Cracker Barrel
 • Casey's

Dine-In Restaurant
WINNER:
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Runner Up:
 Applebee's
Honorable Mentions:

Honorable Mentions:
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 • Needham's Excavating
 • Arthur
 • Price
 • Slavens
 • Conner
 • Hamilton
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WINNER:
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Runner Up:
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 • Cracker Barrel
 • Creekside Lodge
 • Barefoot Burger
 • The Breakfast Co.
 • China Inn
 • Culver's
 • Harry's Hideout
 • Alice's Restaurant
 • Aki Les Voy Takeria
 • Rancho Bravo
 • A Second City Café
 • Arni's
 • Wally's
 • Pizza Hut
 • El Charro
 • Mi Corcel
 • Maxine's

• New Ross Steak House

Doughnut
WINNER:
 Jack's Donut
Runner Up:
 Warehouse Bakery
Honorable Mentions:
 • Casey's
 • Kroger

Fast Food Restaurant
WINNER:
 Culver's
Runner Up:
 Wendy's
Honorable Mentions:

• CSI
 • International Paper
Farm Equipment Dealer
WINNER:
 Bane-Walker Equipment
Runner Up:
 Booth's
Honorable Mentions:
 AHW
Financial Planner/Planning Company
WINNER:
 Mike Gaby
Runner Up:
 Edward Jones - Tyler Baer
 • Steak n Shake
 • Beijing
 • Buffalo Wild Wings
 • Subway (Darlington Ave.)
 • McDonald's (North)
 • Dairy Queen
 • Long John Silvers
 • Burger King
 • Arby's
 • Subway (South)

French Fries
WINNER:
 McDonald's
Runner Up:
 Culver's
Honorable Mentions:
 • Barefoot Burger
 • Steak n Shake
 • Arby's
 • Alice's Restaurant
 • Creekside
 • Harry's Hideout

Ice Cream Place
WINNER:
 Big Dipper
Runner Up:
 Darilicious
Honorable Mentions:
 • Culver's
 • Lindy Freeze
 • Dairy Queen
 • Emporium 109

Italian Restau-

Honorable Mentions:
 • CS Oats
 • Edward Jones - South
 • Joseph Marion - Joe Sadowski
 • Edward Jones - Brad Gonzo
 • Mariner Finance

Fire Department
WINNER:
 Coal Creek
Runner Up:
 Crawfordville
Honorable Mentions:
 • Walnut Twp
 • Waveland
 • Ladoga
 • Waynetown

rant
WINNER:
 Greek's
Runner Up:
 Brother's Pizza
Honorable Mentions:
 • Valentino's
 • Brother's Pizza
 • Mama Fazio's
 • Italian Pie & Bakery

Mexican Restaurant
WINNER:
 Rancho Bravo
Runner Up:
 Little Mexico
Honorable Mentions:
 • Mi Corcel
 • El Charro
 • Aki Les Voy Takeria

Milk Shake
WINNER:
 Darilicious
Runner Up:
 Big Dipper
Honorable Mentions:
 • Culver's
 • Steak 'n' Shake
 • Dairy Queen
 • Lindy Freeze
 • Emporium 109

Onion Ring

• Madison Twp.
Floor Covering Store
WINNER:
 Zahn's
Runner Up:
 Home Depot
Honorable Mentions:
 • Town & Country Homecenter
 • Flooring Gallery Plus

Flower Shop
WINNER:
 Milligan's
Runner Up:
 Country Hearts
Honorable Mentions:
 Just Because

WINNER:
 Sunoco Midwest Clean Fuel
Runner Up:
 Culver's
Honorable Mentions:
 • Applebee's
 • Buffalo Wild Wings
 • Arby's
 • New Ross Steak House
 • Dairy Queen
 • Burger King
 • Creekside
 • Steak n Shake

Omelet
WINNER:
 The Breakfast Co.
Runner Up:
 The Forum
Honorable Mentions:
 • Cracker Barrel
 • Neighborhood Café

Sweets
WINNER:
 Jack's Donuts
Runner Up:
 Miss Sugar Ray Chocolateier
Honorable Mentions:
 • Dairy Queen
 • Culver's
 • Steak n Shake
 • Neighborhood Café

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Sanders Funeral Care

Runner Ups
Family & Friends

Honorable Mentions:

- Burkhart
- Porter
- Hunt & Son
- Machledt
- Services-Morgan

Furniture Store

WINNER:
Crossroads Furniture

Runner Ups

Big Lots

Honorable Mentions:

- Town & Country
- American Rental
- Stevenson's Mattress
- Rent-a-Center
- Cabbage's and Kings

Gas Station

WINNER:
Sunoco Midwest Clean Fuel

Runner Ups
F&F Mart

Honorable Mentions:

- Kroger
- New Ross Mini Mart

Gas / Propane Company

WINNER:
Overpeck

Runner Ups
Ceres Solutions

Honorable Mentions:

- Amerigas
- Vectren

Gift Shop

WINNER:
Simpler Times

Runner Ups
In his Time

Honorable Mentions:

- Reclaimed by Grace
- Milligan's
- Cracker Barrel
- Denharts Mercantile
- Just Because
- Harvest Inn
- Heathcliff

Golf Course

WINNER:
Skelgas

Runner Ups
Newtown Farm Service

Honorable Mentions:

- Casey's
- Bal Hinch
- Circle K
- County Market
- Marathon
- Walmart
- Sunoco (Linden)

Heating/Cooling Company

WINNER:
Riggins

Runner Ups
Cook

Honorable Mentions:

- Cox & Pritchett
- Edward's Heating & Cooling
- Hay-Bush Mechanical
- Myers
- Summers
- Knuth Heating and Cooling
- Bryant

Historic Landmark

WINNER:
Elderberry Everything

Runner Ups
Healthie's

Honorable Mentions:

- Lighthouse Natural Living
- One Step Closer

Grain Elevator

WINNER:
Waynetown Ag Center

Runner Ups
New Ross Grain

Honorable Mentions:

- Rocky Ridge (Darlington)
- Turkey Run

Home Builder

WINNER:
Jim Biddle

Runner Ups
Ratcliff Homes

Honorable Mentions:

- Chism
- Gary Nesbitt
- Livesay Construction
- TK Homes
- Gary Estep
- King Builders

Home Health

WINNER:
Hampton Inn & Suites

Runner Ups
Holiday Inn Express

Honorable Mentions:

- Crawfordsville Motel
- Candlewood
- Motel 6
- Ramada Limited
- Comfort Inn

Grocery Store

WINNER:
Kroger

Runner Ups
Four Seasons

Honorable Mentions:

- Wal Mart
- F&F Mart
- Wal Mart
- Ladoga Grocery
- Save A Lot
- Bal Hinch

Hotel

WINNER:
C'ville Docs

Runner Ups
Franciscan Health Crawfordsville

Honorable Mentions:

- St. Vincent
- IU/Arnett Health

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Runner Ups
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Insurance Agency/Agent

WINNER:

Clore Insurance

Runner Up:
Farm Bureau/Teresa Hatke

Honorable Mentions:

•Darrin Bechtel

•JM Thompson

•RT Insurance

•Farmers / Nick Grimes

•AllState

•Austin Earl

•State Farm / Chad Budreau

•State Farm / Chris Bouwkamp

•State Farm / Jason Wagner

•Farmers Insurance / Ryan Love

•Hannum

•American Family -

Mini-Storage

WINNER:

U-Rent-It Center

Runner Up:
Storage of America

Honorable Mentions:

•Pac Away

•Wilson's

•U-Haul

•Storage Express

•Alcatraz

Mom and Pop Store

WINNER:

Simpler Times

Plant Nursery

WINNER:

Progreen Garden Center

Runner Up:
Ryan's

Honorable Mentions:

•Evergreen

•Country Corner Greenhouse

•Davidson's Greenhouse

Nursing Home

WINNER:

Wellbrooke

Runner Up:
Whitlock

Honorable Mentions:

•Bickford Cottage

•Lane House

•Ben Hur

•Hickory Creek

•Williamsburg

Office Supply Store

WINNER:

Wal-Mart

Runner Up:

Patrick Bissell

•Tarter Insurance Agency

•Michelle Hunley

Interior Design

WINNER:

Lora Craft-Whites

Internet Service Provider

WINNER:

AT&T

Runner Up:
Comcast

Honorable Mentions:

•TDS

•Metronet

Investment Broker

WINNER:

Edward Jones - South

Runner Up:

Runner Up:
Reclaimed by Grace

Honorable Mentions:

•In His Time

•Just Because

•Denhart's Seed & Mercantile

•Gregg's

•Sunoco Midwest Clean Fuel

•Emporium 109

•Topline

•Wilson's Towing

•Gregg's

•Harvest Inn

•Coons Trim Company

Monument

Dollar Tree

Honorable Mentions:

•C.P. Products, Inc.

•Hoosier Ink & Toner

Oil & Lube Company

WINNER:

Zippy Lube

Runner Up:
Surb's

Honorable Mentions:

Jiffy Lube

Optometrist

WINNER:

Sugar Creek Eye Center

Runner Up:
Dr. Boyd

Honorable Mentions:

Dr. Ledgerwood

Pearle Vision

Orthodontist

WINNER:

Dr. Aaron Altschul

Runner Up:
All Smiles

Paint Store

WINNER:

Home Depot

Runner Up:

Sherwin Williams

Honorable Mentions:

•Morgan's Glass & Paint

•Ace Hardware

•Town & Country

Painting Service

WINNER:

Buzz Kidd

Runner Up:
Edward's Painting (Mike Edwards)

Honorable Mentions:

•Home Depot

•High Rollers

•Scaggs/Largent Screen Printing

•Edward Jones (Tyler Baer)

•Joe Sadowski

Honorable Mentions:

•Edward Jones (Brad Gonso)

•Terry Daniels

Jewelry Store

WINNER:

Moore's Jewelry & Repair

Runner Up:
Creek Jewelers

Karate Studio

WINNER:

Top Level Martial Arts

Landscape/Lawn Care Provider

WINNER:

Crawfordsville Outdoor

Company

WINNER:

Allen's Monuments

Runner Up:
Clements

Honorable Mentions:

C-ville Monuments

Moving Company

WINNER:

U-Haul

Runner Up:
Superior Moving Red Ball

Museum

WINNER:

Home Depot

Runner Up:

Sherwin Williams

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•Ace Hardware

•Town & Country

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•High Rollers

•Scaggs/Largent Screen Printing

•Addler

Pest Exterminator

WINNER:

Arab

Runner Up:
Orkin

Runner Up:

Cowboy Mowing

Honorable Mentions:

•Hutson

•Light's Lawn Care

•McKlaskey Lawn Care

•Pro Green

•Davidson's

•Rhett Weliver

•Turner Landscaping

•VitaGreen

•A1 Lawn Service

•Dave Janssen

Laundromat

WINNER:

Wash-N-Go

Runner Up:
Citgo

Library

WINNER:

Darlington

Runner Up:
Crawfordsville

WINNER:

Lew Wallace Study

Runner Up:
Old Jail

Honorable Mentions:

Carnegie

Music Store

WINNER:

Music on Grant

Runner Up:
Wabash Revisited

Nail Salon

WINNER:

Nikki's Nailz

Runner Up:

Honorable Mentions:

Brian Ledbetter

Pet Groomer

WINNER:

Puppy Cuts

Runner Up:
Brenda's Grooming

Honorable Mentions:

•Jamie Halsey

•Doggie Boutique

•Jeanie Daye

•C'ville Vet Clinic

Pet Kennel

WINNER:

R&R Pet Boarding

Runner Up:
Rin Tin Inn

Honorable Mentions:

•Pet Resort

•Cat's Nap

Pharmacy

WINNER:

Walgreen's

Runner Up:
CVS

Honorable Mentions:

•Katie L. Towles, MD, OB/GYN

Honorable Mentions:

•Linden

•Waveland

•Ladoga

Liquor Store

WINNER:

Ken's

Runner Up:
Malt Shoppe

Honorable Mentions:

•Kort & Keg Lodge

•American Legion

•Eagles

•Moose

•VFW

Live Music Venue

WINNER:

Sugar Creek Music Hall

Massage Therapist

WINNER:

Best Nails

Honorable Mentions:

•Savvy Chic

•Hair Express

•Nails By Jen

•VIP Nails

•Tips & Toes

•Tipnotik

•Lavender & Hops

•Merle Norman

•Blondies

Newspaper

WINNER:

The Paper

Runner Up:
Journal Review

Honorable Mentions:

•Kroger

•Wal-Mart

Photographer

WINNER:

Abbey Elaine Photography

Runner Up:
Natalie Gomez

Honorable Mentions:

•Victoria Hunt Photography

•Memories by Madison

•Amanda Bannon

•Amethyst Crosby

•Joe Boswell

•Julie Abston

Physician

WINNER:

Barry Mathison, MD

Runner Up:
John Roberts, MD

Honorable Mentions:

•Scott Douglas, MD

•Joshua Krumenacker, MD

•Kyle Graper, MD

•Katie L. Towles, MD, OB/GYN

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Pizza Place
WINNER:
 Arni's
Runner Up:
 Brother's Pizza
Honorable Mentions:
 • Pizza Hut
 • Ladoga Pizza King
 • Waynetown Pizza King
 • Papa John's
 • Domino's
 • Casey's
 • Pizza King
Plumber
WINNER:
 French's Plumbing
Runner Up:
 Edwards Plumbing
Honorable Mentions:
 • Harold Mennen
 • Cox & Pritchett (Mike Pritchett)
 • Plumb Crazy, LLC
 • D&R
 • H&M Plumbing
 • Elder Plumbing
Police Department
WINNER:
 Montgomery County Sheriff's
Runner Up:
 Crawfordsville
Honorable Mentions:
 • Waynetown
 • Darlington
 • Waveland
 • Ladoga
Post Office
WINNER:
 Crawfordsville

Runner Up:
 Waynetown
Honorable Mentions:
 • New Ross
 • Waveland
 • Ladoga
 • Linden
 • New Richmond
Preschool
WINNER:
 Little Mountie Preschool
Runner Up:
 Discovery
Honorable Mentions:
 • Creation Station
 • New Beginnings
 • Wilson Developmental
 • Hand in Hand
 • Little Creations
 • Rainbows and Rhymes
 • Montessori
Print Shop
WINNER:
 Town & Country
Runner Up:
 N' Print
Honorable Mentions:
 • Scaggs/Largent Screen Printing
 • Phantom Neon
 • Coons Trim
Radio Station
WINNER:
 WCDQ 106.3
Runner Up:
 WIMC 103.9
 • WCVL
 Real Estate Agency/
 Agent
WINNER:
 Cali Bridges
Runner Up:
 Clark Dale

Honorable Mentions:
 • Steve Zachary
 • Carpenter Realty
 • Greg Morrison
 • Sarah Broadwater
 • Halderman Real Estate
 • FC Tucker
 • Chad Hess
 • Julie Hess
 • American Dream
 • Leslie Pyle
 • Hive Realty
 • Kasey Ferguson
Rent-To-Own
WINNER:
 American Rental
Runner Up:
 Town & Country
Honorable Mentions:
 • Rent A Center
 • Aaron's Rent To Own
Septic & Sewer Services
WINNER:
 Dutcher Trenching
Runner Up:
 Scott Septic & Portables
Honorable Mentions:
 • Roto Rooter
Welding-Fabricator
WINNER:
 New Market Welding
Runner Up:
 B&L Engineering
Honorable Mentions:
 • Jarrod Zachary Welding
 • C&F Fabricating
 • Sugar Creek Fabricators
 • Peacefield Wood & Welding

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