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▶ TODAY'S VERSE

Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

▶ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Darlisa Steele, owner of C'Ville Docs offered a smile to one of our roving photographers while received her Readers' Choice 2023 award! Thanks Darlisa!

▶ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 The Montgomery County Relay for Life is dedicated to helping communities attack cancer. Through funds donated, time given, or awareness raised, communities are teaming up to make a difference. The annual event is scheduled for Sept. 16, from 12 pm - 8 pm in Crawfordsville. You can participate by forming a team, raising money and celebrating at the event while honoring survivors and remembering lives touched by purchasing a luminaria. Please help spread the word to help them grow the success of this event! Click the button to visit the website to register a team and for more information.

2 You can help the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) learn more about the state's wild turkey population by sharing observations of hens with and without poults (i.e., young turkeys) through Aug. 31. Each summer, DNR personnel and community members from across Indiana conduct brood surveys, counting hens and poults to estimate how many young turkeys live through the summer. Summer brood survival is one of the primary factors influencing wild turkey population trends in various regions of the state and informs the DNR's wild turkey management. This year, the DNR aims to collect 3,000 reports across the state with at least 25 reports per county. Observations can be shared at on.IN.gov/turkeybrood. No password is needed. This link provides survey instructions, an illustrative guide to turkey identification, and results of previous brood surveys. For more information about wild turkey biology and DNR's management of the species, see on.IN.gov/turkey. To view more DNR news releases, please see dnr.IN.gov.

3 MEETING CANCELLATION
The City of Crawfordsville Board of Zoning Appeals will not meet as scheduled on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 due to lack of a quorum. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Who Knew A Man With Many Names Would Be So Surprising?



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

I "met" this fellow when I was researching for the March Montgomery Memories as he was an inventor of sorts. Thus, since I didn't use him for that, I thought I'd do some

more research and do an ATC article.

Then came the surprises, the first being he was extremely hard to research because his name was spelled so many ways. Frank Raredon was often found with the same first name (a few times as his given name, Francis) but also as Raridon, Rardon, Rairdin, Reardon and oh my, the list went on. As I perused various articles discovering other big surprises in regards to our fellow, Frank, I quickly exposed that he would have fit perfectly in to our recent Bad Boys, Bad Girls Montgomery Memories! So

read on!

Before I get into that, let me tell ya' about his inventions which was the original purpose for checking him out. One was a self-winding clock; an imperial automatic union for steam heaters to replace stoves in passenger cars as well as an automatic draw bar for railroads. He was applying for a patent for an automatic nut and bolt lock which was said to be quite superior to other such devices when he fell into my knowledge. So, Frank was either intelligent, creative, mechanical, pure lucky or all of the above.

Definitely, he carried much luck in his life as it seemed each time he got himself into some nutty trouble he would wiggle his way into good graces. Frank's marriage couldn't be found but he and wife, Mary Jane (Jennie) Harvey were living in Fountain County in the 1880 census (Van Buren Twp) with their first child, Orpha (Oafy). Of course, the 1890 census was burned and in 1889, their children (no names

or even a number mentioned) were removed from "Frank Raredon's filthy den," and sent to the Orphan's Home.

The year 1890 brought some interesting tides flowing into Frank Raredon's life, one being his wife left him. He went to Steele's where she worked, drew a knife and threatened to kill her. When Scott Steele got between them to save Jennie, Frank began slashing at Steele, cutting him badly in several places before he was assisted by others in "overpowering the brute." Frank was arrested for attempted murder.

Again, in Oct 1893, Frank was being bad when he got Willis Crouch, a young man, soused at Annabel's Saloon near the Monon depot. When Willis awoke he was missing his nice silver watch and \$3 he had in his pocket. Frank had the watch in his possession but said Crouch had pawned it to him for \$2.50 and as for the \$3, Frank said Willis hadn't had that much money for years.

▶ See KAREN Page AX

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:28 a.m.
SET: 9:18 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 86 °F
Low: 69 °F

Today is...

- Go West Day
- Fool's Paradise Day
- Bean 'n' Franks Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1985 Live Aid benefit concert.
- 1977 Kinney, Minnesota declares its secession from the U.S
- 1937 Krispy Kreme Doughnuts is founded.

Births On This Day

- 1942 Harrison Ford American actor
- 1940 Patrick Stewart English actor

Deaths On This Day

- 1954 Frida Kahlo Mexican painter
- 1024 Henry II Holy Roman Emperor

Restrictions On State Road 32 Starting On Or After July 20 Over I-74 In Montgomery County

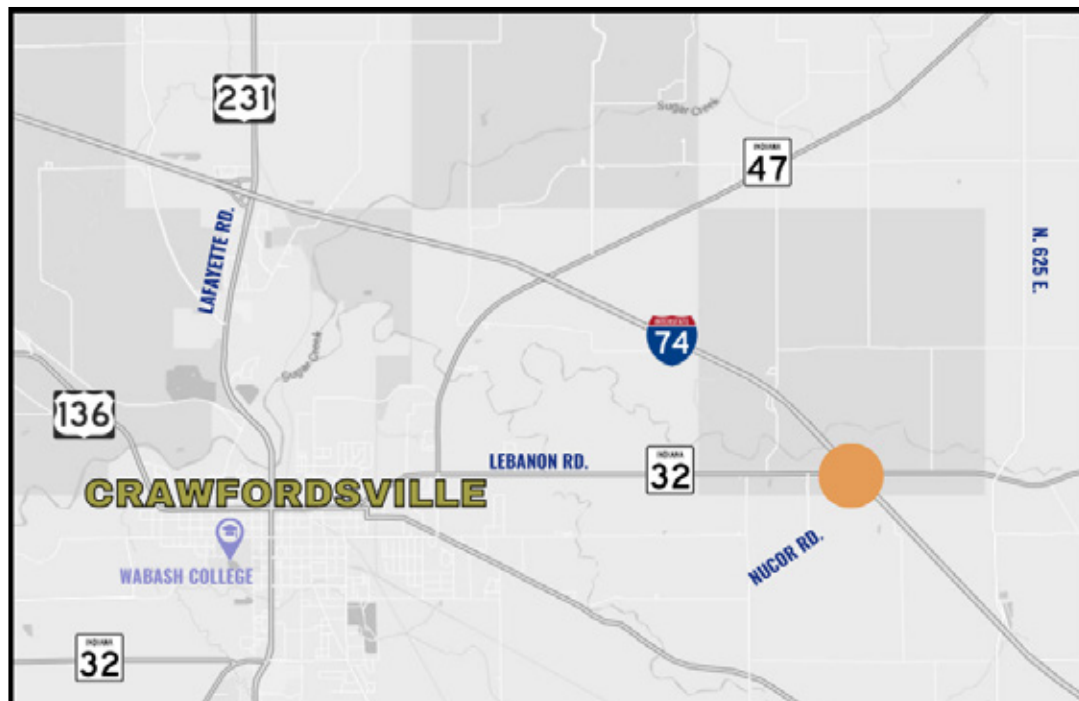


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The Indiana Department of Transportation announces State Road 32 will be restricted over I-74 starting on or after Thursday, July 20 for bridge maintenance near Crawfordsville. Traffic will be controlled by temporary signals through mid-August, weather permitting. This contract was awarded to Pacific Painting Co. and involves maintenance on six bridges. It involves two bridges in Fountain County on U.S. 41, one bridge in Montgomery County on State Road 32, and three bridges on U.S. 231 in both Tippecanoe and Montgomery County. Crews will be performing polymeric overlays to provide additional years of service to the bridges. The entire contract is expected to be completed in October of 2023, weather permitting.

Recovery Coalition INC. Celebrates 5-Year Anniversary

The Recovery Coalition was formed in 2017 to bring together the recovery community of Montgomery County. Their Recovery Rec Center provides a supportive environment for those in recovery and those still struggling with addiction. Through meetings, small groups, and various activities, the Rec Center promotes recovery, community, fellowship and growth. They are joyously celebrating five years as a non-profit agency and want to invite the entire community to celebrate!

The anniversary event will take place on July 22nd from 12:30-3:30pm at the Rec Center, located at 1300 Ladoga Road, Crawfordsville. There will be a Fish Fry, live music, Kona Ice, bounce barn, games, prizes and more. In addition, several community partners will have informational booths.

Everyone is welcome. Come learn more about the Recovery Coalition and see how lives are transformed through their programs. This is a free event with donations appreciated. All proceeds will go towards supporting the recovery community in Montgomery County.

▶ HONEST HOOSIER

I'd like to know when a big night out turned into sitting on the deck?



▶ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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▶ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Farmers Market: Spring, Summer, Fall 8 a.m. to noon at Pike Place

The market has grown with each passing season and now accommodates up to 40 market stalls which host a wide variety of local farmers, growers and producers of fresh bread, produce, eggs, meats, jams and jellies, raw honey, maple syrup and other homemade edible goods.

▶ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Take family walks - it's good exercise and good for conversation. 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

"When in doubt, look intelligent."
-Garrison Keillor

▶ TODAY'S JOKE

Why don't oysters share their pearls?
Because they're shellfish!

▶ OBITUARIES

Robert "Carl" Reamer

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OBITUARIES

Robert "Carl" Reamer
Monday, July 10, 2023

Robert "Carl" Reamer, age 85, of Crawfordsville, passed away on July 10, 2023 after a brief illness. He was born in Sulphur Lick, Kentucky to the late Carl and Iva Reamer.



He attended Coal Creek Schools. He married the former Judy Wolf from Romney in December 1956. Together they had three children, Pam Cross, Ed Reamer, and Scott Reamer.

Carl was known by many and had his hands in several different side jobs over the years, where he made many friends. He was a "jack of all trades" kind of man. Carl retired from Fairfield Manufacturing in 1998. His greatest past times were scratch off lottery tickets and word search puzzles. He enjoyed the company of his cat, Pretty Kitty.

Carl is survived by his daughter Pam Cross; his sister, Nellie Robertson; half brothers and sisters, Ethyl Gildemier, Earl Heide, James Heide, and Marian Branch; 7 grandchildren, Kara (Caleb) Cornelius, Kris (Jennifer) Burton; Heather Larson Faulkner, Adam Reamer, Alesha Reamer, Kylie (Shawn) Hilton, and Katilyn Green; 8 great-grandchildren, Marissa, Paige, Haley, Adam Jr., Mariah, Grady, Maddie, and Joshua; 3 great-great grandchildren, Rylan, Teddy, and Everly; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Judy; both sons, Ed and Scott; brother, Harry Reamer; sister, Ruth Goodin; and his half-brother Frank Heide.

Cremation was chosen with no services as wished by Carl. Sanders Shoemaker Funeral Care of Waynetown is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com



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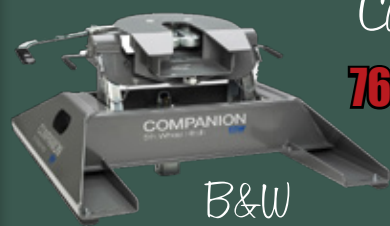
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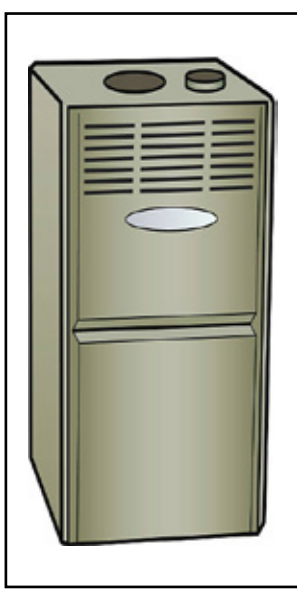
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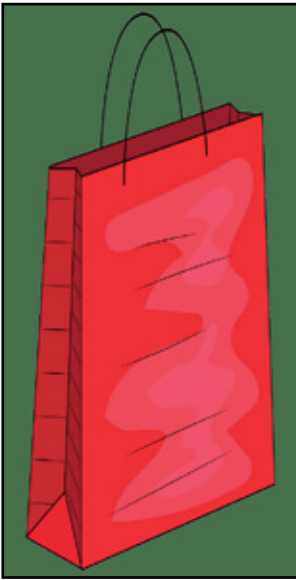
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Duke Energy Foundation Gives More Than \$200,000 To Hunger Relief Programs In Indiana Communities

Funding will help 25 nonprofits and organizations increase their capacity to serve Hoosier families impacted by food insecurity.

The Duke Energy Foundation is awarding more than \$200,000 in grants to local food pantries and community organizations to feed Hoosier families in need. The grants will support the purchase of canned goods, fresh produce and essential supplies to address food insecurity across the company's Indiana service territory.

"Too many Hoosiers struggle with economic instability and food insecurity," said Stan Pinegar, president of Duke Energy Indiana. "When people don't have enough

food to meet their needs or are uncertain of where their next meal might come from, it weighs heavily on families and communities. With these funds, we hope to curb the number of Indiana families experiencing hunger and support local organizations extending a helping hand to their neighbors in need."

The Center for Lay Ministries is the recipient of a \$6,000 Duke Energy Foundation grant to support Clark County, Ind., residents who struggle with food insecurity. Each month, the nonprofit organization provides food for more than 1,100 individuals and their families.

"These funds will allow us to meet the

increased needs of local families this summer while kids are home from school and food costs are rising," said Kara Brown, executive director of the Center for Lay Ministries. "The support of partners like Duke Energy is instrumental in helping us continue to serve our clients with compassion, dignity and respect."

Grants were awarded to the following local organizations:

Food Finders Food Bank (Benton, Carroll, Cass, Fountain, Fulton, Howard, Miami, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Tipton and Warren counties) - \$29,000

Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana (Statewide) - \$10,000

Braun, 4 GOP Senators Seek Answers On Pentagon's \$6 Billion Accounting Error

U.S. Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.), joined by Senators Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), JD Vance (R-Ohio), Mike Lee (R-Utah), and Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), sent a letter to Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin demanding an explanation from the Department of Defense (DoD) for the reported \$6.2 billion accounting error in U.S. security assistance to Ukraine. As President Biden arrives in Lithuania for a critical NATO summit, the Senators called for limits on military aid to Ukraine and questioned the DoD's accounting procedures.

The letter reads in part: "On June 20, 2023, a DoD spokesperson asserted that DoD had been 'overestimating the value' of U.S. security assistance to Ukraine by a combined \$6.2 billion over fiscal years 2022 and 2023," the Senators wrote.

"These so-called 'valuation errors' are particularly concerning given the nature and scope of U.S. aid to Ukraine—over \$113 billion thus far [...] This is a transparent attempt to bypass Congress for additional funds, while continuing to prioritize Ukraine over more vital U.S. interests, including deterring China in the Pacific."

"By using creative accounting to conceal the actual cost of supporting Ukraine, you appear to be circumventing the American people's elected representatives. Congress, not DoD, possesses the power of the purse," the Senators concluded.

The full letter is as follows:

July 10, 2023
Honorable Lloyd Austin
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Austin,
We write to inquire about Department of Defense (DOD) accounting procedures for U.S. security assistance to Ukraine.

On June 20, 2023, a DOD spokesperson asserted that DOD had been "overestimating the value" of U.S. security assistance to Ukraine by a combined \$6.2 billion over fiscal years 2022 and 2023. Specifically, the spokesperson noted that "[military] services used replacement costs rather than net book value" in many cases, and that this sum would subsequently "go back into the pot of money" allocated for Presidential Drawdown Authority (PDA) for Ukraine.

These so-called "valuation errors" are particularly concerning given the nature and scope of U.S. aid to Ukraine—over \$113 billion thus far. By relying largely on PDA for Ukraine security assistance, DOD sends existing equipment to Ukraine and purchases new equipment to replace U.S. stocks. The true cost to American taxpayers for supporting Ukraine is therefore the replacement cost, not the net book value. While accounting consistency is certainly in the interest of good governance—especially given DOD's habitual inability to pass a financial audit—this is a transparent attempt to bypass Congress for additional funds, while continuing to prioritize Ukraine over more vital U.S. interests, including deterring China in the Pacific. This is yet another example of why we do not support further appropriations to Ukraine.

By using creative accounting to conceal the actual cost of supporting Ukraine, you appear to be circumventing the

American people's elected representatives. Congress, not DOD, possesses the power of the purse. We will continue to safeguard this constitutional responsibility, and therefore request answers to the following questions no later than August 10, 2023.

- How does DOD justify the use of net book value vice replacement costs when the equipment given to Ukraine must be replaced with new equipment?

- How is DOD calculating the net book value of equipment given to Ukraine?

- Prior to this updated accounting guidance, which military services were using replacement cost and which were using net book value or other methods?

- What is the total replacement cost to backfill U.S. equipment and munitions stocks that have been drawn down for Ukraine?

- If DOD intends to use net book value going forward, but still needs to replace equipment for U.S. stocks based on replacement value, how does DOD propose to fund the full replacement cost?

- Given the apparent difficulties DOD is experiencing with properly accounting for Ukraine security assistance, how would a Special Inspector General for Ukraine Assistance aid you in this effort?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Josh Hawley
United States Senator
JD Vance
United States Senator
Mike Lee
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Roger Marshall, MD
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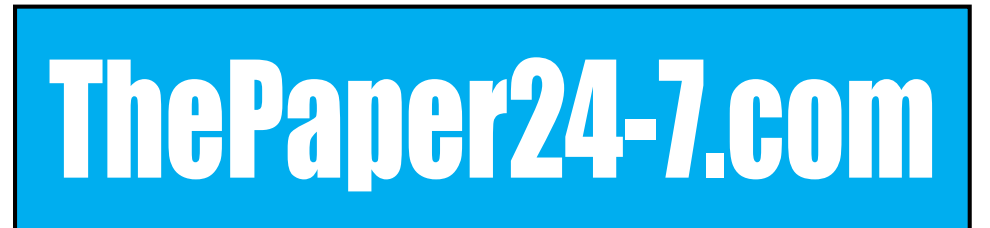
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Comparing Virtual Tourism And Actual Tourism

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Dear EarthTalk: Is virtual tourism better for the planet than actual tourism?

If you've ever wanted to visit Yosemite National Park, the Great Barrier Reef or Tanzania's Mt Kilimanjaro but couldn't afford the costs or time away, virtual tourism might be just right for you. This latest trend in travel, which entails exploring destinations via virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) technologies, has gained popularity in recent years—especially during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic when most leisure travel shut down completely. As concerns about environmental sustainability grow, there is a debate about whether virtual tourism might be better for the planet than actual tourism.

One of the primary advantages of virtual tourism is its potential to reduce carbon emissions associated with travel. Traditional tourism often involves long-haul flights, road trips and other modes of transportation that contribute to greenhouse gas emissions. By enabling people to experience destinations virtually, there is a reduced need for physical travel, resulting in decreased carbon footprints. This aspect of virtual tourism aligns with global efforts to mitigate climate change and preserve natural resources.

Moreover, virtual

tourism can help alleviate the strain on fragile ecosystems. Popular tourist destinations often face challenges related to over-tourism, which leads to overcrowding, habitat degradation, pollution and disruption of local communities. By diverting some travel demand to virtual platforms, the pressure on these vulnerable locations can be reduced, allowing them to maintain their ecological balance.

Beyond reducing environmental impact, virtual tourism can also contribute to the preservation of cultural heritage by enabling people to explore sensitive ancient ruins or historically significant sites without the real-world damage caused by thousands of footsteps traversing them. Another benefit is enhanced accessibility and inclusivity. Virtual tourism provides an opportunity for individuals who may not have the means or ability to travel to experience different places, cultures and natural wonders nonetheless.

However, it is crucial to recognize that virtual tourism has its limitations and potential drawbacks. One of the main criticisms is the loss of the sensory and authentic experience that physical travel provides. Virtual reality can mimic visuals and sounds, but it cannot replicate the taste, smell, touch and overall atmosphere of a destination. The emotional and transformative aspects of travel, such as connecting with local communities and immersing oneself in

different cultures, may be diminished in a virtual environment. Also, the destinations themselves that normally rely financially on tourism can lose income.

Furthermore, virtual tourism relies heavily on technology, which has its own environmental footprint. The production and disposal of electronic devices, as well as the energy consumption of servers and data centers, contribute to e-waste and energy consumption. Advancements in renewable energy can help mitigate these concerns, but the overall impact of technology should be considered in evaluating the environmental benefits of virtual tourism. Ultimately, a combination of virtual and actual tourism, along with sustainable practices, may offer the most comprehensive approach to reducing the environmental impact of travel while still enjoying the unique benefits of physical exploration.

CONTACTS: *Virtual Yosemite*, virtualyosemite.org/; *Google Arts & Culture's The Hidden Worlds of the National Parks*, <https://artsandculture.withgoogle.com/en-us/national-parks-service/parks>; *David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef*, attenboroughs-reef.com/.

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Senator Young Latest Moves And Updates

Young, Colleagues Meet With HRSA, CMS Officials to Discuss Organ Transplant Modernization and Reform.

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), and Ben Cardin (D-Md.) issued a statement following a roundtable meeting held with Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Administrator Carole Johnson along with officials from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to discuss efforts to reform and modernize the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN).

"Today bipartisan senators attended a meeting with administration officials to discuss efforts to reform the OPTN on behalf of the thousands of American families waiting on an organ transplant. This meeting marks an important step forward as we partner with the administration and continue our efforts to improve the transplant system. Members pressed CMS and HRSA officials for a more coordinated, transparent, equitable and accountable system with robust enforcement. Administration officials also discussed the progress on implementing an OPTN modernization plan and offered support for the Securing the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act, which we will continue to push to pass before the contract process begins this fall. The cost of inaction is unacceptable, as 17 people die every day waiting for a life-saving transplant."

In May, the senators introduced the Securing the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act, which builds on the initiative announced in March by HRSA to modernize the OPTN by breaking up the monopoly contract that has been used to run the network since 1986. A companion bill has been reported by the House Energy and Com-

merce Committee.

Young, Colleagues Introduce Bipartisan, Bicameral Bill to Maximize CHIPS and Science Act While Maintaining Environmental Protection.

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.), Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.), and Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), along with U.S. Representatives Jen Kiggans (R-VA-02), Scott Peters (D-CA-50), Brandon Williams (R-NY-22), and Colin Allred (D-TX-32), introduced the Building Chips in America Act, which will maximize the opportunity to bring microchip manufacturing back to America while maintaining environmental protections for clean air and water.

Following the passage of the CHIPS and Science Act, companies throughout the semiconductor supply chain have announced plans to invest hundreds of billions in new domestic manufacturing projects. The Building Chips in America Act would ensure federal environmental reviews are completed in a timely manner for these microchip projects supported by the CHIPS and Science Act by streamlining approval for projects currently under construction and others that could be delayed, and by providing the Secretary of Commerce greater tools to more effectively and efficiently carry out reviews.

This will give the administration additional authority to more effectively implement the CHIPS and Science Act and maximize its potential to boost domestic microchip manufacturing, strengthen domestic supply chains, lower costs, and improve national security.

"The CHIPS and Science Act included manufacturing incentives vital to increasing chip production here in the U.S., protecting our national security interests and boosting our economic security at the same time. However, as

implementation proceeds, unnecessary regulatory burdens are threatening to slow down these critical investments in domestic semiconductor manufacturing and pause construction that has already begun," said Senator Young. "The Building Chips in America Act will cut red tape and solidify our nation's ability to successfully onshore chip production as quickly as possible."

"Our CHIPS Law is bringing billions of dollars in investment to Arizona's microchip manufacturing industry—creating thousands of good-paying jobs, many of which don't require a four-year degree. The Building Chips in America Act will ensure these critical projects can continue construction on time while protecting our clean air and water," said Senator Kelly. "I will keep working with my Republican and Democratic colleagues and with Secretary Raimondo and the administration, to ensure the CHIPS Act is implemented to maximize the impact for our economy and our national security."

"Our nation's economic and national security demands that we bring back—as quickly as possible—American production of strategic commodities like semiconductors, which requires eliminating the unnecessary bureaucratic red tape that stands in the way," said Senator Hagerty. "I am pleased to join Senator Kelly in introducing this legislation to speed up these crucial American projects and advance commonsense permitting reform."

"By investing in Ohio semiconductor manufacturing and Ohio talent, we can restore critical supply chains, help lower costs for Ohioans, and create thousands of jobs," said Senator Brown. "This legislation will help prevent delays to semiconductor manufacturing projects the CHIPS Act made possible and encourage future investments in American manufacturing."

KAREN From Page A1

At Frank's trial he borrowed a wad of chew from one of the jurors and shortly thereafter was acquitted. Actually not sure what nationality Raredon is but I'd say Frank sure had the luck of the Irish.

On 31 July 1894, Jennie Harvey Rariden married Boaz Ellis (both divorced) in the Methodist Church, he 44, she 43, by Rev. HA Tucker. Cost \$2. Immediately, the newlyweds headed to St. Louis for their wedding trip and possibly where he would work. The Daily Journal (13 Aug 1894) referred to her as the "famous Mrs. Rariden," but did not explain that further.

At any rate, a few days after her mother's marriage, Oafy killed herself. She had been her usually happy self, made sure the breakfast dishes had been done and disappeared. It was assumed she had gone to church which was her usual Sunday morning routine; however, when she didn't come to the noon meal someone went to check. Oafy had taken a wine glass full of powerful carbolic acid that the coroner and two local doctors in a post-mortem exam noted the first touch of the poison on her throat immediately killed her. Many said she was spurned by the young saloon owner, Ora Pickett, who firmly denied it, saying he only knew her as a boarder at Steele's, nothing more, nothing less and he desired that local papers stop defaming him and a wonderful young lady, Oafy.

Momma Rariden did not return from her honeymoon to her daughter's funeral but Frank did indeed attend, quietly mourning for his daughter. He and Jennie had at least two other children and guessing possibly more. Oddly, their son, William born 23 Jan 1883, married, a laborer, killed himself just a day before his 29th birthday by drinking a large dose of carbolic acid. Then, the last child I found of theirs was Laura Lutisha born in Waynetown 12 August 1889. She married a bit late in life (age 35) to William E. Burkhart. One exciting item here is that she lived to be 85.

Early on, many times when a man or woman was leaning toward insanity, the person would be put in the pits (of despair, as I call it) at the poor farm, put in jail or when an opening be put in the state insane asylum. Yet as early as 1892 Frank was provoking B. Harrison and was just fined. We know what he tried to do to his wife, and several other fractions. In 1896, everything did seem to point to insanity as he sent out threatening letters to Orpheus M. Gregg (owner of our Match Factory) as well as Theodore Ristine, lawyer (and Supreme Justice) and Judge Warney whom he felt had wronged him ... in some way! This particular group of letters were threats because he wanted his children back (but most grown at this point).

In May 1896, Frank

yelled, "Clear the track! I've killed two men in my life and going to kill TH Ristine this evening." Policeman Bannister came up behind him seized him by the throat and started him to jail. Peacefully he went until the corner of Washington and Market. Rariden suddenly pulled a pair of brass knuckles and attacked Bannister with great bluntness. Bannister was ready and bonked a good blow on Frank's head. When they got Frank to the jail he was found with a pair of heavy knucks and a murderous looking 32-revolver. He stayed in a few days to detox and then given a 35-day jail sentence; but when he promised to "get out of Dodge" (C'ville in this case) the authorities relented and made a deal with him to leave and stay away from town or he'd be sent to prison. They even gave him a free ticket to Danville, Ill where he felt he could get a job.

Seems he may have done just that as in July 1906, he was killed on the electric line between Danville and Champaigne, Ill. His body was returned to Montgomery County and was buried in Darlington so that he could finally Rest In Peace!

- Karen Zach is the editor of *Montgomery Memories*, our monthly magazine all about Montgomery County. Her column, *Around the County*, appears each Thursday in *The Paper of Montgomery County*. You can reach her at karen.zach@sbcglobal.net.

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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.

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The Complete Results For Readers' Choice 2023

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•Russell Chiropractic
•Montgomery County Chiropractic

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Runner Ups
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WINNER:
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Runner Ups
Denhart's Mercantile

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•Walmart
•Heathcliff

•Dunham's Sports
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WINNER:
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Runner Ups
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Runner Up:
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Honorable Mentions:
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WINNER:
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- Runner Up:**
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Honorable Mentions:
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•Just Because
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Runner Up:
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Runner Up:
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•YSB
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WINNER:
TCU
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Runner Up:
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Runner Up:
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 • Hockersmith
 • Ratcliff
 • 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:
 Francis & Mount
Runner Up:
 Applebee's

Honorable Mentions:

Honorable Mentions:
 • Douglas
 • Needham's Excavating
 • Arthur
 • Price
 • Slavens
 • Conner
 • Hamilton
 • TNT

Factory
WINNER:
 Nucor
Runner Up:
 Pace Dairy

Honorable Mentions:
 • Random House
 • Acuity
 • Lakeside Book
 • Midwest Bale Ties
 • Crawford Industries

• Little Mexico
 • 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 Chocolatier

Honorable Mentions:
 • Dairy Queen
 • Culver's
 • Steak n Shake
 • Neighborhood Café

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Funeral Home

WINNER:
Sanders Funeral Care

Runner Ups:
Family & Friends

Honorable Mentions:

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

Furniture Store

WINNER:
Crossroads Furniture

Runner Ups:

Honorable Mentions:

- Hair Cellar
- Beauty Bar on The Boulevard
- Blondie's
- Essentials
- Hairport
- KM Studio
- Hair Heaven
- B. Ryker
- Hairloom
- Redheads
- Stop One
- A Head of Hair

Hair Salon

WINNER:
Savvy Chic

Runner Ups:
Nogginz

Honorable Mentions:

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

Gas Station

WINNER:
Sunoco Midwest Clean Fuel

Runner Ups:
F&F Mart

Honorable Mentions:

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

Hardware Store

WINNER:
Ladoga Hardware

Runner Ups:
Home Depot

Honorable Mentions:

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

Health Club

WINNER:
Iron Smith's Gym

Runner Ups:

Honorable Mentions:

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

Gas / Propane Company

WINNER:
Overpeck

Runner Ups:
Ceres Solutions

Honorable Mentions:

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

Health Food Store

WINNER:
Sunflower

Runner Ups:
Elderberry Everything

Honorable Mentions:

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

Gift Shop

WINNER:
Simpler Times

Runner Ups:
In his Time

Honorable Mentions:

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

Grain Elevator

WINNER:
Waynetown Ag Center

Runner Ups:
New Ross Grain

Honorable Mentions:

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

Home Builder

WINNER:
Jim Biddle

Runner Ups:
Ratcliff Homes

Honorable Mentions:

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

Home Health

WINNER:
Hampton Inn & Suites

Runner Ups:
Holiday Inn Express

Honorable Mentions:

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

Grocery Store

WINNER:
Kroger

Runner Ups:
Four Seasons

Honorable Mentions:

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

Home Health

WINNER:
C'ville Docs

Runner Ups:
Franciscan Health Crawfordsville

Honorable Mentions:

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

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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 -

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:**

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

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

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:**

Healing Arts Center

- Runner Up:**
Kasey Hoffman / Advanced Chiropractic
- Honorable Mentions:**
•Kelly McKinney
•Heather Allen
•Candi Bell
•Nancy Morrison
•Massage by Becca
•Carolyn's Spa
•Angelina Ball
- ## Meat Market
- WINNER:**
Four Seasons Market
- Runner Up:**
Moody Meats
- Honorable Mentions:
•Miller Quality Meats
•This Old Farm
•Back 40 Amish
•Ladoga Frozen Foods

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

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

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

Runner Up

- 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:**

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:**

The Bachelor

- Newspaper Columnist**
- WINNER:**
Butch Dale
- Runner Up:**
Tim Timmons
- Honorable Mentions:**
•Karen Zach
•John Marlowe
•Dick Wolfie
•Purdue Extension
•League of Women Voters
•Carrie Classon
•Dr. John Roberts
•Brian Howey

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:**

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 Altshul
- 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
•Addler
- ## Pest Exterminator
- WINNER:**
Arab
- Runner Up:**
Orkin

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:**

•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

•Dan Hesler, MD,

- Anesthesia
- Odell Smith, MD
- Jon M. Hoversland, MD, OB/GYN
- Atul Chugh, MD
- ## Nurse Practitioner
- WINNER:**
Aimee Barnett, NP-C
- Runner Up:**
Corinna Cain, ANP-BC
- Honorable Mentions:**
•Jamie Barton, ANP-BC
•Stephanie Ross, FNP-C
•Jennifer Mertl, FNP-C, MSN
•Jill Reisman, PA - C, MS
•Penny Hunsberger, MS, RN, AGNP
- ## Podiatrist
- WINNER:**
Dr. Chae
- Runner Up:**
Dr. Hiskes



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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:
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 • C&F Fabricating
 • Sugar Creek Fabricators
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