### **⇒** TODAY'S VERSE

Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

### **⇒** FACES of MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Molly, Assistant Manager at Sunflower Herbs & Vitamins offered one of our roving photographers a smile, with Sunflower's Readers' Choice Award. Thank you for your smile!

### **⇒** THREE THINGS You Should Know:

From Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs; Indiana Veteran Families experiencing financial hardship can apply for \$500 per dependent child for back-toschool expenses. Students must live in a veteran's home. Children K-12 up to age 18 and Full-Time college students, up to age 23 qualify. Must provide Application, DD-214, Bank Statement, Proof of income, Proof of child's dependency, proof of child's residency. Use this link: https://www.in.gov/ dva/files/2023-BTS-app.pdf to fill out the application.

The TASTE! of Montgomery County begins at noon on Saturday and runs until 10 p.m. At the gate, admission is \$7 for adults and \$3 for students. Visitors can purchase advance sale Taste tickets at the Carriage House Interpretive Center of the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum, home of the Taste; the Montgomery County Visitors and Convention Bureau on the first floor of Fusion 54 at 101 West Main Street; Milligan's Flowers & Gifts at 115 East Main; Crawfordsville Parks & Recreation Community Center at 922 E. South Boulevard. Advance tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for

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Gen. Chastain was laid to rest in Oakland Cemetery as the rain bore down. As a matter of policy The Paper does not use photos of family or guests from funeral services.

## A Final Farewell to a Great Man, General



**Deantha** WRIGHT **THORNBURG Guest Column** 

we took General Chastain home to rest beside his beloved wife, Marlene. The family walked behind the flag-draped coffin to Oakland Cemetery.

On Thurs-

day last week,

General Martin Umbarger,

who served with Chastain, described him as a great leader. He used words like loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor and integrity. Then we heard Cindy Chastain share a beautiful eulogy. She shared stories about her father calling her and her siblings with what her father knew best. Her father ran the house with military expertise. Chastain would call using the command "Report." That was the father she knew.

She recalled how wonderful

those family dinners were, how they would sit around the table and reminisce. Cindy said the most important job the General loved, was being a father. The most cherished memory was the bond the two shared with their military career. Cindy retired as a Colonel from the Indiana Army National Guard. Her father watched her career climb. He knew how difficult it was for a woman to climb the ranks,

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### "Used Cars!" **Butch Discovers There Are No**



**BUTCH DALE** COLUMNIST

a new 2021 Toyota SUV two years ago. It's a great vehicle. and should last a long time. My wife drives it to work, while I drive my old Mercury Grand Mar-

I purchased

quis. My old car has seen its better days, so I started looking for a good used car. But guess what? No one sells "used cars" anymore. Nope, all they have are "certified pre-owned vehicles." Sounds better, doesn't it? Of course, these cost more than plain old used cars.

Well, this got me to thinking about all of the terms from the past that have been replaced with "nicer" sounding words, either to charge more money, to be more polite and less offensive, or just to obscure the truth. In this new world

of political correctness, where you dare not offend any person or group, now we also cannot speak straight to the point. For instance, there are no poor people anymore...they are just "economically disadvantaged" or have a "negative cash flow." Riots are called "civil disorders," and slums are referred to as "substandard housing." I tried to make an appointment to see a doctor at his office last month for my annual checkup, but there are no doctors... just "family practitioners." No offices either...only "health maintenance organizations" and "wellness centers" manned by "healthcare delivery professionals." Thousands of new terms have replaced old words or phrases in order to make bad things sound good, or regular words sound "better," for instance:

(1) using illegal drugs is now "substance abuse," (2) a bad loan is called "a non-performing asset," (3) a recession is a "downturn in aggregate

output," (4) abortion is now referred to as "family planning," (5) a phone salesman is a "telemarketing product specialist" who performs "courtesy calls," (6) an illegal immigrant is now a "guest worker," (7) prison has been renamed "correctional facility," (8) torture sounds better when it's called "enhanced interrogation," and (9) pornography is now "adult entertainment." You don't have to worry about getting fired from your job either. No, you can just be "let go," "get downsized," "pivot your career," "consider your options," and be "between jobs." Isn't that great?

Of course there are no dumb, stupid, or idiot people either. They are just "intellectually challenged." But fortunately there are a few humorous phrases for people like that... such as "a beer short of a six pack," "a brick short of a load," "not the brightest

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# The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 7:04 a.m. SET: 8:36 p.m.



**Temperatures** High: 92 °F Low: 72 °F



Today is... National Bao Day • National Tooth Fairy Day • Be an Angel Day

### What Happened On This Day • 1962 France's President

Charles De Gaulle Survives an Assasination Attempt. The Organisation de l'armée secrète (OAS), a French far-right organization tried to machine gun Charles De Gaulle while he was riding to the airport with his wife. • 1922 Irish Politician Michael Collins is Assassinated. A member and leader of Sinn Fein, a political party that advocated complete Irish independence from Britain, Collins was shot dead in an

ambush. This was only a few

months after he had been

appointed as the Finance

Minister of the Irish Free

State. • 1779 James Cook Lands on Possession Island. British explorer James Cook reached the island, which is off the northern coast of Queensland Australia, 2 years after he had set sail on the HMS Endeavour from Plymouth. James Cook named the area New South Wales and claimed it for the

### British Crown. **Births On This Day**

- 1893 Dorothy Parker American poet, writer
- 1862 Claude Debussy French composer

### **Deaths On This Day**

- 1485 Richard III of England
- 1241 Pope Gregory IX

# This from a reader: How did I get

over the hill without reaching the top? Thanks, Bob!



### INSIDE TODAY'S **EDITION**

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### **Womens Equality Day Celebration:**

Looking for something to do Friday? Why not head over to Mural Alley (beside the Community Foundation) and celebrate Women's Equality Day with the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County and others? Women's Equality Day was created in 1971 and has been celebrated nationally every year since 1973. Things get going here at 5 p.m. with live music, refreshments, trivia and a panel featuring women business owners. It lasts until 7 p.m.

### TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

When walking on a road, walk on the same side of the road as the oncoming traffic. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



OBITUARIES **Monty H. Cranmore** 



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



# TODAY'S QUOTE

"If you can't fly, then run, If you can't run, then walk, If you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward." -Martin Luther King Jr.

### TODAY'S JOKE Did you hear the sweet story about

the childhood sweethearts who finally got married late in life? Yup, she got married in August and he got married in September.







PAGE A2 🗉 TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023

### Meeting Notes

# **Montgomery County Board Of Zoning Appeals Agenda**

Wednesday August 23 10 AM 1S80 Constitution Row Crawfordsville

- I. Call To Order II. Approval Of July
- Meeting Minutes Ill. New Business: A. ZV2304 - Public
- Hearing Of Variance To The Setback Standards. B. ZV2305 - Public Hearing Of Variance To
- The Lot Size Require-IV. Other Business V. Adjournment

Agenda subject to

change\* Montgomery County acknowledges its responsibility to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. In order

to assist individuals with disabilities who require special services {i.e. sign interpretive services, alternative audio/visual devices, and amanuenses) for participation in or access to County sponsored public programs, services, and/or meetings, the County requests that individuals makes requests for these services forty-eight (48) hours ahead of the scheduled program, service, and/or meeting. To make arrangements, contact ADA/Title VI Coordinator Lori Dossett@ 765-361-2623.

Next regularly scheduled meeting September 27,

### **Montgomery County Board Of Zoning Appeals Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday July, 26 The Montgomery County Board of Zoning Appeals met on Wednesday, July 26, 2023. Board members present were Steve Canfield, John Hedrick, Seth Howell and Tom Mcclamroch. Staff members present were Marc Bonwell, Dan Taylor and Don Orr.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. Tom Mcclamroch made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes. John Hedrick seconded the motion. Motion carried

ZV2303: Marc Bonwell introduced the variance request. The petitioner is requesting a variance from 2.11 Lot and Yard requirements, front yard setback of 60' for an agriculturally zoned property. The existing Calvary Baptist Church building sits approximately 48' from the from the setback and is legal non-conforming as it was built prior to Montgomery County Zoning Code. The request is to reduce the front setback of 60' to 48' to align the new build with the existing building.

The original church building was permitted by Montgomery County in 2001. At the time of the permit a drainage plan was approved by the Drainage

Board. After review, the approved drainage plan was not implemented as approved at or during construction of the church building. The addition of impervious from the new build would fit within the approved drainage plan on file with minimal impact if it had been implemented. The original drainage plan called for a dry bottom detention area near the western boundary of the property with lead out swales running along the north property line. The staff recommends approval of the setback variance requested with one condition. That being the Petitioner be required to construct the originally approved drainage plan and submit as-built plans once complete. The public hearing was opened at 10:04 AM. The public hearing was closed at 10:04 AM as there were no comments.

Seth Howell made a motion to approve the request with the stipulation that the Petitioner will be required to construct the originally approved drainage plan and submit as-built plans once completed. The motion was seconded by Tom Mcclamroch. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 AM.

### **Montgomery County Plan Commission Agenda**

Wednesday August 23 4 PM Montgomery County Government Center Community Room

- 1580 Constitution Row
- Crawfordsville I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of July 2023 meeting minutes
- Ill. Reports IV. Agenda Modifications
- V. New Business: A. SD2022-3 - Secondary Plat of Foxes Run
- subdivision. B. Discussion - Bulk standards text amendment to the Montgomery Coun-
- ty Zoning Code VI. Adjournment Agenda subject to change\*

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\*Next regularly scheduled meeting Wednesday September 23, 2023

### **Montgomery County Plan Commission Minutes**

Wednesday July 26 The Montgomery Count Plan Commission met on Wednesday July 26, 2023. Those members present were Steve Canfield, Steve Loy, Tom Mcclamroch, Tom Cummins, John Frey and Tricia Herr arrived later. Staff members present were Marc Bonwell and Don Orr.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Steve Loy made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Tom Cummins. Motion carried 5-0.

SD2023-2: Marc Bonwell presented the staff report. The property is located at 10250 E State Road, 6 of a mile east of 975 Eon the north side of SR 32. The petitioner is requesting Preliminary Plat approval of the Mozelle Minor subdivision. The proposed plat splits the 8 acre parcel owned by GPE INC into a three lot minor subdivision. The west lot consists of 3.51 acres. The center lot has 2.8 acres and the east lot

2.21 acres with access coming from State Road 32. The entrance is existing and has INDOT approval. The 8 acre parcel was rezoned by the County Commissioners to residential at the May 22, 2023 Commissioners meeting.

The petitioner has submitted all items necessary for preliminary plat approval and meets the Preliminary Plat requirements of the Subdivision Control Ordinance and the Plat conforms to the Comprehensive Plan of Montgomery County. Based on those findings, the staff recommends approval of the preliminary plat of the Mozelle Minor Plat.

The public hearing was opened up at 4:03 PM. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed at 4:03 PM. Steve Canfield made a motion to approve the preliminary plat. The motion was seconded by Tom Mcclamroch. Motion carried 5-0.

Steve Loy made a motion to approve the Secondary plat. The motion was seconded by Steve Canfield. Motion carried

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned .at 4:09 PM.

## **OBITUARIES**

**Monty H. Cranmore** 

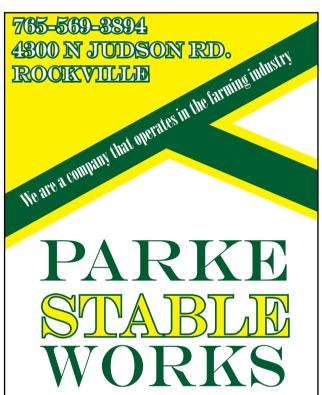
Saturday, August 19, 2023

Monty H. Cranmore, 67, of Kokomo, Indiana, formerly of Connersville, passed away Saturday evening, August 19, 2023 at his home.

Friends may visit from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Friday, August 25, 2023 at Miller, Moster, Robbins Funeral

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. with Pastor Rick Huffman officiating. Burial will be in Dale Cemetery.





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Your monetary support is vital in keeping the gallery open for local artists to share their talents, sell their art, and bring visual arts to the community. We thank you! For this special exhibition, we would like to extend the opportunity for you to be pART of the [untitled]3 celebration! Athens looks forward to allowing you to choose the award winner within levels. Athens Arts' board and artists appreciate your continued support. This prize money will go a long way to celebrate the artists!

Kindly fill out this form and return to be received no later than September 6, 2023.

Address: \_ Phone: Email: Amount of award donation\*: \_\_\$50\* \_\_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_\_\$250 \_\_\_ \*Donations may be combined with other awards - award would be listed as: award given by ZXY company and CBA family

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Please make checks payable to Athens Arts. Mail this completed invoice with the check to: PO Box 207, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Attention: Diana McCormick, Director. If you prefer to pay by card, please contact the Director. Deadline to be included in the program is September 6, 2023

### **Duke Energy Partners With Local Nonprofits** To Distribute Fans To Help Seniors, Low-**Income Customers Beat Summer Heat**

Summer temperatures often mean customers are looking for ways to beat the heat and Duke Energy is working with local nonprofit agencies to distribute critical relief for residents in need. The Duke Energy Foundation is contributing more than \$90,000 to 15 organizations across the state to help purchase and distribute fans to older adults and low-income households.

"Indiana summers can be extremely hot, with August bringing some of the warmest days of the year," said Stan Pinegar, president of Duke Energy Indiana. "A simple fan can make a difference in avoiding heat-related illnesses and provide our senior and low-income customers with some comfort when temperatures rise."

Grants were awarded to the following organiza-

• Area IV Agency on Aging and Community Action Programs - \$8,000 Good Samaritan

Netwok - \$5,000 •Heart of Indiana United Way - \$2,500

•Henry County Community Foundation – \$2,500 •Hoosier Uplands **Economic Development** 

Corporation – \$5,000 •Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County - \$1,000

• Johnson County Senior Services - \$5,000 •Ohio Valley Opportuni-

ties - \$20,000 •Salvation Army, Princ-

eton - \$5,000•Salvation Army, Shelbyville - \$5,000

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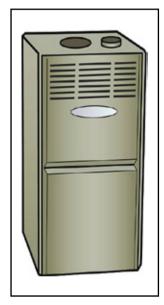
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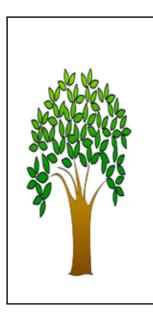
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### **Trump And Hoosier Republicans ... Well, It's Complicated**



BRIAN HOWEY Howey Political The relationship between Donald J. Trump and Hoosier Republicans is, well, complicated.

Report Last week, five days before a grand jury in Georgia increased the number of criminal charges for Trump to 91 felonies from 78, the Indiana GOP U.S. Senate frontrunner Jim Banks doubled down. "President Trump endorsed me early in my campaign, and I endorse President Trump as well, and he has my full support," Rep. Banks told a press scrum after his speech, making no mention of former Indiana governor Mike Pence, one of

idential nomination. When Trump ran in the 2016 Indiana presidential primary, his institutional support was former GOP chairman Rex Early and Sullivan County Chairman Bill Springer. Gov. Pence was backing U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz. RNC committeeman John Hammond III called Trump "unfit" for the presidency and acknowledged that some GOP flanks were open to a "strongman." Allen County Chairman Steve Shine said Trump was a release valve, allowing people to "vicariously vent their frustrations." Former congressman Mark Souder said in an October 2015 Howey Politics column, "He's no sheep in wolf clothing. He's a wolf in wolf clothing." Longtime GOP operative Pete Seat observed in another Howey Politics column,

a dozen challengers to

Trump for the 2024 pres-

"Americans simply love villains and in Donald Trump they have found one."

Trump's most ardent supporters appeared to be legendary coaches Bobby Knight, Gene Keady and Lou Holtz.

And then in the May 2016 Indiana presidential primary, he clinched the nomination, winning 53% of the vote against three other candidates. Gov. Pence joined his ticket, bringing with him crucial evangelical support, helping Trump secure the most improbable upset in American history while helping Eric Holcomb defeat John Gregg in the gubernatorial race and Todd Young's Senate race upset of dynastic Democrat Evan Bayh.

The fledgling administration was formed with some two dozen Hoosiers at cabinet and sub-cabinet level positions and on the White House staff. U.S. Sen. Dan Coats would become director of National Intelligence; Alex Azar would head the sprawling Health & Human Services; Dr. Jerome Adams would be surgeon general; Seema Verma, director of Medicare/Medicaid; Ted McKinney would be under-secretary at the USDA; Kip Tom was named ambassador to the United Nations food program.

It was a rollicking four years, with the Trump administration facing the COVID-19 pandemic and an array of controversies resulting in two impeachments. The president would fire Director Coats by tweet.

After losing the 2024 election by more than 7 million votes and 306-223 in the Electoral College, Trump commenced a path that resulted in

the Jan. 6 U.S Capitol insurrection and a banana republic-style coup d'etat that would ultimately be thwarted by Republicans, including Mike Pence.

As the smoke cleared from the Capitol insurrection, Hoosiers serving in the Trump administration began to bail. Pence said in March at the Reagan Library, "President Trump was wrong. I had no right to overturn the election. What happened that day was a disgrace."

Verma said she was "repulsed" by the Jan. 6 mob. Azar resigned, citing in his letter to Trump, "The attacks on the Capitol were an assault on our democracy and on the tradition of peaceful transitions of power." Dr. Adams cited the "Trump hangover."

Asked by The New York Times earlier this year if renominating Trump would be a mistake, John Hammond said, "We can't be a cult of personality any longer." Coats, writing a New York Times op-ed in October 2020, said, "The most urgent task American leaders face is to ensure that the election's results are accepted as legitimate. Electoral legitimacy is the essential linchpin of our entire political culture."

On Tuesday, U.S. Sen. Todd Young told Republicans that Trump was poised to lose the 2024 election if nominated for a third time, suggesting to the IndyStar, "Someone who can actually win come next November."

But not all have bailed. In addition to Rep. Banks, the gubernatorial field rallied to Trump. U.S. Sen. Mike Braun called the Georgia indictments "another attempt by President Biden and his party's prosecutors to

put their leading political rival behind bars and interfere with the 2024 presidential election." Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch told the NWI Times that DOJ was in a "war on conservatives" that "continues unabated and without shame." Fort Wayne businessman Eric Doden said the charges "degrade our entire election process."

These candidates fear alienating the Trump

In Georgia, two Republicans - Gov. Brian Kemp and Secretary of State
Brad Raffensperger - both refused to go along with Trump's scheme to subvert the will of voters in 2020-21. They were appalled at Trump's 2020 actions that lost two GOP Senate seats and the majority. Both earned Trump's wrath. And both were reelected in 2022 by landelide margins.

landslide margins. Gov. Kemp said on Tuesday, "The 2020 election in Georgia was not stolen. For nearly three years now, anyone with evidence of fraud has failed to come forward — under oath and prove anything in a court of law. Our elections in Georgia are secure, accessible, and fair and will continue to be as long as I am governor. The future of our country is at stake in 2024 and that must be our focus."

And Raffensperger tweeted, "The most basic principles of a strong democracy are accountability and respect for the Constitution and rule of law. You either have it, or you don't."

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# **Spam E-Mail Takes Toll On Environment**

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Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that spam email takes a huge toll on the environment?

If you are among the 92 percent of Americans who use email as a means of communication, you are a recipient of unsolicited batch emails called "spam." Every day, upwards of 14.5 billion spam emails are sent globally. They may seem harmless on the surface, but the storage, sorting and transmission of unnecessary spam emails consume copious amounts of energy, contributing to greenhouse gas emissions.

Emails may seem to appear somewhat magically on a phone or laptop, but any kind of electronic request actually requires a physical touchpoint, called a data center, for the information to be transmitted. Data centers need enormous amounts of electricity to function. Everything, from the servers to the infrastructure to cool the extensive computer systems, is powered by electricity. In 2014, data centers in the United States consumed 70 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity which is equivalent to around two percent of all annual American electricity consumption (the amount of electricity that data centers consume today is likely far higher). Electricity is frequently generated from fossil fuels, and fossil fuels release greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere when burned. A high demand for electricity from data centers significantly contributes to the high volume of green-

house gas emissions. Therefore, every email sent and received has a carbon footprint. Mike Berners-Lee, a professor at Lancaster University, determined that each spam email has a carbon footprint of 0.3g of carbon dioxide. While a spam email's carbon footprint is actually less than the average non-spam email's carbon footprint, spam email accounts for the majority of all emails sent, according to some reports—and volume matters. One spam email has the same carbon footprint as driving just three feet in a car, but the total annual volume of spam has the same carbon footprint as driving around the world

1.6 million times.

Between the energy required to harvest addresses, store unread messages in data centers for long periods of time, filter spam and complete basic processing and transmission of messages, spam email is estimated to consume 22 billion kilowatt-hours annually. The same amount of energy could power 2.3 million homes in the United States. And assuming the electricity is coming from fossil fuel sources, 2.6 billion trees would have to be planted every year to offset the pollution.

Luckily, spam is unnecessary and there are steps you can take to limit its presence in your own inbox, and to make your inbox greener. Deleting emails, clearing your spam inbox regularly, and unsubscribing from unwanted subscriptions reduces the amount of data volume being transmitted between servers and stored, which reduces demand for electrical energy. You can also choose a cloud provider, like Gmail or Microsoft Outlook, that has pledged to make their data centers carbon neutral or more environmentally friendly. Green cloud providers use a renewable electricity source or have vastly improved the electrical efficiency of their data centers. In choosing your cloud provider, take a look at Brainwave's ranking of the "Greenest Clouds. The impact of some of the more major cloud providers going green has had a tangible impact: while the volume of spam email has significantly increased over time, the amount of electricity spam email consumes annually has remained relatively consistent

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especially when you have the last name of Chastain.

As the funeral escorts left, the armory soldiers stood at attention; citizens lined Washington Street in reverent silence, with hands over their hearts, as the Chastain Family took their father to his final resting place. The caravan rolled slowly through the city past our courthouse, where County Councilman Chastain spent many a morning hashing over the budget for the coming year, debating politics or sharing a good laugh with many of his peers. He was a gentle, kind soul who loved life and the people around him. His life was well-lived as we were about to celebrate on Saturday, Aug. 5. A day after his 90th birthday, his life ended tragically in a house explosion. He was killed along with his new wife and partner, Marylin Fox of Winamac.

Hidden between the corn and bean fields of Montgomery County on a narrow country road, there sits a little cemetery called Oakland. On that Saturday, the cemetery became a bustle of activity. All waited patiently for the Chastain children to walk that last half- mile behind their father's casket on the military caisson to Oakland Cemetery.

The clouds began to move as the winds started to blow across the cemetery's hilltop. The caisson moved slowly past the corn and bean fields where Dick Chastain and their family once farmed.

The men checked the radar to see if the pending rain would move further north. Others had gathered near the funeral canopy as it began to sprinkle. The ladies declared that the cemetery was no place to wear high kneels—those who could toss theirs aside did so and stood barefoot under the canopy.

The weather began to worsen. A single bolt of lightning shooting straight downward to the ground brought an unsettling jolt

to those standing near the trees in this hilltop cemetery. We continued to wait as the procession was still off in the distance. Wondering if the weather would worsen, we huddled even closer together. The canopy began to fill with water. What was intended to be a

solemn afternoon to honor

Dick Chastain turned into

a memorable occasion.

I stepped outside the gathering to give the family enough room to stay dry. Several taller gentlemen started to drain water off the canopy to keep it from collapsing. I turned to see if the caisson was moving closer. Never turn your back to a crowd needing something to laugh about. What was once a still and somber moment turned into laughter. As several gentlemen attempted to rid the canopy of as much water as possible they began to lift the canopy – running buckets of cold water down my back. Others close by were drenched. There was not a dry shirt or skirt under the awning.

Heavy rain continued to pour as the caisson entered the cemetery.

Soldiers on horseback led a flag-draped coffin up the hill in the pouring rain. General Chastain's final resting place is beside his beloved wife Marlene. Under a cloud of heavy rain, we watched reverently as the family each was honored with a folded flag from their father's years of service.

As the service ended and we loaded the tour buses to return to the armory, the sun emerged from the skies. The man upstairs sent us a summer shower to hide our tears of sadness. Rest in peace Richard L. Chastain Major General United States Army, Retired. Thank you for your service.

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### A Fisherman's Tall Tale



Slim Randles **Home Country** 

we could always just go ask Delbert Chin why he did it, but that would

take all the fun out of it. You know. So we sat and sipped at the world di-

lemma think tank meeting of Everything Important down at the Mule Barn truck stop and talked it It was probably inspired

by Jasper Blankenship bringing cookies down from the diggin's and passing them out, along with a compliment for each recipient. Others in town did likewise, including Delbert Chin, whose immaculate Gates of Heaven Chinese restaurant is a favorite for special times. Delbert got in the spirit of cookies and passed out fortune cookies on the street to all concerned, wishing each of us a good fortune. He lit up when he did it, you could see. Maybe that's what happened.

It was less than a week later. Delbert brought out a large glass jar full of water and punched small holes in the lid. He set it on a small table just inside the front door to the

Gates and put a sign on it: "World Famous Invisible Golden Trout."

Problem was no one could see the fish. When he was asked about it, he said he caught it in Owens Lake, which is dry. He also added he caught it on a dry fly, naturally.

He had a kind of smirk about his mouth when he answered these questions, but it didn't stop every kid and half the adults in town from coming in and looking in that glass jar to see if they could spot the

It was a tourist lady who finally did it, though. She confronted Delbert

directly.
"Sir," she proclaimed, "there's no fish in that jar over there. That's a lie!"

"Oh no!" said Delbert and ran to the jar. "Whew!" he said with relief. "For a while I thought he was gone, you know."

"There's no fish in

there!" she said.
"Ma'am," Delbert said.
"He's more than eight inches long. You see those little-bitty holes? How you think he's gonna get out?"

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# journalist. **BUTCH** From Page A1

bulb on the tree," "sharp as a bowling ball," a few sandwiches short of a picnic," "running about a quart low," "his elevator doesn't quite make it to the top floor," "he isn't firing on all cylinders," and my favorite..."the lights are on, but no one's home.'

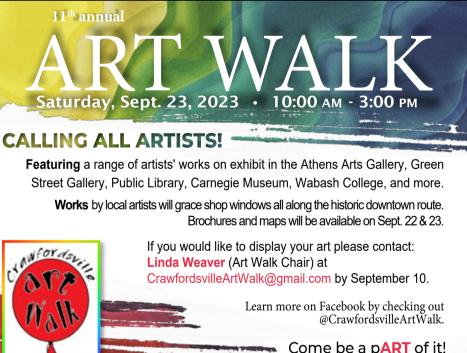
Now listen...all of you old folks... excuse me, I meant to say "age-enhanced senior citizens"... myself included...death is not something to be afraid of, because you don't have to die! You will just "cash in your chips," "pass the nocturnal darkness," "be called to the Lord," "let the angels carry you away,' "climb the stairway to

Heaven," "meet your maker," and "enter Eternal Rest." See, that isn't

so bad, is it? When "my time has come," however, I prefer to just "kick the bucket, bite the dust, get the deep six, and pay my final debt." I like to think that when "my number is up," my death will just be a "lifestyle adjustment and permanent move to the Happy Hunting Ground!"

My wife said I "have a leak in my think tank."

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