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➔ TODAY'S VERSE

James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



One of our roving photographers caught Cameron and Cooper outside and having fun and the boys were nice enough to offer a smile! Got a great photo of your loved one? E-mail it to news@thepaper24-7.com along with the pertinent info (and your contact information so we can reach you if we have questions).

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Trick Or Treat Times for Montgomery County. Crawfordsville: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Darlington: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Ladoga: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., New Richmond: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Waynetown: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Linden: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

2 If you are an artist, an art enthusiast, an appreciator of art, thinking of volunteering, someone wanting to join our board, become a member or guest artist, or simply not sure about Athens Arts, please come and see what we are all about! Athens Arts is scheduled to host their annual meeting on Thursday Nov. 9 at the Crawfordsville District Public Library from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. There is a meet and mingle from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. beforehand. Learn about how your contributions have made Athens Arts grow! Learn about the wonderful organizations that partner with Athens Arts! Learn about committees and how you can #bepARTofit! Learn the needs of the gallery moving forward and how your continued support can assist Athens Arts in our mission and vision! Share your thoughts with us! We want to grow th arts with you!

3 It's a fact: you can get quite a headache if you drink too much wine. But balancing a bunch of wine glasses on your head can land you a page in the Guinness Book of World Records. In fact, Aristotelis Valaoritis, a native Cypriot, earned the coveted title recently when he managed to balance 319 wine glasses on his head while walking and dancing. It's a talent that, over the years, has earned him the title of "glass dancer." As he puts it, "I enjoy doing it. I see the spectators' faces full of tension and agony like they're watching a movie."

BTN

By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous details, bias or slanted reporting. To borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!

\$68 Per Hour

State budget regulators on Friday approved a request from Indiana's Family and Social Services Administration to set new reimbursement rates for autism therapy services for Hoosier children with Medicaid. While the rate of \$68 an hour is above what the FSSA originally proposed it is below an average rate of \$91 an hour that has been given previously under an old formula. The new rates will take effect Jan. 1.

\$55 Per Hour

Families, multiple state lawmakers and even Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch have pushed back, saying the state's first, smaller proposal of \$55 an hour would have caused some therapy providers to lay off staff, reduce services or shut down altogether.

24 Percent

FSSA released its updated plan last month, which increased the proposed reimbursement rate for autism therapy services rendered by a registered behavioral technician (RBT) by 24% to \$68.24 per hour — up from \$55.19 per hour in the state's earlier proposed rate.

7.5 Percent Inflation Factor

FSSA Medicaid Director Cora Steinmetz maintained on Friday that the initial reimbursement rate was determined based on survey data provided by therapy providers. But after provider feedback, the agency elected to increase the rates for administrative overhead and supervision, she said. Steinmetz additionally said FSSA applied a 7.5% inflation factor the last two years, and there will be a 2% inflationary adjustment applied to the reimbursement rates each year until the matter comes up again for review.

25 Percent or 30 Percent

Porter previously pushed for reimbursement increases of 25% or 30% more than what the state initially proposed. He made multiple calls Friday to increase the rates by another \$4, which he emphasized would only cost the state \$5 million more.

40 Percent

Indiana's Medicaid program didn't start covering ABA therapy — a type of skills-based therapy beneficial to some families — until 2016. Without a precedent to set base rates, FSSA decided to pay a flat 40% of whatever providers charged the insurance policy.

More Than 50 Percent

The agency previously said payment of a percent of billed charges "has resulted in widely different reimbursement amounts for different providers of the same service." Over the last three years, ABA expenditures have increased by more than 50% per year, "which is not a sustainable rate," according to the state officials.

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 8:13 a.m.
SET: 6:49 p.m.



High/Low
Temperatures
High: 46 °F
Low: 37 °F

Today is...

- Buy a Doughnut Day
- Mischief Night
- Checklist Day

What Happened On This Day

- **2014** Sweden Recognizes Palestine. By doing so, it became the first EU country in Western Europe to recognize the State of Palestine. Yasser Arafat declared an independent Palestine on November 15, 1988.
- **1961** Biggest Bomb in History is Detonated. The Soviet Union detonated Tsar Bomba or Big Ivan over the Mityushikha Bay test range on the Novaya Zemlya Island in the Arctic Circle. The 57 Megatons nuclear bomb was one-of-a-kind and the flash of light when it exploded at a height of 13,000 feet was visible over 1000 kilometers away.
- **1905** Russian Tsar Issues the October Manifesto. The manifesto, which was issued by Nicholas II, was a response to the Russian Revolution of 1905 in which there were widespread strikes and protests directed towards the government.

Births On This Day

- **1882** William Halsey, Jr. American Admiral
- **1735** John Adams American politician, 2nd President of the United States

Deaths On This Day

- **2006** Clifford Geertz American anthropologist
- **1987** Joseph Campbell American author

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

I think for Halloween I'm going to trick or treat as Joe Biden. That means I'll send my son to the door and rake in a great candy haul!



➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

Casey Williams.....A3
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Carrie Classon.....A4

➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Say Cheese!

Are you a proud parent or grandparent? Got a great photo of your loved one? E-mail it to news@thepaper24-7.com along with the pertinent info (and your contact information so we can reach you if we have questions). C'mon, let's show off as many bright and smiling faces as we can and make clear exactly why Montgomery County is such a great place to raise a family!

➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Read to your child every day instead of sitting her in front of the TV. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Do you believe in destiny? That even the powers of time can be altered for a single purpose?"
-Dracula

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What do you call a witch's garage? A broom closet.

➔ OBITUARIES

NONE

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



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➔ Meeting Notes

Change of Meeting Date Historic Preservation Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Crawfordsville will hold a special meeting in the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

The Historic Preservation Commission will not meet as scheduled on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 due to lack of a quorum before the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Department of Planning & Building Services
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300 E. Pike Street;
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765.364.5152 p.
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Notice Date: October 27, 2023

If you have any questions, please call Mayor Barton's office at 765-364-5160. Also, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to attend, hear or speak at the public meeting and needs reasonable

accommodation, please contact the Crawfordsville Department of Planning & Building Services so accommodation can be made. The Department may be contacted at 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933, Fax No. 765-364-1140, Telephone No. 765-364-5152. Brandy Allen, City of Crawfordsville ADA Coordinator; ballen@crawfordsville-in.gov.

Change of Meeting Date: Redevelopment Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Redevelopment Commission of the City of Crawfordsville will hold a special meeting in the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

The Redevelopment Commission will not meet as scheduled on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 due to lack of a quorum before the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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Change of Meeting Date Plan Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Plan Commission of the City of Crawfordsville will hold a special meeting in the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

The Plan Commission will not meet as scheduled on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 due to lack of a quorum before the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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1st Place Squeaked By With A Single Stroke Lead

The first place team of Steve Hoagland, Sonny Shelton, Bill Sheldon, John Welliever and Bob Stephens won this week with a score of nine-under-par. In second, and only one stroke behind, was the team of Dave

Hart, Dick Baker, Ron Stewart and Les Cardy. Proxys went to Bill combs and Dale Wilson on holes four and ten, respectively. Longest drive of someone 80 years old or older was award to Baker.

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2023 Hyundai Ioniq 6 Electric Sedan Keeps EVs Interesting

If you asked me which automaker makes the most interesting electric vehicles, you'd probably be surprised at the answer: Hyundai-Kia, which includes its luxury brand, Genesis. The cars look like they snuck out of a design studio and onto the streets, but are super easy to operate. Range and recharge times are class-leading. And, as you may actually expect, they're relatively affordable. A case example is the 2023 Hyundai IONIQ 6.

Not everybody will equate interesting with beautiful, but I would. I like the future-Porsche look with its sloping nose, bulging headlamps, arching roofline, and beltline that curves gently into a fastback rear. LEDs are everywhere: Under the headlamps, as headlamps, in tail lamps, and even as arrays for the spoiler's

third brake lamp. Filling those flowing fenders are 20" wheels with low profile tires. Black trim on the facias and lower body sides break up the monotony. Wave your hand over the flush door handles to gain entry.

Having batteries beneath the floor enables a wide spacious cabin with flybridge center console, heated/ventilated front seats, heated steering wheel, and power sunroof. There's a lot of plastic when you tap around, but it's all elegantly styled. I especially like the ribbed effect on the doors, highlighted by selectable ambient lighting. Twin screens sprout from the dash for instruments and infotainment that includes Bose audio, Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, and wireless charging. Dual-zone automatic climate control and navigation add conveniences.

2023 Hyundai IONIQ 6 Five-passenger, AWD Sedan
 Output: 320hp/446 lb.-ft. torque
 Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind
 Wheels f/r: 20"/20" alloy
 Brakes f/r: regen disc/disc
 0-60 mph: 4.3s
 Range: 270 mi
 Fuel economy: 111/94 MPGe city/hwy
 Assembly: Asan, Korea
 Base/As-tested price: \$41,600/\$57,425

Hyundai is a leader in safety, usually performing well in crash tests, but it's even better to not crash in the first place. To that end, the IONIQ 6 employs automatic emergency braking, blind spot warning, lane keep assist, and rear cross path detection systems. Adaptive

LIKES

- Chic styling
- Luxury trimmings
- Fast charging

cruise and lane-centering steering reduce fatigue on longer drives. I just wish Hyundai would add a head-up display to keep eyes ahead and for that aura of a super fly modern ride.

Beauty is also in the driving. Our Long Range all-wheel-drive routes 320 horsepower to both ends and accelerates 0-60 mph in a scant 4.3 seconds. Drive modes let you select from Eco for a less sensitive accelerator to Sport for the most sensitive. Use Eco to maximize range of about 270 miles (up to 361 miles in RWD lower trim versions). Those 20" wheels don't help range, but drivers can recharge

DISLIKES

- Borderline range
- No HUD
- Lotsa plastics

10-80% in just 18 minutes (gain 68 miles in 5 minutes). That's pretty impressive.

It's a heavy car, over 4,600 lbs., but handles well for an electric tank. All of that battery weight is placed low in the chassis where firm suspension settings and quick steering keep the car from wallowing. It just soaks up highway miles and city streets, but there's not much feel in the wheel. None of that matters when you step on the accelerator, though, because the car whooshes away from stoplights and up on-ramps with turbine smoothness. Whether heading to work or a state park on weekends, it's a



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

nice place to play. Being a Hyundai, the IONIQ 6 is also a good value. Base models start at \$41,600 with our Limited coming to \$57,425. Also consider the Kia EV6, Tesla Model 3, and upcoming Chevy Equinox EV.

Storm Forward!

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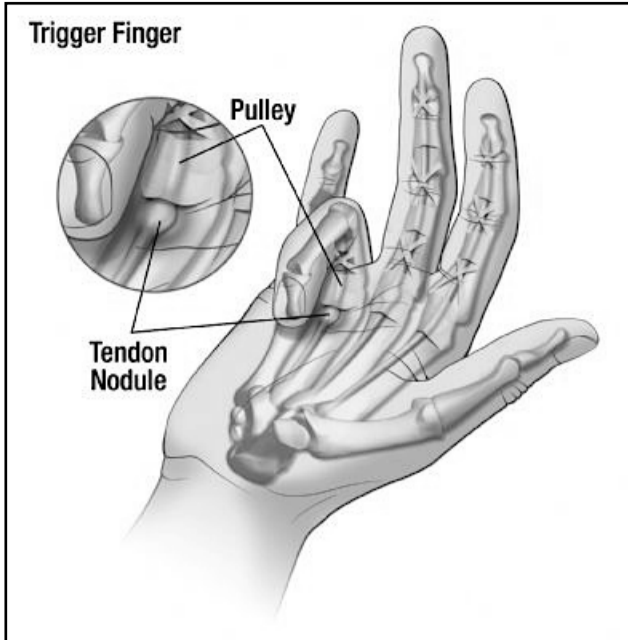
I have seen many patients over the years who presented with problems getting their fingers to move. They all described pain with “catching” or “popping” when trying to flex or extend a finger. They suffered from trigger finger, a condition also known as trigger digit, or by the medical term stenosing tenovaginitis.

The condition is very common. It is seen two to six times more frequently in women than men and typically presents around 55 to 60 years of age, usually in a person’s dominant hand. It can affect any of the fingers, most commonly in the thumb, followed by the ring, middle, little and index fingers.

The reasons for developing trigger finger are not completely understood. It seems to be associated with activities that require pressure on the palm during powerful gripping or repetitive forceful flexion of the fingers such as when using heavy shears. Unlike carpal tunnel syndrome, the increased use of keyboards in our society does not seem to be a significant factor trigger finger.

Other medical conditions increase the risk of developing trigger finger. It is more common in those with rheumatoid arthritis and diabetes. Those with psoriatic arthritis, amyloidosis, hypothyroidism and sarcoidosis are also at higher risk.

The symptoms and signs of trigger finger are easy to spot. Patients experience the catching or popping sensation when flexing or extending one or more of their fingers. Some may even experience locking of the finger, usually in the flexed (finger down) position. Most patients also have pain in the palm near the base of the involved finger.



Graphic courtesy of John Roberts

Trigger finger is easy to understand looking at the anatomy of the hand that is involved with moving the fingers. Finger movement happens when muscles in the palm side of the forearm contract, pulling on the finger bones. The muscles are attached to the bones by tendons.

The culprit in trigger finger is one of the flexor tendons on the palm side of the hand, the flexor digitorum superficialis or FDS. In order for these tendons to work properly they have to slide through connective tissue tubes called tendon sheaths and under little tissue bridges called retinacular pulleys. To visualize this, think of a rope that is running through a pulley to pull on an object on the other side.

The anatomic problem that occurs in trigger finger is caused by the development of a swollen area on the FDS tendon. Returning to my rope and pulley analogy, this would be equivalent to having a knot in the rope that can’t pass through the pulley so it gets stuck.

If it’s a small knot, with a little force you can go ahead and pull it through. A larger knot can’t pass through the pulley. This is exactly what happens in trigger finger – as the swelling on the tendon gets larger, it becomes harder to move it through the retinacular pulley and sometimes it can become permanently stuck on one

side.

If the enlargement in the tendon gets stuck on the wrist side of the retinacular pulley, the finger can’t be extended and gets stuck in the flexed, or down position. If it gets stuck on the palm side, the finger gets stuck in the extended, or up position and can’t be flexed.

Treatment for trigger finger is fairly straightforward. First line therapy is to try and shrink the swelling in the tendon by injecting a steroid solution into the tendon sheath surrounding the FDS tendon. This procedure can be performed in many physician’s offices using a small needle.

Steroid injections are successful about 85 percent of the time. They are more successful in women, those who have had symptoms less than four months, and who have a single swollen area in the tendon. It is less successful in those who have other conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis and diabetes.

Sometimes a second injection is needed. If a person fails two injections, surgery is usually indicated. It is a simple outpatient procedure that involves cutting the retinacular pulley to allow the tendon to move freely.

- Dr. John Roberts is a retired member of the Franciscan Physician Network specializing in Family Medicine.

Keeping An Eye On Artificial Intelligence



SPENCER DEERY
Guest
Columnist

This week I participated in a hearing on artificial intelligence (AI) as a member of the Interim Study Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

The rapid progression of AI is expected to be one of the most life altering innovations of our day and, as with all technology, it will be used for both good and evil.

The hearing included several hours of testimony from experts about the possibilities on all sides.

It is important to start thinking about these issues now as scammers and other criminals are already using AI in ways that make them more threatening to Hoosiers.

On the other hand,

artificial intelligence has the potential to improve education in wonderful ways. Through AI, it may be possible to give every student a personal, digital tutor that uses the same patient Socratic method used by high-quality teachers. We obviously will always need great people in the classroom, but AI could expand the abilities of our teachers and become the breakthrough we need to truly leave no child behind.

While I won’t pretend to have all the answers after a single hearing, I believe lawmakers should proactively seek evidence-based policies and these summer study sessions are invaluable toward that end.

If you have ideas on how to protect Hoosiers from the bad and how to promote the good of artificial intelligence, please send me a note at Senator.Deery@iga.in.gov.

Fountain Central FFA Students Competing on National Stage

Several students from Fountain Central High School’s FFA program will represent the school at the National FFA Convention next week in Indianapolis.

Jessie Frazee, Anthony Lopez, Jaylin Payne and Erin Sillery will all compete in the agronomy competition.

Good luck to these bright individuals as they compete against students from across the nation.

Stay Safe this Halloween

Happy Halloween to all of you next week.

The Indiana State Police has released a list of tips to stay safe on the holiday.

- Spencer Deery is an Indiana State Senator serving District 23 which includes Fountain, Parke, Vermillion, Warren and portions of Montgomery and Tippecanoe counties.

Celebrating Halloween In Other Ways



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

I have always loved Halloween, and I love it now more than ever. I love to get in costume and have fun with other people in costume. People seem freer when they are dressed in different clothes.

They seem to have a little more fun. I like the challenge of making or putting together elaborate costumes but, as the years passed, I’ve done less and less of it. Costume parties seem to be less common, and I don’t spend time in bars, so the opportunity to celebrate the holiday has diminished.

Then I started going to Mexico, and all that changed.

Halloween is celebrated there, but it is a more somber affair, with beautiful “ofrendas” dedicated to the dead in homes, in the parks and in the cemeteries. It is a tradition that brings the dead closer to the living through remembrances and photos and collections of the things and the people the dead loved, all gathered together in their honor.

And then there is a party.

After Halloween, the Day of the Dead is celebrated, followed by All Souls Day, and each

has its own significance, and its own traditions, which vary from one community to another. But what is, in the U.S., a short evening’s activity celebrated primarily by children is a much bigger deal, a celebration that goes on for most of the week, involving people of all ages. The celebrations mix a reverence for the dead and a joy for life in a way I find breathtaking.

So my husband, Peter, and I will be celebrating Halloween this year. Peter, it should be noted, is not as big on the whole “getting into costume thing” as I am.

“What will I wear?” he asks, with obvious skepticism.

He worries he will look silly. He is sure he will be uncomfortable. But I have gotten Peter a costume (a fabulous costume, if I say so myself!), and he says he is going to wear it. He knows it is important to me and he genuinely enjoys the celebration and so, this year, he will be a part of it—even if that might not be his first choice.

But, because we will be celebrating in Mexico, I want to observe the other part of the holiday as well.

Last week, we celebrated my mother’s birthday with my parents and sister and my father’s only sister, Joanne, and her husband. We got to talking about

my father’s mother. Joanne was telling the story we all knew about how my grandma wore elegant purple suede boots in her late 80s and thought—because of her cataracts—they were brown. No one thought a thing of it, because my grandma was always a stylish dresser, and we thought those purple boots were snazzy. But when my grandma found out, she took Joanne to task.

“Why didn’t you tell me I was wearing purple boots?” she demanded.

My grandma wore a bright fuchsia raincoat to her husband’s funeral. I honestly don’t think any of us were to blame.

But it is a wonderful story, a great remembrance of my grandma, who lived to be 100 years old and gave us so many good memories. I love the idea of a day—or the better part of a week—set aside to tell stories like that and to keep the memory of my grandma, and so many others we have loved so much, alive.

And then we do will exactly what my grandma would have liked best. We will get all dressed up and have a big party.

Till next time,
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