

TODAY'S VERSE

Philippians 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. (KJV)



Happenings

Monday, Jan. 8, 2024

CRAWFORDSVILLE SCHOOLS
Staff Development, No school
NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOLS
Teachers Return

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024

CRAWFORDSVILLE SCHOOLS
Students return
NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOLS
Students Return
SOUTHMONT SCHOOLS
School Board at Corporate Office, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024

GOVERNMENT
Drainage Board at Government Center (US 231 North), 9:30 a.m.
WABASH COLLEGE
Wabash College basketball at Ohio Wesleyan

Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024

ATHENS ARTS
Learn how to paint a watercolor outdoor scene (1-3 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. - reservation required)
CRAWFORDSVILLE SCHOOLS
Crawfordsville School Board at Willson Preschool Center, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 12, 2024

WABASH COLLEGE
Swimming vs. Illinois Wesleyan at Wabash, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024

WABASH COLLEGE
Swimming vs. Valparaiso and Univ. of Indianapolis at Wabash, noon
Wrestling at Manchester Spartan Classic
Basketball vs. Hiram at Wabash, 2 p.m.
Robotics Trivia Night, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024

NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOLS
North Montgomery High School Robotics Fundraiser at Fieldhouse, 2 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 15, 2024

CRAWFORDSVILLE SCHOOLS
No school MLK Day
NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOLS
No school MLK Day
WABASH COLLEGE
Classes begin

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024

WABASH COLLEGE
Faculty meeting, 4:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024

NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOLS
FFA Fun Night, at Commons and Gym, 6:15 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024

WABASH COLLEGE
All Campus Reading at Scholars Lounge Lilly Library, 11:15 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 22, 2024

WABASH COLLEGE
All Campus Reading at Scholars Lounge Lilly Library, 11:15 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024

WABASH COLLEGE
All Campus Reading at Scholars Lounge Lilly Library, 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024

WABASH COLLEGE
Artist Talk at Fine Arts Center, noon
Art Exhibition Reception at Fine Arts Center, 4 p.m.
Basketball at DePauw, 8 p.m.

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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!

1-19 to 1-28

Dates for the Indianapolis Home Show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds

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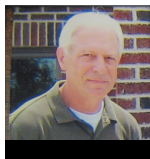
How many square feet the Davis Homes Centerpiece home is this year. Davis constructed a one-story, three-bedroom model using their Eastland floor plan with a Craftsman exterior design. There's also a 583-square-foot garage.

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There's one backyard courtyard oasis. You'll find it in the West Pavilion, courtesy of Precision Outdoors. It comes complete with a pickleball setup and other backyard games to enjoy.

Oh Baby, Let's Go to the Hop !!!!



BUTCH DALE Columnist

"Well, you can rock it you can roll it, You can stop and you can stroll it at the hop; When the record starts spinnin', You chalypso when you chicken at the hop; Do the dance sensation that is sweepin' the nation at the hop."

Remember that song by Danny and the Juniors? Yes, they were singing about those wonderful "sock

hops" back in the 1950s and 1960's. And if you have no idea what I am referring to, why...you just aren't "cool." A sock hop was an informal dance held at high schools, usually in the gymnasium or cafeteria, and most commonly after a boys basketball game. The school administrators required that hard-soled shoes be removed to protect the varnished floor. The kids chose their favorite vinyl records to play...either 45 or 33 rpm, and sometimes a designated student would

act as the disc jockey, although on rare occasions there might be a live band. Sock hops had been around since the 1940s, but really caught on in the mid-1950s when rock-and-roll music ruled the airwaves. When the TV show American Bandstand, with host Dick Clark, went nationwide in 1957, sock hops became even more popular. When I was in the 7th grade in 1961, our school sponsored Arthur Murray

➡ See BUTCH Page A4

➡ **TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Men who swim for exercise have lower mortality rates than walkers and runners.



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**

"You do not find the happy life, you make it."
Camilla Eyring Kimball

➡ **TODAY'S JOKE**

Where do polar bears keep their money?
In a snowbank.

➡ **THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE**

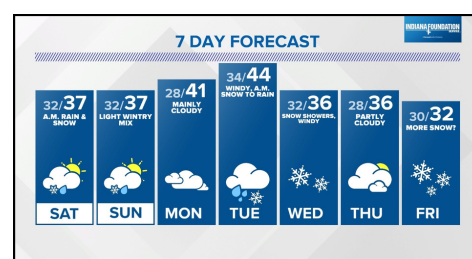
Want to learn how to draw eyes? Then Athens Arts might just be your ticket. A class on exactly that is set for Thursday, Jan. 11. You can choose either an afternoon session (1-3 p.m.) or an evening session (6-8 p.m.). Class is open to anyone 12 years and older. Cost is \$35. Classes meet at Athens Arts, 216 E. Main St. in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville. To reserve a spot stop by Athens Arts Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or call (765) 362-7455 and leave a voice message.

➡ **THREE THINGS**

You Should Know

- The Indianapolis Home Show is coming back to the Indiana State Fairgrounds for the 102nd time and guess who will have free tickets once again? That's right, your favorite Montgomery County newspaper! Mark the dates on your calendar - Friday, Jan. 19 through Sunday, Jan. 28. This Indiana tradition is the oldest home show in North America and to get your FREE tickets from us, all you'll have to do is send us a selfie with your smiling face, our front page (electronic or print) and your name and contact information. And hey, if you want to say something nice about us, we wouldn't object!
- Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton has scheduled his 128th community forum with the public. This month's meeting is scheduled for Jan. 22 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Mc McDonald's North, 1000 Smith Rd. As always, the public is invited to come and talk about anything and everything related to the city.
- The Crawfordsville Investment Club will meet tomorrow at 6:30 p.m., at the Crawfordsville District Public Library. The Crawfordsville Investment Club meets for educational purposes only. Visitors are welcome. For more information call (765) 362-2826.

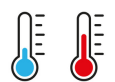
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Today is...

- Bubble Bath Day
- National Clean Off Your Desk Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1959 Charles de Gaulle becomes president of France. His right-wing political ideology, Gaullism, still influences French politics today.
- 1790 George Washington delivers the first State of the Union address. The U.S. president typically uses this annual speech to outline his political agenda.



Births On This Day

- 1947 David Bowie- English singer-songwriter, producer, actor
- 1935 Elvis Presley- American singer, guitarist, actor

Deaths On This Day

- 1990 Terry-Thomas British actor
- 1642 Galileo Galilei- Italian astronomer, physicist

OBITUARY

Robert Sherman Amstutz

Sept 10, 1957 – Dec 31, 2023

Robert Sherman "Red" Amstutz, age 66 of New Market, passed away on Saturday, December 31, 2023 at Franciscan Health Crawfordsville. He was born in Lafayette on September 10, 1957 to the late Leroy Sherman and Jean Ann (Maroney) Amstutz.



Robert graduated from South Montgomery High School in 1975. He was working as a forklift driver at the Penguin Random House. Robert was a member of the Sons of the American Legion. One of his greatest joys in life was spending time with his family. He enjoyed riding his Harley, golfing, watching movies, pitching pool, and pitching horseshoes. He is survived by three children, Amanda (Eric) Prine, Heather (James) Amstutz, Rocky Sherman Amstutz; four siblings, Brenda Brazill, Rhonda Sams, Roger (Tina) Amstutz, and Kim (Dave) Dittmer; ten grandchildren Amber, Siera, Coltin, Aubrie, Herschell, Brooklyn, Hunter, Micha, Maycie, Delilah; and several stepchildren, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Brenda; and brothers, Tim Brazill and Steve Sams.

Visitation will be held at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care in Crawfordsville on Saturday, January 6, 2024 from 11:00 am until the time of funeral service at 2:00 pm. Burial will follow at Alamo Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Robert's memory to Paralyzed Veterans America, P.O. Box 758542, Topeka, KS 66675-8542. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.



Darlington Student Named to Dean's List

Bryce Neel of Darlington has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2023 Dean's List. The fall terms run from September to December. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Crawfordsville Students Make President's List

Zachary Cass and Kristin Cass of Crawfordsville have been named to the President's List at Southern New Hampshire University for the fall term. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

FOR THE RECORD

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Change of Meeting Date(s)

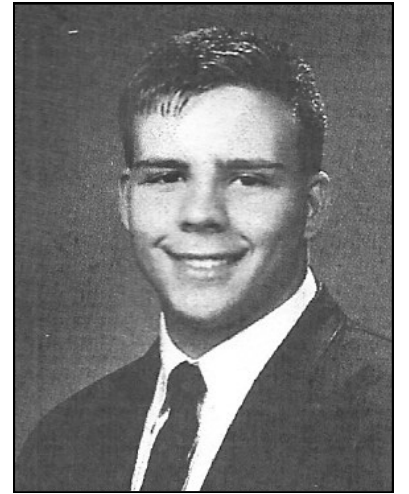
Notice is hereby given that the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Crawfordsville will hold a special meeting in the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 300 East Pike St., on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 5 p.m.

The Historic Preservation Commission will not meet as scheduled on Wednesday, Jan. 24, because of a lack of a quorum.

Department of Planning & Building Services

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Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do you recognize this person?

(HINT: He graduated from North Montgomery High School in 1993.)

Answer on Page A3

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DICK WOLFSIE Funny Bone

Once again, the most difficult part of Christmas shopping for me was finding stuff to put in my wife's stocking. For over 40 years, looking for appropriate gifts for this Christmas morning ritual has stumped me. Mary Ellen never thought the piece of coal was very funny, so I stopped doing it after we were married six years. Mary Ellen keeps putting in my stocking tape measures which I have never used in my life. Lately, I have also been getting "environmental" gifts like organic straws and soap. But this year with the help of TikTok, I found dozens of inexpensive gift ideas that solve everyday problems, like threading a needle effortlessly (not that Mary Ellen sews) or hanging a picture without a hook or nail. One product particularly intrigued me, not a gift for Mary Ellen, but for my stocking. A toothpaste squeezer, a tiny plastic contraption with a key that when turned extracts the final bit of product from the bottom of the tube. Of course, it was made in China. I am not a big fan of Chinese goods, but I do love good Chinese—especially moo shu pork. I ordered the squeezer. Days later, I started getting notifications updating me on where in the world my toothpaste squeezer was on its trip to Indiana. I was always given both a tracking number and an order number. In their last text, I was informed that my new order number was 78675439879464, which thanks to Bing's AI, I now know is seventy-eight trillion,

six hundred and seventy-five billion, four hundred and thirty-nine million, eight hundred and seventy-nine thousand, four hundred and sixty-four. Mary Ellen made me add a digit at the end of the number before publishing this because she is still a little paranoid about unsavory people getting our personal information. That is a lot of plastic toothpaste squeezers, about 13,000 for each person in the world, including places where people have no teeth. My stocking-stuffer gift did finally arrive, just in time for New Year's Eve. I quickly went to my bathroom cabinet and retrieved the 16 tubes of Colgate that I had refused to throw out in 2023. The notes apologizing and explaining the delay in delivery still came every day. Yes, I had the gadget. But it took two months. According to the seller, that little thingamajig had spent time in post offices first in China, then Norway, Finland, and Patterson, New Jersey. Not exactly the end of an otherwise perfect vacation. I emailed the seller.

Dear Toothpaste Squeezer People: My squeezer did arrive. Finally. But it broke in half the first time I used it. I may order another squeezer next year. But only if you make one for my almost empty open plastic containers of Gulden's mustard. My wife is threatening to throw them out I would love to return your item for a full refund, but I don't think it is worth the trouble, like trying to put the toothpaste back in the tube. Which is probably another gift option you will be offering next year.

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

FOR THE RECORD

CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

OPEN DOOR NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
The Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission will meet in special session on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 300 East Pike Street, Floor Two, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. The Commission will consider an extension to the lease for Ivy Tech as well as any other business that may be necessary. Department of Planning & Building Services

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Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

Answer:
Yes, it's Rex Ryker, Crawfordsville Schools Superintendent!

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CASEY WILLIAMS Auto Reviews

Chrysler Group brands have long histories of offering cheekily styled cars and trucks with humorous names. Think Duster, Grabber, Road Runner, Scat Pack, and Lil' Red Truck. Yet, the most appropriate of all may be a Chrysler Pacifica mini-van named "Road Tripper" with graphics package and all. It's more than just an amusing name.

Refined Luxury Style

Chrysler already styled one of the best-looking mini-vans, but this one has the refined class of a Chrysler 300 John Varvatos edition. Granite mirror caps, 20" wheels, trim, and badging articulate sophistication while the Stow n' Place roof rack is ready for duty. Trailer sway damping, wiring harness, and 2" receiver add a boat or camper to the trip. Orange Chrysler logos in the wheels and striping around the Road Tripper door badges add a touch of whimsy

that's also appropriately sporty.

Luxury worthy of fashion designers continues inside. There are granite accents everywhere, but also black leather seats, 13-speaker Alpine audio with 506w amp, and Blue-Ray DVD player. Heated and ventilated front seats, heated second row captain's chairs, and a heated steering wheel add comforts. Stow n' Go seats that fold flat into the floor, large cubby under the console, and a built-in vacuum cleaner add convenience. Add in a dual-pane sunroof for perfection. If families truly want a comfortable road trip that can be cleaned in a jiffy, this is their ride.

They'll also find all of the technology they want. Chrysler's infotainment system is super simple with crisp graphics and intuitive icons for media, navigation, climate, and phone. Redundant buttons are below for key radio and functions for the tri-zone automatic climate control. Connect devices via Apple

CarPlay and Android Auto. Everybody stays safe, too, with adaptive cruise, automatic emergency braking, blind spot warning, and rear park assist with auto stop. An integrated parallel and perpendicular parking system can wedge the Pacifica almost anywhere. A head-up display would make it even easier to drive.

Driving Is Believing

You can buy a Pacifica plug-in hybrid with 32 miles all-electric range – enough for most daily commutes and weekend errands - but this one came with just a 3.6-liter V6 that sends 287 horsepower to the all-wheel-drive system through a nine-speed transmission. That's adequate power to carry a larger family and all its stuff, but probably not enough to lure HEMI owners. That's OK because the Pacifica also gets a relatively frugal 17/25-MPG city/highway. Hybrids like the Pacifica plug-in and Toyota Sienna do considerably better, but that's comparable to three-row crossovers.

It drives better than you think too, behaving more like a large Fiat than a small bus. I've driven Pacificas everywhere from California's Pacific Coast Highway to Indiana highways, most recently to my parents' house for the holidays, and still think the best seat is up front. Nobody would guess it goes without an independent suspension because it handles curves like a sedan, rumbles over rough pavement without drama, and its long wheelbase soaks up long miles on the Interstate without disturbing anybody's movie. Crossovers are cool, but it's hard to beat driving a mini-van on long trips and this one is not a complete bore on twisty two-lanes.

Let's not pretend the Chrysler Pacifica Road Tripper is a special package on one of Chrysler's iconic muscle cars, because RT does not stand for Road & Track, but subtle styling touches, luxury accommodations, peppy power, trailering abilities, and nimble handling

make it a dream for long family vacations. It's not cheap, though. Pacificas start at \$38,020, but rise to \$54,895 for this attention-grabbing family hauler. Also consider the Honda Odyssey, Toyota

Sienna, and Kia Carnival.

Storm Forward!

Send comments to Casey at AutoCasey@aol.com; follow him on YouTube @AutoCasey.

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| · Exterior styling | · No head-up display |
| · Refined luxury | · No dual-pane roof |
| · Agile handling | · Non-hybrid fuel economy |

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 Wheels f/r: 20"/20" alloy
 Brakes f/r: disc/disc
 Towing: 3,600 lbs.
 Fuel economy: 17/25 mpg city/hwy
 Assembly: Windsor, ON Base/as-tested
 price: \$38,020/54,895



\$30K scholarships Set for Ag Students

Continuing on sixteen years of supporting the youth of rural Indiana, Ohio and Michigan, Co-Alliance has opened our Scholarship program to the class of 2024 offering thirty \$1000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors planning to pursue an agricultural degree in college.

A key part of the Co-Alliance mission is giving back to our communities," said Kevin Still, Co-Alliance Cooperative, CEO. "The Co-Alliance Scholarship program allows us to reward a wide range of outstanding students in our trade territory. For more than a decade we've had the privilege of helping many deserving young people continue their education as well as supporting the future of the ag industry. Applicants will be decided on several factors such as academic performance, leadership experience, involvement in agriculture in their local community, volunteerism and extra curriculars, and a short statement regarding their future career in the agricultural field. Applicants will be decided on several

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factors such as academic performance, leadership experience, involvement in agriculture in their local community, volunteerism and extra curriculars, and a short statement regarding their future career in the agricultural field. Applicants must be the child or grandchild of a member of Co-Alliance Cooperative. More information and the online application can be found on the Co-Alliance Cooperative website at <https://www.co-alliance.com/scholarship> No paper copies of the electronic application will be accepted. The application deadline is March 1, 2024.

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Dance Lessons for all interested students. Very few of us boys wanted to attend, but our parents thought it would be good if we learned how to dance. The married couple who taught us looked to be quite elderly. Instead of teaching us the latest dance steps, we learned the "polka," "waltz," "fox trot," "cha-cha-cha," "tango," "square dance," "swing"...and even the "hokey-pokey"! But I will admit it was somewhat fun. That same year, after the ballgames, Dad let me stay and watch the high school boys and girls dance to rock-and-roll records in the gym. Very few boys danced to the fast songs, but almost all danced with their girlfriends to the slow songs, with a simple two-step...just rocking back and forth. By the time I was a freshman, I was pretty sure I could handle Bobby Vinton's "Blue Velvet" or Andy Williams' "Moon River," but I didn't have the courage to potentially embarrass myself by dancing to the fast beat songs. I decided that I might try the "stroll" if my buddies did, but if my high school basketball heroes did not dance the "hully-gully," the "twist," the "mashed potato," the "pony," the "watusi," the "monster mash," or the "swim," why should I? However, something

strange occurred in high school...I had a girlfriend. I discovered that girls want their boyfriends to dance with them. Yes, I did the "twist," the "locomotion," the "hitch-hike," the "monkey," and the "jerk." And yes, I likely looked like a fool out there on the gym floor. But you do what you have to do. My Lord, I even did the "bunny hop" on a few occasions! I had decided that if my teachers could do that dance and make a fool out of themselves, I might as well, too. Sock-hops were a regular event after each home ballgame. We hit the gym floor in our socked feet and danced our hearts out to the newest songs, along with our favorite older songs...swinging and swirling each other around, performing various crazy gyrations, looking quite goofy at times, holding our significant other tight on the slow dances...and smiling and having fun until the sock hop was over. All in all, it was a great time in our lives, and I wouldn't have traded it for anything. "You can swing it you can groove it, You can really start to move it at the hop; Where the jockey is the smoothest, And the music is the coolest at the hop; All the cats an chicks gonna get their kicks at the hop...Let's go!"



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