MONDAY April 1, 2024



TODAY'S VERSE

Matthew 7:2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.





Cloud is a 10 month old male British shorthair kitten available for adoption at The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL) since 3/20/24. Cloud is a very special boy that was born with Cerebellar Hypoplasia (CH). Cerebellar hypoplasia is a developmental condition in which the cerebellum of the brain fails to develop properly. The cerebellum is the portion of the brain that controls fine motor skills, balance, and coordination. The condition is not painful or contagious. Cloud is wobbly and has uncoordinated

gait/movements. Cats born with CH adapt to their condition and have normal life expectancies provided with a little extra TLC. Cloud is neutered, dewormed, and up to date on his shots. Cloud is adorable and super ready to find a home to be showered with endless love/attention. Could that be with you? AWL is open Monday - Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 9:30a-3p



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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!



Yes, today is April Fool's Day. How did it start? According to legend – well, there are multiple stories. The one we like the most is from Chaucer's The Canterbury Tales. But others say it came from the French and still others say it is distinctly

American. There are still others who claim the day goes all the way back to ancient Roman days and the festival Hilaria, which is a Latin word meaning joyful. Who are we to judge? We just know it's a day that some people like and some people don't...



From the same poll, the percentage of U.S. adults who think the day is fun. (Kind of sounds like the Biden-Trump numbers, huh!)



59 That's the number (percentage-wise) of your fellow citizens who don't appreciate a good April Fool's Day joke!



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Butch, Are You Related to . . . ???



Throughout the years I have been asked hundreds of times if I was related to certain people. I suppose many of you have

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DALE Columnist

BUTCH

experience. Depending on who they asked about, there were a few times I have hesitated to answer . . . but decided that honesty is the best policy, and then suffer any consequences. So to all of you inquisitive readers out there I will give you a short lesson on the Dale family.

My great-grandfather was William Quinton Dale (1857-1949). He married Cynthia Nicely, and they had six children before she died at the young age of 28. William never remarried (although my Dad told me that he usually had a "housekeeper" if you know what I mean). Unlike most of the Dales who became farmers, William owned and operated small general stores in Smartsburg, Yountsville, Mace and Bowers up until the 1940s. Many kids called him "Daddy Dale," because he would motion them behind the counter and give them free candy, as long as they wouldn't tell their parents! Despite smoking and chewing old Granger Twist tobacco, he lived to the age of 92, leaving over ninety direct descendants.



The percent of us who enjoy a good April fool's Day prank - played on someone else!

1921



The BBC reported that Italy was enjoying a bumper year with their spaghetti crop. There were even photos showing farmers harvesting noodles. See, those Brits weren't so formal and stiff after all!

TODAY'S QUOTE

"You can't be that kid standing at the top of the waterslide, overthinking it. You have to go down the chute." *Tina Fey*

TODAY'S JOKE

Want to hear an April Fool's joke about elevators? It works on many levels.

THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

West Central Indiana CTE is hosting a Student Job Fair and Community Expo on April 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Crawfordsville High School. More than 1.000 students from Crawfordsville, North, South and Western Boone will be in attendance. Students are current juniors or seniors, and many are interested in full-time or part-time employment, internships or apprenticeships, seasonal jobs and training opportunities. There is no cost to participate. Each employer/organization will be provided a 6 table and two chairs. We ask that you plan to bring your own table covering and any other promotional items for your booth. Deadline to register is March 15. Contact Samantha Cotten at scotten@cville.k12.in.us for more information.



The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank DAVID WHICKER for subscribing! One of William's three sons was Bert Dale, my grandfather, who married Annabel Shaffer in 1912. They were the parents of Bernard (1913), Albert "Ab" (1915), Dora (1916), Ruth (1920), Bill (1924) and Barbara "Barkie" (1928). Bernard married Elsie Dunbar and they had two children, Jimmy and Jane (Stearns). Ab married Agnes Loudermill and they had three sons . . . Dick, Donnie and David. Dora married Norman Cohee, and they were the parents of Dale, Mike, Becky (Branstetter), Libby (Hole) and Mary (Ryker). Ruthie married Lloyd Wells, and they had two sons ... Kendall and John. Barkie married Bob Hampton, and their five children are Sherry (Mahoy), Tom, Bruce, Phil and Brent. My father Bill married Mildred Grimes . . . children Butch, Gary, Julie (Basney), Sarah (Sabens) and Mike. Bernard's family lived in Illinois, but all of the



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Influenza is in town – wash your hands frequently and stay home if you have a cough and high fever. 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

You Should Know

- Poor little dik-diks are as cute as cute can get. The little antelopes, the biggest of which grow to less than 16 inches in height and, at best, weigh in at somewhere between 6 and 15 pounds, may not be on an endangered species list but they are in danger, nonetheless. Carnivores in the grasslands of eastern and southern Africa such as jackals, lizards, hyenas, wild dogs, pythons, birds of prey hunt them. Humans, too, track and kill them for their hides to make fancy gloves.
- The U.K. Antarctic Heritage Trust owns and operates what is known as "the penguin post office" located at the Port Lockroy base on Goudier Island. It will soon be the beginning of winter down under and they need to hire three English employees to sort the mail and to keep watch over some 1,500 penguins. While it is, indeed, a "unique opportunity to live in a landscape that makes you feel pure awe and wonder" it's not a job for anyone. The new employees will need to risk a few hardships such as cabin fever and the lack of running water.
- They call themselves The Most Famous Artists and a few years ago they claimed that they were responsible for several silver monolith that mysteriously showed up in the U.S. and Europe in 2020. But no one has claimed the sudden appearance recently of a similar monolith on a hillside in Wales. Photographer Richard Haynes came across it and said that "it was about 10-foot-tall at least and triangular, definitely stainless steel. It was hollow and I imagine pretty light, light enough for two people to carry it up and plant it in the ground."



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HHSB Donates \$50,000 TO Local Non-Profits

Hoosier Heartland State Bank celebrated its 9th annual Shared Values Awards this past Saturday, in which they donated a combined total of \$50,000 to 13 local non-profit organizations.

Trinity Life Ministry was announced as the winner of HHSB's 2023 Shared Values Award and received a \$5,000 donation. Trinity Life Ministry is a redemptive community that provides a year-long residential program for men seeking to overcome addiction and rebuild their lives, while also extending services to their families. They serve the community in various ways, including offering an alternative to incarceration and imprisonment; providing job training to prepare men for sustainable employment; and fostering meaningful relationships through a mentor program with local churches.

"Hoosier Heartland State Bank truly embodies its values," stated Ken Clarke, Director of Development and Communication at Trinity Life Ministry. "Rather than just discussing shared values, vision, and mission, they actively live them every day. HHSB contributes to the community by backing ongoing initiatives and demonstrates genuine care for its employees, starting from the leadership. It's not just a concept; it's a lifestyle at HHSB."



Mike Spencer, Marc Gable, and Bill Durbin (Veterans Memorial Park).



Photos Courtesy HHSB

Phil Gabriel and Ken Clarke (Trinity Life Ministry).

witnessing the profound impact these incredible organizations have on countless lives."

Veterans Memorial Park was also recognized during the Shared Values Awards and awarded a \$16,000 donation for their dynamic memorial park next to the American Legion in Crawfordsville. The park honors all veterans and their role in preserving the freedoms and rights that we as Americans hold dear. Their dream became a reality when the Bell UH-1 "Huey" helicopter was installed on Saturday before the awards ceremony.

Ashley Halstead (\$5,000 to Fuzzy Bear Ministry Preschool & Daycare) Vision Award 1st Runner-up: Aidan Knee (\$2,500 to Calvary Baptist Church) Vision Award 2nd Runner-up: Heather Hites (\$1,000 to G1 Local Outreach)

Values Award Winner: Lisa Elmore (\$5,000 to Montgomery United Canine Police Assn.) Values Award 1st Runner-up: Brieana Smith (\$2,500 to New Hope Christian Preschool) Values Award 2nd Runner-up: Jill Pettit (\$1,000 to Crawfordsville Band Boosters)

Let's Go Inside and Clay . . . at Athens Arts

Did you love playing with Play-Doh as a kid? Do you like creating unique objects of art to amuse your family and friends? The possibilities are endless.

If the above is true, a class at Athens Arts might be just the ticket for you. The first session - April 11 - will be devoted to shaping the clay. The objects will then be fired in a kiln. Second week -April 18 – you will glaze your creation. After the second firing, called glaze firing, you will return to the gallery to pick up your finished art work.

Bring your ideas, or look through the work of former students to get ideas. Fish sticks, bird houses, purses – it's amazing what you can create from clay. Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 11th and Thursday, April 18th . The cost of \$50 covers both sessions. Choose either an afternoon session (1-3 p.m.) or an evening

Class is open to anyone 12 years and older. Classes meet at Athens Arts, 216 E. Main St. in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville. To reserve a spot, call Athens Arts at (765) 362-7455 and leave your name a phone number to return your call.

session (6-8 p.m.).

Come be pART of it. This project in part is made possible through funds from The Arts Federation (TAF) via the Biden-Harris Administration's American Rescue Plan (ARP) allocation to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

ATHENS ARTS



















The Shared Values Awards asks for the public's nominations of non-profits who share the same values and vision that Hoosier Heartland State Bank lives by. Approximately 600 nominations were received nominating 80 different organizations in Montgomery and Putnam counties and beyond. Isaiah 117 House (Putnam County) and The Kids Closet took home second and third place, receiving \$2,500 and \$1,000 respectively. Both organizations are focused on serving children in need, from changing the way foster care begins to ensuring the children of Montgomery County have access to clean, comfortable, stylish clothing.

"The Shared Values Awards serves as a remarkable opportunity to engage the entire community in uplifting our local non-profits," stated Brad Monts, HHSB President/CEO. "It's personally one of my favorite occasions, Furthermore, nine HHSB employeeowners were awarded for their outstanding commitment to the bank's Mission, Vision, and Values. The awards were voted on by their peers, and each were given the honor of awarding a donation to a local non-profit of their choice.

Recipients of the 2023 Mission, Vision, and Values Awards were:

Mission Award Winner: Lacey Rogers (\$5,000 to Recovery Coalition Inc.) Mission Award 1st Runner-up: Ellen Laffoon (\$2,500 to Women's Resource Center) Mission Award 2nd Runner-up: Ray Claycomb (\$1,000 to Thorntown Cub Scouts Pack 550)

Vision Award Winner:

HHSB's mission is to redefine community banking by giving back 10% of its annual income to non-profits, schools, and other service programs. In the past decade alone, they've donated nearly \$2 million, making a significant impact in the communities it serves.

HHSB is a locally owned and operated bank in West Central Indiana which consists of a team of employee-owners who value customers, family, and community. HHSB offers consumer and commercial banking products, investment services, digital banking and bill pay, unmatched personal service, and a genuine commitment to bettering the communities in which they live.

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NEWS

Rod Stewart Hair Just Like The Cat



hair!" a woman at the party said.

CARRIE This is CLASSON always nice The Postscript

to hear. My hair is my least endearing feature, primarily because there is not much of it. But since my husband, Peter, started cutting it, I worry a lot less.

"How does my hair look?" I ask as I head out the door. Peter always pretends to take this question very seriously. (He should, as my hairdresser.) He scrutinizes the top of my head for a long moment. He asks me to turn all the way around. Then he reaches over and tousles something on the top.

"Perfect!" he says. And I choose to believe him.

"My husband cuts it." I told the woman at the party. "He cuts his own hair, too!"

"Ooh! Isn't that hard?"

"He's been doing it since he was 17, when the local barber wouldn't give him the haircut he wanted."

This is true. Peter started cutting his hair when the barber was threatening to give him a buzz cut-because that was the only kind of haircut he gave. Peter got up from the barber chair, walked out, and cut it himself. I like that story. Peter has always known what he wanted and has always figured he could learn new things.

"Don't tell people I cut mv own hair!" Peter told me on the walk home.

"I like your "Your hair could use a trim," he will announce in a way that makes it clear I am looking pretty scruffy. So I put on a raincoat, and raise my office chair as high as it will go, and he gets out his sharp scissors that make a satisfying "Snick! Snick! Snick!" noise and, in less than five minutes, he has cut my hair. He doesn't

have much to work

with, after all.

But this time, getting a haircut was my idea. I'd just watched an interview with Rod Stewart, the iconic rock star. He is 79 years old, and he has just released a jazz album. He is also a keen builder of model trains. But I was more interested in his hair than either his jazz or his trains. His hair looked great. I wondered how a man approaching 80 managed to have such ineffable style, and I decided it was, in large part, because he wasn't too worried about being tidy. Rod Stewart has the untidiest hair you're likely to find on an octogenarian (outside a long-term senior care facility), and I decided he was my new role model. His music is good. But his hair is terrific.

"I want hair like Rod Stewart!" I announced, after watching the interview, and Peter got out his noisy little scissors and set to work.

I'm not saying I look like Rod Stewart. I don't. He has a lot more hair and a lot more experience looking unkempt. But I woke up this morning and looked at myself in the mirror. I left the comb on the shelf. I ran my fingers through my hair and made it stand a little more on end than usual.



DICK But it has WOLFSIE some Funny Bone devastating effects on our health and well-being. What are we going to do about it?"

"I've tried everything. It must have to do with the sleeping position."

"Well, that's tough to control. But we have to do something."

"I'll call the vet first thing in the morning."

Yes, we have a pet that snores. But it's not a dog. Believe it or not, we have a cat that snores.

Yes, seriously, a cat! Her name is Angel.

We have had two dogs over the years that snored. Both Barney and my second beagle, Toby, were snorers. It wasn't the occasional snort that kept us awake; it was a full-blown, get out of my way foghorn. Both dogs woke themselves up every night, which made them cranky the next day. Dogs need their 18 hours.

I specifically remember the first onset of Toby's snoring. Knee surgery had slowed him down a bit, resulting in a modest weight gain, a factor in snoring. I had observed no increase in smoking or alcohol consumption in the hound, another common cause. I googled pets and snoring. Apparently, there's a real epidemic of sleep disorders in the canine world: narcolepsy, jet lag, insomnia, night terrors and restless paw syndrome.

But cats?

"Dick, I know that the snoring is not intentional.

sleep, then abruptly flip them over on their stomachs. Mary Ellen thought this sounded like a good idea because that method worked temporarily on me several years ago.

their backs, snoring is

more apt to occur. The

best solution is to roust

them out of a deep

But I still snore. Just like the cat

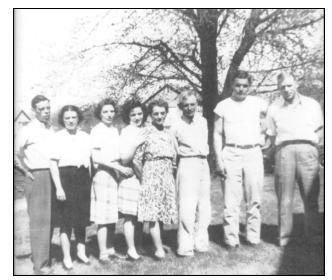
One pet owner suggested gluing a tennis ball on a leather belt and wrapping it around the cat's torso, so the bulge on his back would prevent him from rolling over. I tried this with Toby and Barney years ago. Both were pretty adept at twisting themselves into a knot, snatching the ball from the strap, and then dropping it on my head at two in the morning so we could play fetch.

I got back on Google. I saw that one woman recommended nasal strips for a pet that snores, but sticking one of those on a beagle's nose is like trying to keep a bandage on a peeled banana. Another idea was giving your pet a nice foam cushioning to prop his head up at night, thus opening the nasal airway. Angel had no interest in this. But both beagles loved the pillows. Every bite of them.

Mary Ellen finally googled the cat snoring issue. It said there wasn't much you could do to stop a cat from snoring. A vet on the site suggested having the cat sleep in the basement, but my wife quickly rejected that solution. But that did give her another thought. Now she's calling my doctor to see if he would advise her to do the same thing



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Bert and Annabel Dale Family (L to R): Albert "Ab" Dale, Dora Dale Cohee, Ruthie Dale Wells, Barbara "Barkie" Dale Hampton, Annabel Dale, Bert Dale, Bill Dale, and Bernard Dale

others stayed right here in Montgomery County.

Before Grandma Dale married, she worked for Dr. Bales, a veterinarian, and his wife, who had five sons. Mrs. Bales was a "refined lady," and Annabel did all of the housework and cooking, and practically raised the boys herself. Grandpa was 45 and Grandma 39 when the youngest child, Barkie, was born in 1928. Way to go, Grandpa! All of my aunts and uncles are now deceased except for Barkie, who turned 95 last year and is in good health. Sixteen of my 21 cousins are still living. Sadly, Dale Cohee and Donnie Dale passed away in the last few weeks.

If you know any of my family, I am certain you have discovered that most of them (no, not all) have a sense of humor and try not to take life too seriously. We also like to play practical jokes on unsuspecting friends. When I informed my father in 1978 that I was going to research the family history, he told me "not to go back too damn far, as the Dales may have floated across the Ohio River on an outhouse door." Well, as it turned out, my greatgreat grandfather Purnell Dale was born in Kentucky in 1806, so I guess it's possible. I was able to trace the family

back to Northern Ireland where James Dale was born in 1630. Grandpa Dale's brother, John, and his family moved to the South Bend area. He and his wife were the parents of 11 children. I drove up there one time to meet everyone. Yep, they all looked like Dales!

Dick Dale is the person who gave me the nickname "Butch" when I was three or four years old . . . supposedly because I was a little "ornery" like Butch in the "Little Rascals" movies. One time a fellow came to the library to sign up for a card, and I introduced myself as John Dale. He asked me if I was related to Butch Dale. I hesitated, and then told him that I had heard of Butch, but I was not related to him. He then went on to say that Butch had been county sheriff and was a good friend of his ... I never said a word.

And, yes, in the tradition of my great-grandpa, I motion kids behind the library circulation desk and give them free candy . . . but don't tell their parents!

"Why not?"

"They'll think I'm strange."

"You're married to me! I think they may have already formed an opinion."

Peter granted this was true. As it happens, I was feeling particularly pleased with my hair that evening because Peter had given me a haircut just that morning. Usually, the haircuts were his idea.

"How do you like your haircut?" my hairstylist asked.

"I love it," I told him. "I look just like Rod Stewart!"

"You do," he said.

And I choose to believe him.

Till next time, Carrie

The first thing I learned was those animals with short, flat faces-like bulldogs, pugs, Pekingese-are more apt to snore. If your human partner has a short, flat face you just better accept it. Or trade your significant other for a horse.

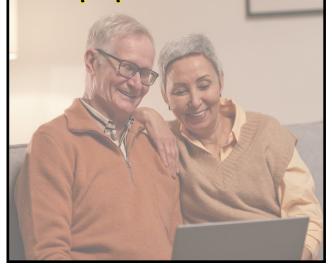
The site also noted that when pets sleep on

with me.

- 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. Email Dick at Wolfsie@ aol.com.

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 35 years, and is a wellknown artist and author of local history.

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2024 Alfa Romeo Tonale Plug-In is the Dodge Hornet's Alla Moda Italian Sibling









If the Alfa Romeo Tonale Veloce compact WILLIAMS crossover

Auto Reviews looks a little familiar to you, it's because it shares most of its body, interior, and architecture with the Dodge Hornet. Don't get me wrong, both harbor accomplished bits straight from Italy.Our little Alfa goes further with a proper plug-in hybrid powertrain that optimizes efficiency while providing quick weekend reflexes. The question, though, "Is the Hornet a bargain Alfa Romeo or is the Tonale a fancy Dodge?"

Smooth Italian Style

Styling is all Italian with a smooth curvaceous body cribbed from the larger Alfa Stelvio crossover. The front pays homage to the Alfa Romeo Zagato concept with the brand's trademark grille, triple-sided headlamps, and angry

leaves its last impression with a thin light strip containing six more segments and a lower diffuser. It's all mostly for show, but connects to a storied heritage.

Alfas are about driving, and in this one. everything falls readily at-hand. The thick leather-wrapped threespoke steering wheel is canted forward in the Italian tradition, seats wrap tightly, and large analog gauges add sporting touches.Of course, in a modern Alfa, gauges are flatscreen, a large touchscreen controls infotainment, and devices connect wirelessly via Apple CarPlay plus Android Auto. Charge wirelessly too. Heated front seats, heated steering wheel, and thumping Harman Kardon audio system add delights to the drive.

Despite some very upscale features, the interior does not feel as rich as one might expect in an Alfa Romeo. There's a lot of

The expanse of light plastic across the dash looks cheapish in daylight, but has a very nice ambient glow at night. The steering wheel and seats are some of my favorite parts of the cabin.

Safety definitely was not done on the cheap.Adaptive cruise takes stress off the drive while automatic emergency braking, lane keep assist, blindspot warning, and rear cross path detection provide peace of mind. A rear seat reminder and driver attention monitor actively watch over occupants.

Enjoying Open Roads

Out on the road, the powertrain combines a 1.3-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine, six-speed automatic transmission, and batteries/motors for combined 285 horsepower, 347 lb.-ft. of torque, and 77-MPGe. After plugging in, the Tonale can travel about 30 miles before the gas engine fires up. You can drive

for an EV without hassle will appreciate this set-up.

But, driving it is a mixed bag. On smooth Autostrada, the Tonale's tight adaptive suspension and quick steering are an absolute joy, but not so much as it jitters over rough city streets. Drive modes adjust from maximum power to advanced efficiency, and it scoots from 0-60 mph in under 6 seconds, but you'll wish for a nice Japanese crossover on rougher roads. My daughter and I made a two-hour Interstate run to have lunch with mother. It was a delightful drive.

I could have written nearly all of this about the Dodge Hornet.They're both legit Italian crossovers, fun to drive and beautiful to view, but it's a little easier to excuse some harshness and hard interior materials on a Dodge. A base price of \$43.845 rose to \$57,450 for our wellequipped Veloce plugin. Competitors include the Lincoln Corsair PHEV and Lexus NX plug-in hybrid.





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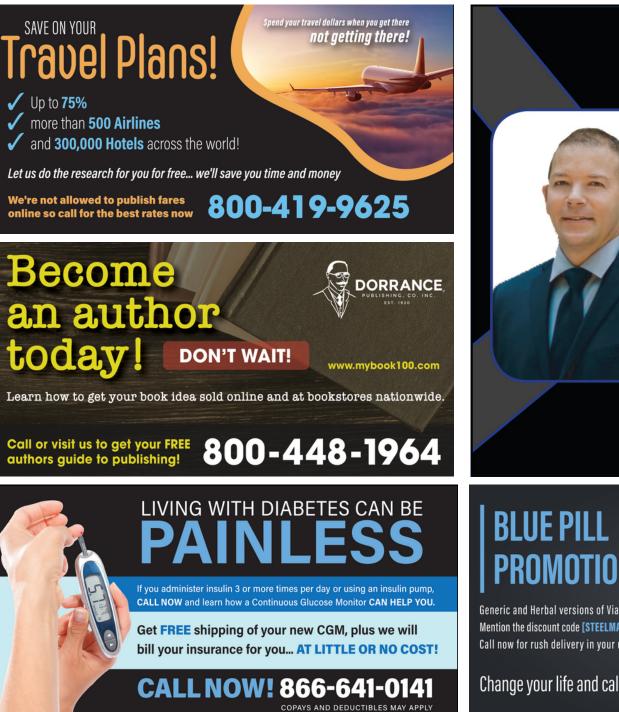


mesh lower air intake. Proper Grigio 20" fivehole alloy wheels and red brake calipers convey purpose. It

hard plastic, even on the rear door tops cost-cutting more appropriate in a Fiat than an Alfa Romeo.

to the office and back on electricity, or coastto-coast on gas, without looking for an outlet. Those looking

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S.R. 32 Going to be Clogged Soon



The Indiana Department of Transportation tells The Paper that temporary, alternating lane closures are coming to State Road 32 in Crawfordsville between Englewood Drive and County Road 550 E. That means from the stoplight on the east end of town out past the Interstate.

after Monday. Crews will be paving, patching and installing ADA ramps and pedestrian signals at 32 and Englewood. During the work, flaggers will be directing traffic. Work will take place during the daytime hours only. The only exception will be Monday, April 8 during the solar eclipse. No closures will be in effect.

This all begins on or

John Downey Wins Top Honor

F.C. Tucker West Central proudly announces John Downey as the Listing and Sales Leader for the month of February. With remarkable achievements in both listing and selling properties, John has demonstrated exceptional dedication, expertise, and commitment to excellence in the real estate industry.

In February, John demonstrated remarkable performance both as the Listing Leader and the Sales Leader. He showcased his expertise by successfully listing four properties and closing deals on three properties, further solidifying his reputation as a topperforming real estate agent. John's commitment to client satisfaction, coupled with his keen eye for market trends and unparalleled negotiation skills, has earned him local recognition for his outstanding achievements in the real estate industry.



extensive knowledge of the local market over the years. He holds a bachelor's degree from Wabash College and has been a prominent figure in real estate since 2006. Throughout his career, John has consistently

delivered exceptional results for his clients, earning him numerous accolades and recognitions. He is a two-time F.C. Tucker President's Club member, the 2020

Ladoga Elementary Honor Roll

Follows is the Ladoga Elementary Honor Roll for the third nine weeks: High Honor Roll SECOND GRADE -Andrew Byerly, Corbin Halstead, Elliana Shanks and Madison Wilbert. THIRD GRADE -Bennett Grimes, Karleigh Johnson, Kasen Jones, Ellie Newell, Heston Nykamp and Alba Wimmer. FOURTH GRADE -Sydney Alford, Davey Dawson, Calvin McClain, Hannah Roark and Avery Siple. FIFTH GRADE – Jaylin Burgess and Wyatt Testerman. Honor Roll SECOND GRADE -Makenna Bamford, Paxton Bowen, Zoe

Frazier, Caspen Lowery, Remi Pendleton, Parker Perry and Zoey Pettice. THIRD GRADE - Henley Cline, Maverick Dorsey, Aysayah Flake, Karder Garver, Adelina Jimenez, Elliot Johnson, Maddalynn Kelly, Benjamin Long, Nicholas Long and Riggs Long. FOURTH GRADE -Adora Burris, Kasen Dorsey, Trevor Largent, Alison McDaniel, Harris Newell and Paisley Perry. FIFTH GRADE - Victor Bamford, Hunter Dale, Chloe Gurule, Calvin Hauser, Christian Jimenez, Kavika McQueen, Clayton Nykamp, Martha Shattuck and Macee Wilson.



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Cody Hargis Marks 5 Years at HHSB

HHSB is pleased to announce the 5-year work anniversary of Cody Hargis, Assistant Vice President of Retail & Leadership Development.

Cody is a graduate of Southmont High School and went on to earn an Associate of Arts in General Studies from Ivy Tech Community College. Most recently Cody became a Maxwell Leadership Certified Team Member. With 15 years of banking experience, Cody's comprehensive background has been an asset to the organization.

Beyond his professional achievements, Cody is deeply involved in community service and advocacy. He has been an active member of the Montgomery County Childcare Coalition and has served as Pastor at Parkersburg Christian Church for the past five years, demonstrating his commitment to making a positive impact beyond the workplace. Additionally, Cody's passion for education and community engagement is



reflected in his role as the Scott Township Representative for Southmont Schools Board of Trustees. "Today marks not just a milestone, but a testament to dedication and commitment." stated Zach Hockersmith, Chief Financial Officer. "As we celebrate Cody's five years of contributions, we recognize the impact he has made on HHSB's growth trajectory. Congratulations, Cody, on this remarkable milestone and here's to many more years of collaboration and success." In his personal life, Cody finds fulfillment in spending quality time with his family and friends, enjoying outdoor activities, and volunteering in various community initiatives. Married to Kandora Hargis for 13 years, Cody is the proud father of two children, Liam and Lilah.

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Downey brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the real estate industry. A lifelong resident of Montgomery County, John has garnered Montgomery County MIBOR Realtor of the Year and former chair of the local MIBOR division.

"John's exceptional performance as both the Listing and Sales Leader for February is a testament to his unwavering dedication, professionalism, and expertise," said Chad Hess, Broker/Owner of F.C. Tucker West Central. "We are proud to have John as part of our team, and we congratulate him on this well-deserved achievement."

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Linden Depot Season Opens This Weekend

The Linden Depot Museum will open for the season on Friday. The museum will be open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. The admission price, which includes all museum attractions, is \$6 for adults and \$1 each for children ages 12 and under. Now for the exciting news! We just returned from New York City, where we visited Grand Central Terminal, the largest train station in the world. 750,000 people use this station every day. While at Grand Central Terminal, we received a special tour from a top executive with the

Metropolitan Transit Authority. We traveled through all three train levels and various other areas of the terminal. The station is magnificent and inspiring. The Linden Depot Museum is now in possession of eight artifacts from Grand Central Terminal, which will be used in a display. We are in the process of creating this new exhibit that will be in development throughout the summer months - visit the Linden Depot Museum often to see our progress. This summer we will host our 4th Annual Midwest Railroad Fair on Saturday, Aug. 10

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fair will include railroad exhibitors, railroad vendors, a food vendor and much more. We have been working on improvements to our 1837 Norris 4-2-0 steam engine replica and will be offering a limited number of train rides during the fair. The train fare is \$10 per person, and includes a light snack, drink, and a narrated trip. Tickets are on sale now and are available at the museum or by calling (765) 427-3630. We have a hot dog vendor scheduled to be at the museum weekly on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Come on out and enjoy the museum. The museum complex is located at 520 N. Main St. in Linden. We look forward to your visit!

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