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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.

Meet Piper



Piper is an adorable 1 year old female domestic shorthair cat available for adoption at AWL since 7/31/23 (owner surrender). Piper is playful, energetic, and a total love bug.

Foundation Hands Out \$210K in Community Grants

Montgomery County Community Foundation gathered last week to award grant checks to 10 grant recipients in the first grant cycle of 2024. Awards totaled \$209,832. MCCC Chief Executive Officer Kelly Taylor welcomed everyone and thanked the nonprofit leaders for the work they do in our community.

without fund owners, the grants would not be possible. Listed by Area of Interest, the following grants were awarded:

Community Development Veterans Memorial Park, \$10,000

The Veterans Memorial Park aims to honor Montgomery County veterans and their families. The addition of

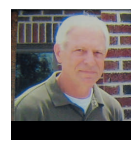
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Photo courtesy Montgomery County Community Foundation

CEO Kelly Taylor thanked the nonprofit leaders for the great work they do in the community.

Staying Cool in the Good Ol' Days



BUTCH DALE Columnist

Well, folks, summer has arrived. And yes, I am ready for fall! I'm just not a summer kind of guy. Heat, humidity,

blazing sunshine, bugs, weeds, etc....you can have it all. I never even enjoyed summers very much when I was a kid, except for the fact that I was able to play baseball...but that was a sweat-soaked proposition, too, in those old wool uniforms. I wanted school to last all year. Our old farmhouse on the hill was like an oven...especially upstairs where my brother and I slept. And I don't know of anyone whose house had air conditioning in those days.



So when the temperature was unbearable, how did we stay cool? The first option was to hook up the garden hose to the outside faucet and spray each other, although cold ground water in 90-degree weather was quite a shock to the body. Later on, we hooked up a garden sprinkler and just ran through the mist. I often jumped in the horse tank...even though there were a few dead bugs floating on top. The concrete hog wallow was much larger, but only about

8 inches deep. I ran the old sows out and laid in it a few times. I really never thought much about the mud and manure on the bottom or the dead sparrows floating on top. I think I should have! My brother Gary and his buddy, Stan Weliever, laid in a large mud hole in the hog lot one afternoon. When they came out, both of them were covered with blood-sucking leeches...not good! Another way to cool off was to hop in the back of our old Dodge pickup when Dad headed to town, sometimes even climbing on the top of the cab or hood to cool off as he drove down the road...I doubt that would go over nowadays!

My brother and I ran a fan

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LWV Kicks Off Green Issues Movie Series



The League of Women Voters, open to men as well as women, is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the Montgomery County LWV, visit: www.lwvmontco.in.org or message to LWV, PO Box 103, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

On Thursday, the League of Women Voters and Wabash College kick off this year's Green Issues movie series with a screening of A Crack in the Mountain, by Bullfrog Films.

This movie tells the story of Son Doong, the largest cave in the world. Carved by rainwater dissolving away limestone rock, Son Doong is over four miles long, 660 feet tall, and 490 feet wide. This is tall enough for skyscrapers to fit inside and wide enough for a Boeing 747 to fly through (though none have, fortunately). It is one of the last terrestrial frontiers. The name means Mountain River Cave.

The film brings up many issues for discussion:

- Conservation of nature's treasures vs. commercialization. The cave is in Phong Nha, Vietnam, which was an underdeveloped area in the poorest province in Vietnam. It was heavily bombed during the US-Vietnam war and no buildings remained standing. The cave was first explored in 2009. Tourism began in 2015, increasing the wealth in the region. Phong Nha went from the most bombed region to the place where people were doing more adventure tourism than anywhere else in the world. The pristine charm of Son Doong has been preserved for millions of years. Should we allow scientists time to study it before people destroy it? Can we humans manage to move into an area and not soil it with trash and sewage waste? What would this do to this natural treasure, the reason that people want to go to Son Doong and Phong Nha? Do outside conservationists have the right to tell the Vietnamese people what to do with their land?

Bubba Says World Coming To End



TIM TIMMONS Two Cents

Ever have one of those days when everything goes right? You hit all the green lights on the way to work. Maybe the lottery ticket wasn't the big winner, but hey, you matched a couple of numbers and voila! A free

ticket! Your coffee hit the spot this morning. Your favorite song was the first thing you heard on the radio.

You know what I mean? The sun is shining. Birds are singing. Life is good.

Then the phone rang. "Timmons, the world is

going to end!"

The nasal twang, combined with hysteria, could only mean one thing.

"Bubba, I'm actually having a pretty good day - and not even your little stunt can ruin it. So I'll play your silly

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

To improve sleep, keep your bedroom cool, dark and quiet.

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 can tell what was the best year of your father's life, because they seem to freeze that clothing style and ride it out." Jerry Seinfeld

TODAY'S JOKE

Why'd the robot family go on summer vacation? To recharge their batteries!

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The Master Gardeners of Montgomery County along with Purdue Extension - Montgomery County will hold a Native Plant Jamboree Saturday, June 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Montgomery County 4-H Fairgrounds. Tricia Herr, Extension Educator/Agriculture & Natural Resources, will have a seminar at 10:30 on the Importance of Native Plants. There will be an activity for the kids to participate in also. Check the Facebook page "Master Gardener of Montgomery County (Indiana) for more details.

THREE THINGS You Should Know

- 1 The Indianapolis Airport has increased rates for valet and daily garage parking. Valet parking will increase to \$32 per day (compared to \$27 per day currently). Additionally, Daily Parking in the terminal garage will increase to \$23 per day (compared to \$20 per day currently). Economy Lot rates will remain at \$9 per day, and Park & Walk rates will remain at \$14 per day. Hourly Parking in the terminal garage will remain at \$2 per half hour for guests parking and meeting loved ones inside the airport. Parking is still free in the Cell Phone lots and at the Airport Service Plaza while waiting for passengers to arrive. For more information visit IND.com/Parking.
- 2 The Poetry Society of Indiana announces the 2024 Young Voices Annual Poetry Contest. First place winners will receive public acknowledgement on the PSI website and social media platforms. The poems may be published in the annual anthology Ink to Paper. The contest is open state-wide to public, private and homeschool students in grades 3-12; a recommendation by a teacher required; original unpublished work only; one poem submission per student; 30-line limit (including blank lines); and there is no submission fees. The categories are Grades 3 & 4, Grades 5 & 6, Grades 7 & 8, Grades 9 & 10 and Grades 11 & 12. The deadline for submissions is Sept. 20. Additional details are at: PSI Young Voices Annual Poetry Contest (poetrysocietyofindiana.org)
- 3 Our friends at LawnStarter ranked the dirtiest cities in America - and no where in Indiana cracked the 100 worst. That portion of the list was surprisingly led by Houston. Newark came in second and New York City 12th. Indy finished at a respectable 118. San Bernardino, Detroit and Jersey City rounded out the top five.



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

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## Sen. Deery Provides Update



**SPENCER DEERY**  
Guest Columnist

Recently, I joined about two dozen area residents along the banks of the Wabash River for a hike and conversation about my ongoing efforts to protect our Senate district against large unregulated water transfers.

history of the REMC, and I couldn't help but think about how history is being repeated as we now work to get high-speed broadband internet to every last acre of rural Indiana. We live in an age when that is a necessity, and I am committed to advancing high quality and affordable broadband to every part of our district.

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**STUDYING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**  
Artificial Intelligence (AI) has changed many aspects of our day-to-day lives, and it is important we study how it can be used to benefit Hoosiers.

That's why as a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Technology, I supported a new law creating the Artificial Intelligence Task Force, which will assess the uses of AI technology by state agencies.

Earlier this month, the Legislative Council approved study topics for the task force, which include:

- The benefits and risks to state agencies that use AI technology;
- The impacts of state agencies use of AI on the rights and interests of Hoosiers; and
- Developing recommendations and utilizing best practices to improve the privacy, security, integrity, collection, delivery and use of government data among state agencies and the different branches of government.

The Artificial Intelligence Task Force will begin meeting in the months ahead to make recommendations to the General Assembly on AI-related legislation to benefit Hoosiers.

*State Sen. Spencer Deery (R-West Lafayette) represents Senate District 23, which includes Fountain, Parke, Vermillion and Warren counties, and portions of Montgomery and Tippecanoe counties.*

The occasion was a hike sponsored by the NICHES Land Trust as a part of their Wednesdays in the Wild program that offers guided hikes on various properties being restored by the Trust.

This hike occurred in the Laura Hare Bend of the Wabash East property, which is located very close to the Granville Bridge and the original Indiana Economic Development Corporation water test sites.

It was an ideal setting for the conversation, not only because of the beauty and power of being so close to the river, but also because Niches restoration projects could be disturbed by the construction of a pipeline.

The location also allowed each of us to see firsthand the sandy soil that has led farmers in the area to invest in irrigation that could be threatened by an unregulated water transfer.

Thank you to those who attended the hike and NICHES staff for inviting me.

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## CELEBRATING PARKE COUNTY REMC

Last week, I met some great people at the ribbon cutting for the new Parke County REMC building outside Rockville.

In the early 20th century, REMCs helped spread electric power throughout rural Indiana and they remain an important part of rural communities today. The new building will allow the REMC to better serve customers and to quickly restore power in the event of an outage.

Much of the programming at the ribbon cutting reminisced about the

## Barton's Community Forum June 13

For the 132nd time since taking office, Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton will be hosting his monthly Community Forum.



**Mayor Todd Barton**

questions, discuss concerns and learn more about anything regarding the city.

June's edition is scheduled for June 13 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Mayor's Office, 300 E. Pike St.

As always, the monthly community forum is open to the public to come ask

## VSO Office Staying Busy in Summer



**JOE ELLIS**  
Guest Columnist

Well it sounds like we are in the mist of summer time. We have had a total of 45 phone calls into my office this last month and I had a total of 12 veterans into my office to file a claim. We transported a total of 14 Veterans to clinic's and VA Hospital and we also had a request by 26 vets.

I will be at the American Legion Post 72 from 1-4 p.m. Thursday so please call me if you would like to visit. I will also be at the VFW Post 1431 in Crawfordsville on June 20 from 1-4 p.m. so let me know if you would like to speak.

Let's keep these dates in mind: Flag Day 14th of June, Father's Day the 16th of June and we have Juneteenth National Independence Day 19th of June (Holiday).

## Hoosier Women Veteran Statics

Over 33,000 women veterans reside in Indiana. They served in every war period, including WWII, and 1,087 of them are military retirees! Today there are 2,335 women on active duty, not including those serving in the Indiana National Guard or who are members of a Reserve unit.

Please contact the Indiana Dept. Of Veteran Affairs in Indianapolis at (317) 232-3910. If any Women have had Military Sexual Trauma please contact Dr. Christie Pronzato at (317) 459-0521 at Roudebush VA Medical Center.

This past week we had a series of meetings that we took part in in Indianapolis and here is what we covered . . . suicide. We had 150 individuals who committed suicide in Indiana - that is one

too many! There is also a program called Taps for those left behind as a local outreach to suicide survivors

Please contact at (800) 959-8277. Veterans Comprehensive Prevention Access to Care, and Treatment this is a program for people who are in harm's way of committing suicide. You can take them to any emergency room to contact the VA Suicide Prevention Team. Please call (317) 988-2770 for further details.

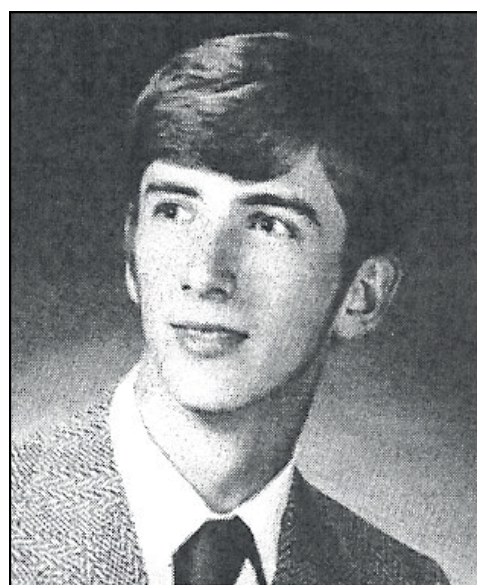
We also had information from the Indianapolis Regional Office.

Service Rated claims are coming back in about 150 days, Non Rated Claims in about 84 days and Pensions in about 135 days, The Pact Act had about 1,655,000 claims and we have still about 400,000 claims to do. We also had something called Fiduciary which helps people with finances that are getting claims paid to them.

Finally we are looking for a view people who would be willing to do VA Medical Foster Care for Veterans. This is for Veterans who don't want to go to a nursing home. This is to give Veterans an option to remain in a Family Setting. The VA care comes to the home, you must own or rent the home and have at least 3 bedrooms. The Vet needs to receive 70 percent claim and the veteran can be getting aid & attendance payment. If you are interested please contact me. You will receive payment for bringing in a Veteran.

*Joe Ellis is the Veterans Service Officer for Montgomery County. You can reach him at Joe.Ellis@montgomerycounty.in.gov or (765) 361-4133. His office is located at 1580 Constitution Row Crawfordsville.*

## Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



**Do You Recognize This 1973 North grad?**

**Hint: He spent many years as an insurance specialist in Crawfordsville.**

**Answer on Page A3**

## Beckwith Wants Tax Relief for Farmers

Micah Beckwith, Republican candidate for Lt. Governor, announced that he will lead the effort to lower the tax burden on Indiana farmers. "Our small farmers are being driven out of business by foreign nations such as China with their buying up farmland which is increasing the value of the property and the corresponding taxes. These higher property values are squeezing our local farmers right out of their homes and farms. Agriculture is critical for the well-being of Indiana's economy. Hence, we need to help our local farmers by reducing property taxes. That's why I am proposing my second tax relief plan today," said Beckwith, who is the only candidate for Lt. Governor with agricultural experience.



**Micah Beckwith**

Chinese are driving up prices? It should not be happening. We can fix this situation by lowering their tax burden," said Beckwith. "Having grown up and worked in the agriculture industry, I will be a fierce advocate for helping our local farmers. I know their issues and problems. I am the candidate best equipped to help them," added Beckwith.

Beckwith recently announced his plan to end property taxes for seniors and veterans and freeze property taxes at the point of purchase. His tax relief plan includes:

- Ending property taxes for seniors over the age of 65 who have lived in Indiana for over 10 years.
- Ending property taxes for veterans who served our nation for 10 years
- Capping property taxes at the same level as when the home was purchased.

- Beckwith plan is to:
- Reduce the agriculture tax rate from 2% to 1%.
  - Stop taxing farmers with buildings at a commercial rate of 3%.
  - Help lock in the tax rate at the point of purchase for farmers.
  - The reductions will only apply to American owned farms.

"These common sense reforms are long overdue. Why should our local farmers who have fed us and the nation for decades lose their land because the

"I will be the proactive Lt. Governor Hoosiers deserve," said Beckwith.



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in the upstairs bedroom, but it basically just blew hot air on us and never cooled us off until morning came around. We opened the north and south windows and hoped for a nice breeze, too...but usually just laid there and suffered.

Sometimes our folks splurged and bought Popsicles, which didn't last long. It was cheaper to make Kool-Aid ice cubes. Fortunately my parents had an ice cream maker, and we cranked that up many times during the summer, but the homemade vanilla didn't last long...soooo good! I don't recall my folks ever buying any soda pop, but Mom always had iced tea or lemonade in the refrigerator.

My family never traveled anywhere...no vacations, no trips to the beach, no boating on a lake. But alas, one day Dad announced that we were headed to Waynetown. Why? The town had built a public swimming pool! Crawfordsville didn't even have a pool at that time. We had a blast! But that was the first and last time Mom and Dad took us there...not sure why? The best place to cool off was at the Darlington drug store after they had put in air conditioning...sip on an ice cold cherry phosphate, followed by a double-dip of vanilla with powdered malt on top...pure Heaven!

But what I enjoyed the most was climbing on top of our barn after the

sun had gone down...on a cloudy evening....with a breeze...just laying there and looking up at the clouds. Or even better, sitting by the window in the haymow during a thunderstorm...alone... watching the lightning...listening to the rain on the tin roof...feeling the coolness of the rain front passing by...safe and secure...and a little closer to God.

*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 well-known artist and author of local history.*

## FOR THE RECORD

### SHERIFF'S MERIT BOARD

4:30 p.m. Tuesday June 11, 2024

Sheriff's Office 600 Memorial Drive Crawfordsville Agenda

1. Call to order (President of Merit Board)
2. Reading and Approval of minutes (Secretary)
3. Old Business
4. New Business
5. Crash Reviews
6. Adjourn

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Nha; the local people saw an opportunity to attract tourists to visit Son Doong cave and took advantage of it. Then came COVID, and with it closed borders. Ninety percent of the local businesses had been based on tourism, and thus went out of business. International companies might have been able to withstand the drop in tourism during the pandemic. In small communities like Crawfordsville we like to support local businesses, as they have the ability to empower people. Should international conglomerates be encouraged to operate in Phong Nha, if that means that the local people would lose financial control, but could continue earning livings? Would the large companies donate back to the community as the locals do?

government actions. Protest is not welcome by the communist party of Vietnam, and can lead to multi-year prison sentences. This includes environmental protests such as against construction in Son Doong. To what extent should protests be allowed, in either communist or democratic countries? What if protests disrupt people's livelihoods?

As you watch the movie, pay attention to the cinematography. Near the beginning, the chopping of the meat for breakfast pho morphs into the percussion of the background music. The red, orange and yellow man-made tents and clothing contrast with nature's gray rocks and green plants. Think about the camera angles – well above the cavers, making them appear as ants; capturing the green of the cave water illuminated by the cavers' headlamps; watching the wind through the rice leaves. We hope that many of you will join us for a screening of A Crack in the Mountain and lively discussion. The screening will begin at 7 pm on Thursday in Korb Classroom in the Fine Arts Center at Wabash College.

*The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the League, visit the website [www.lwvmontcoin.org](http://www.lwvmontcoin.org); or, visit the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Indiana Facebook page.*

- Accessibility – both financial and physical. A four-day tour of the cave currently costs \$3,000, which is nearly half of the average annual salary in Vietnam. Hiking into and around the cave is difficult. Should a greater proportion of the world's population be able to share in the wonder of the world's largest cave? Building in accessibility features could increase the numbers of people who could visit, which could also decrease the cost – but at what cost to this UNESCO world heritage site?

- Freedom to protest

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retired, authentic pieces of United States armament, vehicle, and aircraft will allow visitors to see, experience and learn more about our military history. The funds will be used to acquire a Humvee to complete the equipment display.

### Crawfordsville Main Street, \$31,280

Drawing from the priorities identified from last fall's Transformation Strategy workshop, CMS will "Elevate the Main Street Four Point Approach." Addressing Economic Vitality, they will host Heritage Trades workshops; Design will address the aging streetscape by replacing and refinishing outdoor furnishings; Promotion will include the creation of a "Downtown Direct" Resource Guide for building and business owners; and finally, under Organization, new office furniture and equipment will be purchased.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

#### North Montgomery School Corporation, \$19,833

North Montgomery launched the Early Learning Academy in 2006. Over the years classes have been added to all three elementary schools, first for four-year-olds, then for three-year-olds at two of the schools. Now with need for a three-year-old class at Sugar Creek, these funds will help fund the cost of additional age-appropriate furniture, equipment, and supplies to equip a classroom to open this fall. All classes have earned the Paths to Quality™ Level 3 rating.

### Rainbows & Rhymes Preschool, \$2,559

This Level 3 Paths to Quality™ program is committed to providing professional development for their teachers. Improved teacher skills will result in less teacher stress, improved instruction and enhanced learning for the students. The funds will be used to engage an Early Learning expert to work directly with the staff to provide training which will focus on understanding the effects of trauma and chronic stress on young

brains. Better understanding will improve staff/student interactions.

### HEALTH Montgomery County Free Clinic, \$10,301

Access to women's health care should not be considered a luxury but for too many girls and women in Montgomery County, this is the unfortunate reality. The Clinic aims to bridge this gap by launching a Women's Health Program which will focus on preventative care by increasing access to care such as breast and pelvic exams, Pap smears, mammogram referrals and vaccinations.

### HISTORICAL Lew Wallace Study Preservation Society, \$75,000

A structural assessment of the 1870 Carriage House revealed structural concerns with the building. In addition, the exterior paint is failing, siding has rotted and at least two windows need to be replaced. This is the oldest building in Crawfordsville directly associated with Lew Wallace and it is a priority of LWSPS to preserve it and interpret it for future generations.

### HUMAN SERVICES Food Finders Food Bank, Inc., \$5,000

Food insecurity is an ongoing issue in Montgomery County and according to Feeding America the food insecurity rate here is 10.8%. This represents over 4,000 individuals (almost a quarter of whom are children) who do not know where their next meal will come from. These funds will provide "credit" which local partners may use to secure food for their respective pantries.

### Sunshine Vans, \$26,930

Sunshine Vans offers transportation services to residents of Montgomery County who are at least 60 years old and/or disabled and they are the only wheelchair accessible provider. These funds will provide the required 20% match needed for an INDOT grant which will pay for a new wheelchair accessible van.

### Sylvia's Child Advocacy Center, \$1,429

Sylvia's will offer child abuse disclosure and prevention education through four free Darkness 2 Light Stewards of Children

training opportunities in Montgomery County in 2024. These trainings include a 2.5-hour video presentation as well as trainer-facilitated discussion using questions from the workbook throughout the training. The funds will be used to purchase 100 workbooks to be used in the four training sessions.

### YOUTH Boys & Girls Club, \$27,500

The Club seeks to support the academic development of students in its summer program by implementing evidence based curriculum offered by The Boys & Girls Clubs of America. They will focus on three academic success programs: Project Learn, Summer Brain Gain and DIY STEM. These funds will help offset the cost of staff training and implementation of the programs.

### The grants were made possible by the following MCCF Field of Interest Funds:

*Preston and Anne Bost Early Childhood Education Fund, Luella Brake Fund, Herman Dicks Fund, DeVon W. and Mary Jane Flaningam Fund, Michael D. and Sally A. Hinkle Fund, Drs. Paul and Mary Ludwig Fund, Tom and Cynda Mellish Fund, Herbert, Genevieve and Marian Morrison Fund, Morris and Barbara Odle Family Fund, A.F. Ramsey Trust Fund, Amy Robinson Trust Fund, Faye O. and Anna Winter Schenck Fund, Women of Wisdom Fund honoring Rev. Chris Hotopp-Zachary, Mary Vi Leaming RN and Meda Lorton, Youth are Our Future Fund.*

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endowed funds, each established by donors with the desire to make Montgomery County a better place to live. Since 1991, over \$29 million in grants and scholarships has been awarded to agencies and students right here in Montgomery County.

To learn more about MCCF Grantmaking visit <https://www.mccf-in.org/unrestricted-grant-cycle> to review the eligibility guidelines and learn about the application process. Direct questions to Cheryl Keim, Grants & Community Relations Director at (765) 362-1267 or [cheryl@mccf-in.org](mailto:cheryl@mccf-in.org).

**Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia**

**Answer: Jim Hook**

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# Crawfordsville District Public Library

# JUNE


## FOR ADULTS

## FOR KIDS

- Monday 3** **Excel for Beginners**  
*Registration Required*  
6p in Meeting Room D
- Saturday 8** **Library Book Sale**  
2nd Saturday Every Month   
10a-4p Basement
- Tuesday 11** **Genealogy Club Meeting**  
*Highlights of MC History by Jodie Wilson*  
7p in the Donnelley Room (A)
- Thursday 13** **CDPL Board of Trustees meeting**  
*Open to the Public*  
4p in the Conference Room
- Saturday 15** **Sugar Creek Stomp: Water Bugs**  
Ages 12+ years & up  
10a meet at Rock River Ridge Trailhead
- Tuesday 18** **D & D for Beginners**  
*Registration Required*   
5p in Meeting Room B
- Wednesday 19** **Wyrd Words Book Club**  
*Open to Adults 18+ years of age*  
6p in Meeting Room C
- Wednesday 26** **Mystery of History**  
*Mysterious discussion club for Adults*   
6p in Meeting Room C
- Sunday 30** **PowerPoint for Beginners**  
*Registration Required*  
1:30p in Meeting Room D

- Tuesday 4, 11, 18, & 25** **Baby Story Time**  
*For ages up to 18 Months*   
9:30a in Youth Services
- Wednesday 5, 12, 19, & 26** **Toddler Story Time**  
*For 18 Months to 3 years of age*  
10a in Youth Services
- Thursday 6, 13, 20, & 27** **Preschool Story Time**  
*For 3-5 year olds*  
10a in Youth Services
- Friday 7, 14, 21, & 28** **Activity at the Pavilion**  
*New outside activity each week*  
10a at the Pavilion

## FOR TEENS

- Saturday 1 & 15** **Teen Film Club**  
*Ages 13-18 (only)*   
2p in the Classroom (D)
- Wednesday 12** **Summerween Craft & Movie**  
*Ages 13-18 (only)*  
3p in Youth Services
- Tuesday 25** **Teen Anime Club**  
*Ages 13-18 (only)*  
6p in Youth Services



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game. How do you know the world is coming to an end?"

For those who've never had the pleasure, Bubba Castiron is an idiot searching for a village – no, wait. That's not fair to village idiots. Bubba is a few fries short of a happy meal, 48 cards shy of a full deck, 30 teeth short of a glowing smile . . . well, you get the idea.

"C'mon Bubba," I cracked. "Take your best shot. Waddya got?"

"Well sir," he started. "I had the downright high honor of being introduced to a man who knows these things, Timmons. I mean he KNOWS, dadgum it."

For once this didn't sound like a typical Bubba story. After all, he didn't start the call with some cockamamie fake voice and made-up story. Not that I believed him for a second. But he sure sounded sincere.

"Timmons, is you aware of just how many ways the world could end?"

"Uh, well, no, Bubba. I guess I'm not. I mean there could be endless ways, right?"

"Yeah, yeah," he said.

"But I mean the big ones – the ones that are out there right now. Like, Timmons, did you know about the polar shift theory?"

"Can't say I do, Bubba."

"Well, the idea is that throughout time the poles shift. And some folks think that instead of happening over a long period, it takes place in hours. Continents sink, mountains rise from prairies . . . they say 90 percent of the world's population will die."

Bubba's tone was something I hadn't heard from him before – somber.

"Then there's that asterock named Apuffus that—"

"Asteroid and Apophis," I corrected.

"Huh?"

"Never mind."

"And of course you got your basic super volcano thing out in Yellowstone – and there's a few more around the world," he said, voice rising. "There's nukes in North Korea, not to mention China and Russia. We're being invaded daily by terrorists down south. And then, Timmons, then you got the big one – the Rapture . . . hey, hey," he said, suddenly with a smile in his twang. "Did you know that God told one of them big New York newspapers he was going to end the world. Know what the headline was the next day?"

I sighed. "I give, Bubba. What was it?"

"God targets women, minorities and LGBTQs."

Bubba laughed so hard he started coughing.

"But Timmons, this here is serious.

"You see," he began almost in a whisper.

"Things have been wonky since that danged eclipse. And now, all the planets are lining up and the sun is getting ready to throw this giant flare our way. And when it hits, Timmons, all hell's going to break loose. That solar stuff, combined with the gravitational gizmo effect from the planets is going to shift the pole and do us all in."

He went quiet. Deathly

quiet.

"Bubba, this all sounds pretty thin to me," I said. "I mean I could see a solar flare causing major problems with our power grids, but wiping out all life? I mean, c'mon Bubba. I think you're all worked up over nothing."

"Dammit, Timmons! For once I'm a not kidding. This is serious stuff. You got to listen to me and since you got newspapers, you got to warn the people. Let them know the end is coming."

"Easy there Bubba. C'mon now. If we shared this, I'm not sure anyone would take it seriously. I mean even you have to know this is a stretch. Where'd you get all this anyways?"

"From a very wise and enlightened man, Timmons. He's actually a farmer."

"What's his name, Bubba?"

"Geddon. Farmer Geddon!" And with that, Bubba howled and howled as he hung up on a stupid newspaper guy . . . again. I looked up. It was cloudy.

*Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically on Wednesdays in The Paper. Timmons is the publisher of The Paper and can be contacted at [ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com](mailto:ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com).*

Attorney General Todd Rokita cautioned local officials in several Indiana cities and counties that he will pursue legal action against them after July 1 if they refuse to follow laws aimed at apprehending illegal immigrants.

Rokita's office sent a blunt message to officials in East Chicago, Gary, West Lafayette and Monroe County: Confirm you have rescinded local policies that enable illegal immigration – or face swift legal consequences starting July 1.

"The flood of illegal immigrants entering the United States is a problem that harms all

of us," Rokita said. "The ones paying the price for this lawlessness are Hoosier taxpayers, who must bear increased costs for health care, education and other services used by illegal immigrants."

The Indiana General Assembly passed a law this year authorizing the attorney general to file lawsuits against any Indiana colleges, universities or units of local government not enforcing current Indiana laws banning sanctuary cities.

A "sanctuary city" is a term for a local unit of government that has adopted a policy to deliberately and intentionally disregard federal law and not

cooperate with federal immigration authorities.

"We welcome want-to-be-patriots to the United States who will add value to our country and want to live their lives under the values this country was founded upon," Rokita said. "The first way they can show that is by following our laws. Those who do not follow our laws by entering our country legally should not be allowed to stay."

Attorney General Rokita has sent letters to officials in East Chicago, Gary, West Lafayette and Monroe County – warning them of impending action if they do not repeal current policies violating Indiana law.



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 Notice is hereby given that the Plan Commission of the City of Crawfordsville will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, in the Common Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, to hear the request for primary and secondary subdivision plat approval for purposes of expanding the mobile home park or subdivision.  
 The property location: Vacant land southeast of 401 E South Boulevard, Crawfordsville, Indiana  
 (Parcel No. 54-10-08-100-038.000-030)  
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 The property location: 1200 West Market Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana  
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 The property location: 308-312 N Green Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana  
 (Parcel No. 54-07-32-332-002.000-030)  
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