

TODAY'S VERSE

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Meet Senora Bigotes



Senora Bigotes is a 1 year old female black/white domestic shorthair cat available to foster and/or adopt since 3/25/24 (owner surrender). Senora Bigotes is playful, adorable, and loves cuddle/snuggle time with her favorite human! Senora Bigotes is spayed, dewormed, and up to date on her shots. Senora Bigotes is friendly with her kitty friends in the community cat room, but would love to find a home of her own! AWL is open Monday-Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 9:30a-3p. Come snuggle cats in a community cat room, walk dogs, or lend a helping hand!!

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Simply Strawberry



The crowd was reported by some as one of, if not the biggest, in the festival's history!

Crawfordsville's biggest annual festival, the Strawberry Festival, is in the books for another year. By all accounts, this year may have been one of the biggest and best! The weather was perfect and the crowds were big. The Strawberry Festival is not just a celebration enjoyed by many from all over, it is a wonderful example of cooperation and teamwork from the many, many organizers and volunteers. A lot of work goes on before, during and after and The Paper offers a tip of the cap to everyone involved - including photographer Penny Anglin who captured these great images!

Juneteenth Celebrated in C'ville

By Shannon Hudson
Crawfordsville Middle School Teacher
For The Paper

Crawfordsville's history is replete with stories of war heroes, political figures, famous business people, groundbreaking discoveries, scientists, astronauts and tales of Native Americans. Markers have been dedicated, books written and newspaper articles published showcasing these pieces of our historic town.

But there is a large, integral piece of our history missing from this story - black history. Black communities were instrumental in assisting freedom seekers on the Underground Railroad, in resisting Ku Klux Klan efforts to destroy their livelihoods, and in creating a resilient community that bonded together to assist, protect, support and comfort their fellow mankind. They ran businesses that were not necessarily listed in the city directories. They served with dignity and pride in the Civil War and the World Wars. They educated their children in separate and unequal facilities. They overcame adversities and prejudices most of us cannot imagine.



The talent on the stage had those in attendance paying close attention.



Shawn Klush looked, sounded and acted a lot like the late king, Elvis Presley.



Elvis has left the building, well at least for another year.

Shhh! Butch Needs Peace & Quiet!



BUTCH DALE Columnist

Have you ever pulled up to an intersection and the car next to you has their sound system on full blast, with the volume cranked up to the point where your windows vibrate? Yes, that's what I thought. Those morons are everywhere. Or how about some of the Harley riders or "rice bike" daredevil speedsters when they choose to "throttle up" as

they take off or pass. Are they showing off, or do they just have a noise addiction problem? These are just two examples which you might encounter as you hit the road.

There is plenty more "noise pollution" that we encounter every day. Think of all the gizmos, contraptions, and devices that people use...leaf blowers, power saws, lawn mowers, weed-eaters, chain saws, hair dryers, 4-wheelers, jet skis,

snowmobiles, and on and on...many of which were not even around in the good old days. After washing your hands in a public restroom, have you used the hot air dryers? They might as well bolt up a jet engine to the wall and use it. And then there is some of the music today. It's great if you want a migraine. Exactly why do the listeners want to go deaf? And rap music? That's another subject that I don't even

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Mama Bears who hug strangers



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 101, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

There's a particularly unforgettable scene in the 1994 movie Reality Bites when the tenderhearted Sammy Gray (played by Steve Zahn) rehearses for a moment he

fears. He's snagged his female best friend to rehearse, playing it like a scene out of an old film, turning from a window while calling toward some distance, "Ma! Ma!"

"I'm right here, son," says the friend playing his mother.

"I have to tell you some (choke) thing. (pause) I am (pause) a homo (pause) sexual." His voice cracks.

His friend, played by Janeane Garofalo, says in a stilted voice, "Is there a support group to help me come to terms with my own homophobia?" At that time in history, most LGBTQ+ faced rejection from intimate family friends. That sort of rejection persists in some pockets of culture. He and his friend take a euphoric bow toward a camera documenting their "pre-enactment."

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Most back strains improve on their own in a week or two.

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



MIA - Looking for Tim's column? Well, so are we. He must be out wandering around Indiana somewhere. Hopefully we'll find him by next week.



TIM TIMMONS Two Cents

THREE THINGS You Should Know

- 1 The official start of summer begins Thursday at 4:51 p.m. and a Midwest FEMA office is advising everyone to take it easy because of the predicted high heat. Specifically, they ask for us all to watch for signs of heat illness, to stay indoors as much as we can (or to find shade if we are outdoors), to keep our homes cool and of course to stay hydrated. All those go for our furry friends, too! Enjoy!
2 Hoosier Lottery Powerball tickets should be checked carefully as one entry matched four out of five numbers and the Powerball in Saturday night's drawing. A \$50,000 winning ticket was purchased at a GETGO in Mooresville. The winning Powerball numbers for Saturday were: 4-36-48-54-56 with the Powerball of 2.
3 The ACLU of Indiana filed suit in U.S. District Court against the City of Loogootee on behalf of the sponsors of PrideFest 2024. After initially approving a permit for PrideFest 2024 to take place on Sept. 7, the Loogootee City Council rescinded its approval and made other changes. The lawsuit calls for the court to enjoin Loogootee's Special Events Ordinance and allow plaintiffs to hold PrideFest 2024.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Where there is great love there are always miracles." Willa Cather

TODAY'S JOKE

Did you know some scientists avoid sunlight? Sure, they're called Paleontologists!

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The Fairfield Family & Friends Reunion pitch-in is scheduled for Saturday at noon at the Lake Holiday Clubhouse. Please bring one dish, dessert and drinks. For those so inclined, bring along your fishing gear and bathing suits. Any questions, call or text LaShawna Wright at (765) 918-4846



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

OBITUARIES

Harland E. Flint

October 17, 1936 - June 14, 2024

Harland Eugene Flint passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Friday, June 14, 2024 at home in Jamestown. He was born on October 17, 1936 at home in Warren County, Indiana to Joe and Teenza (Hurley) Flint.



Harland married Joyce Anne Redden on July 1, 1956, raising their family together for 35 years, until her passing in 1992. He then married Janet Gick in 1993, spending 30 years together until her passing in 2023.

Harland graduated from Hillsboro Schools, Class of 1955. He retired from Fleetwood as a warehouse supervisor after 35 years. Harland was also a longtime barber out of his house shop until 1990. Harland was a former longtime member of New Hope Christian Church and current member of Dover Christian Church. He was a member of the Alamo Masonic Lodge and involved with the Shriners and Scottish Rites. Harland was a friend to everyone he met. He was a proud grandfather and lovingly called "Buzard" by his grandchildren.

Harland is survived by his 2 daughters, Twila Houston and Sara (Brad) Jarvis; 7 grandchildren, Jonathan Arnold, Stephanie (Kyle Campbell) Arnold, Christina Houston, Danielle (Matt) Higdon, Nicole (Aaron) Webb, Emily (Michael Morgan) Jarvis and Jacob Jarvis; 7 great grandchildren, Kaydence, Kai, Chloe, Sadie, Brody, Reagan, Oliver; and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his stepchildren, Greg (Kristina) Hole, Brian (Angela) Hole, Shelly (Bill) Kelsey and Alisa (Paul) Gann; 10 step grandchildren; and 13 step great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Joyce; second wife, Janet; daughter, Debra Arnold; and 6 siblings, Thelma Philpott, Eubert Flint, Mary Jane Watson, Herbert Flint, Kay Shoaf and Warren Flint.

Visitation will be held on June 19th, 2024 from 11:00 am until the time of the service at 1:00 pm at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington Street in Crawfordsville with Pastor Mike Whitacre officiating. Burial will follow at Indian Creek Hill Cemetery. Share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

Peggy Arlene Taylor

February 2, 1940 - June 14, 2024

Peggy Arlene Taylor, age 84, of Crawfordsville, passed away on Friday, June 14, 2024 at Ben Hur Health and Rehabilitation. She was born in Parke Country on February 2, 1940 to the late Doc and Lena (Allen) Craft.



Arlene attended Wallace Schools. She retired from Raybestos, where she worked as a machine operator. Arlene was an avid bowler and traveled to many national championships.

Arlene will be deeply missed by her son, David (Patti) Harvey; brother, Bill (Martha) Craft; 12 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 4 children, Donald Harvey Jr, Dina Barrett, Casey Taylor, and Debbie Lee; and a granddaughter Samantha Harvey.

A visitation will be held for Arlene at Sanders Funeral Care Waynetown, 202 Bratton Road on Thursday, June 20, 2024 from 11:00 am until the time of funeral service at 1:00 pm. Burial will follow at Wolf Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Arlene's memory to the Women's Resource Center, 407 East Market Street, suite 106, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

Kenneth Harlan

March 11, 1949 - June 4, 2024

Kenneth Harlan, 75, of rural Crawfordsville, has died as a result of pancreatic cancer on June 4, 2024 at Ben Hur Health and Rehabilitation. Ken was born the second son of Arthur E. and Betty L. (Boyll) Harlan on March 11, 1949 in



Terre Haute. He was raised on a farm in Vigo County and attended township schools, graduating from Honey Creek High School in 1967. While in high school, Ken participated in varsity sports, student government, served as class President, and was selected for National Honor Society.

After high school, he pursued a mechanical engineering degree from Rose Polytechnic Institute, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree with quarterly academic honors in 1971, the last year the degrees were conferred in the original name, Rose Polytechnic, before becoming Rose-Hulman. Ken later interrupted his career to return to Purdue University and earn a Master of Science degree.

After graduation he accepted an engineering position with American Machine and Foundry, Wheel Goods Division, in Olney, Illinois. There he served in a variety of engineering and maintenance positions, culminating in Director of Engineering. After the sale of the Division, he accepted a position with Raybestos Manhattan in Crawfordsville as Manager of Manufacturing Engineering, where he worked for the final twenty-three years of a forty-two-year career in industry.

While in southern Illinois, Ken and Ann Marie (All) Harlan were married. They began life together on a small farm in Richland County and were blessed with two sons: David Owen Harlan (Lt Col ret) Louisville KY, and James Wesley Arthur Harlan, Clarksville, IN. The family moved to an Indiana farm in Montgomery County with the change in employment.

Ken always had an interest in virtually anything mechanical or electrical, and especially those that rolled: fast cars, motorcycles, trucks, old tractors and even airplanes. He earned his private pilot's license in 1976 and owned an airplane for several years, logging nearly one thousand hours. In 1982 he took a cross-country trip to the West coast on a new Harley Davidson Low Rider motorcycle, and continued to enjoy motorcycling throughout his life, riding with a group of friends weekly during his retirement. He had an irrepressible desire to know how things work all of his life and was eager to fix or repair virtually anything as well as design, fabricate or build a variety of engineering projects. Ken enjoyed an interesting and full life and was grateful to God for his family, friends, career, the many varied and wonderful people that he has met, and especially the opportunity to farm and remain a part of the agriculture community throughout the years while still working full time in engineering.

In addition, to his parents he was predeceased by stepmother, Patricia L. Harlan, infant sister, Terri Lynn, and infant daughter, Grace Leone. He is survived by Ann Marie; his two sons; three grandchildren, Saoirse, Magnus, and Pheadra; brothers, Thomas Harlan, Bobby Harlan; and sister, Karen Farmer, all of Terre Haute; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Cremation was chosen with a graveside service at Freedom Cemetery, 6008 State Road 234 in Waveland on Friday, June 21, 2024 at 1:00 pm. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care responsible for the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Ken's memory to the American Farmland Trust, www.farmland.org. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com at www.SandersFuneralCare.com

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This Teacher?

HINT:
 He taught Latin, Speech and English at Waveland and Southmont.

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AWL TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER



THURSDAY JUNE 27TH 6-9P

JOIN STAFF & BOARD MEMBERS AT BACKSTEP BREWING CO.
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lkd Wooden school desk, gas grill, wooden kitchen table, child's wooden kitchenette set, Scott's Yar Fertilizer, portable toilet, electric leaf blower, carpet shampooer, med. Dog kennel, sm. grocery cart, on wheels, multiple wooden tables, lg. black desk, sm. Secretary desk, wing back Lazy Boy chairs, bookcases, Mlkasa Holy Family, Saladmaster cookware, Mr. Coffee cappuccino machine, Lg tent, antique glassware, unique old pitchers, crock pot, blender, Kodak 500 projector set, warm mist humidifier, nut roaster, Hamilton Beach Oven, bowling balls, sm ball collection, scooter, skateboard, lg roaster, sm metal coin purses, Kuerig, sm pressure cooker, Queen and King Size Bedframes.

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care to discuss. I can't figure out why it is even classified as music.

Some of the noise problem is our own fault. For instance, after a hard day's work, and after your evening meal, you sit down in your favorite easy chair to read the paper and relax. In a few minutes you nod off in the quiet of the family room. Then...just as you enter a nice, comforting, sleepy nap...your damn cell phone goes off...and your entire body jerks out of its peaceful slumber! "Hello, do you know that you can save up to 50% now at Furniture World retail outlets?" Please, Dear God, just leave me alone! Or perhaps you sit down at a nice dining establishment...and the people in the next booth converse on their cell phones for the next hour. Been there. Heard that. Could everyone just use Dixie cups and string instead?

As a youngster, life on the farm was relatively quiet. Yes, there were tractors tilling the fields, but nothing like today's monstrous equipment. In the summer, I could hear the cows mooing and the chickens clucking and the pigs oinking and the birds chirping...That was about it. Our house sat off the road quite a ways, so there was very little noise from passing cars, unless Charlie Weliever drove by in his '55 Chevy. It was so peaceful that I could hear the town's noon whistle from four miles away.

On cold winter nights in

my upstairs bedroom, I could hear mice scurrying around and scratching inside the walls, the wind blowing snow or ice pellets against the window, and the creaky sound of the roof joists contracting on a bitterly cold night. In the summer I heard the leaves rustling in the wind, the mourning doves cooing before a rain, crickets chirping in the dark, the hoot of a barn owl, and an occasional coyote howling in the distance...all very soothing sounds to me.

We have made great progress technologically since I was a small fry baby boomer. Our power tools and gadgets have made our lives easier, but we have suffered the consequences...a much more noisy world. Yes, I will admit that I listened to rock and roll, the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, and other popular groups as a teenager. Now I actually enjoy the sound of the 1930's and '40s era music. I listen to the TV news during supper. That's it...no more television. I am ready for peace and quiet the remainder of the evening. If I go for a walk down the road...no cars, no Harleys, no rap, no power equipment...and believe it or not...just the hum of the electric wires. Ah, yes....I love it!

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.

United Way Launches Reading Program for Children

United Way in Montgomery County announces the launch of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in our community. Each month, the Imagination Library will provide one age-appropriate book for each registered child from birth to age 5, absolutely free to the family and mailed directly to the child's home.

"Dolly Parton's Imagination Library provides an efficient and effective strategy to promote literacy and a love of reading. I am thrilled this valuable resource will be available to parents and children in our community," United Way in Montgomery County Director Gina Haile said.

The United Way supports and creates community-based and community-led solutions to issues concerning health, education, and financial stability in the community. As such, this program aims to invest in early childhood development.

About Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Since launching in 1995, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has become the preeminent early childhood book gifting program in the world. The flagship program of The Dollywood Foundation has gifted well over 150 million free books in Australia, Canada, The Republic of Ireland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The Imagination Library mails more than 1.8 million high-quality, age-appropriate books each month to registered children from birth to age five. Dolly envisioned creating a lifelong love of reading, inspiring them to dream. The program's impact has been widely researched, and results suggest positive increases in key early childhood literacy metrics. Penguin Random House is the exclusive publisher for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. For more information, please visit imaginationlibrary.com.

Research indicates that every dollar a community invests in early childhood education yields a 13 percent return on that investment annually through better education, economic, health and social outcomes.

"As a Montgomery County resident, business owner, and United Way Board member, I know the value of early learners developing a quality home library, being inspired to read, so

they are ready to learn and excel academically," Michele Hunley, United Way in Montgomery County Board Member said. "This creates a thriving child and, in turn, a vibrant, healthy community."



Gina Haile

The program is funded in part by the Women's Legacy Fund of the Montgomery County Community Foundation. This grant

About United Way in Montgomery County

United Way in Montgomery County is built on the 50-year legacy of Montgomery United Fund for You. As we adopt the Cradle to Career commitment, we strive to continually improve the quality of life for the citizens of our county. We provide collaborative leadership to engage in conversation and develop long-lasting solutions that promote human dignity, self-sufficiency, and individual character. Our focus is impact!

covered the estimated cost for the first year of the program. Haile said the United Way is grateful for their partnership in bringing the resource to Montgomery County. To register your child, please visit <https://www.uwmontgomery.org/imaginationlibrary>

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BUTCH DALE

John "Butch" Dale is a former teacher, County Sheriff, author, artist, and local historian. He is the librarian at Darlington and has been there for 33 years! You never know what Butch might offer his readers two times each week...from funny and nostalgic stories about his childhood and hometown...to stories about life and death incidents when he was Montgomery County Sheriff. Sometimes he highlights sports stars from our county's past...or he might just poke a little fun at some of our national politicians and celebrities. He can make you laugh, make you cry, help you to appreciate the past or make you think about the future. But no matter what, Butch will keep you on your toes and keep you entertained!

Catch Butch every Monday & Wednesday, only in The Paper of Montgomery County!

Thank you for subscribing!

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

Answer:

Ralph Williams

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Project: The Masonic Cornerstone East Elevation Repair

Notice is hereby given that the Crawfordsville Masonic Temple Foundation will receive sealed bids for the above described "Project" at the Crawfordsville Masonic Temple [AKA The Masonic Cornerstone] 221 South Washington Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, until 5:30 p.m. (local time) on or before Thursday, July 18, 2024, and such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud following this time. No late bids will be accepted.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 9:00 a.m. (local time) on Monday, July 8, 2024, at the Crawfordsville Masonic Temple [AKA The Masonic Cornerstone] 221 South Washington Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 to familiarize Bidders with this project.

This project is funded in part by a grant from the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Fund Program administered by the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology. Compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations is required, including: federal and state audit requirements, prohibition on lobbying activities, the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act, the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, the National Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, the Architectural Barriers Act, and Executive Orders and Department of Labor regulations regarding Equal Employment Opportunity.

A financial statement, a statement of experience, a proposed plan for performing the work including timeline, Contractor's Bid on the Proposal Form furnished by the Architect and non-collusion affidavit must be submitted.

Additional site visits may be arranged by making an appointment with Judith Kleine (765) 376-9832 judi@jkleinearchitect.com. Areas where work is to be performed are currently in use during periodic events. The Contractor must provide a means to enter and exit the building, safely and in a clean environment, while the building is in use. The Contractor will be supplied a current calendar and must coordinate access needs for the event dates with the Owner's Representative. Work can proceed on or after July 18, 2024 with a deadline for the completion of the work on November 26, 2024. Any changes in the work schedule shall be negotiated prior to the deadline.

The Work shall be executed under one (1) prime contract and received on a lump sum basis. Each proposal shall include all labor, material, and services necessary to complete the Work in strict accordance with the construction drawings and specifications prepared by Judith Kleine Architect, LLC, 127 E Main St, Suite 105, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933, 765-376-9832, judi@jkleinearchitect.com. Contract Documents for the Project may be examined at the Architect's Office or will be emailed to interested bidders.

The Work consists of, but is not necessarily limited to the following:

- Masonry Work – Tuckpointing, Repair and Replacement

Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete set of Contract Documents and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of drawings and Contract Documents.

No bidder may withdraw any bid or proposal within a period of sixty (60) days following the date set for receiving bids or proposals. The Crawfordsville Masonic Temple Foundation reserves the right to hold any or all bids or proposals for a period of not more than ninety (90) days and said bids or proposal shall remain in full force and effect during said period. The Crawfordsville Masonic Temple Foundation reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part when it is not in the best interests of the Foundation.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Crawfordsville herein referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed bids for the 2024-1 Community Crossings Paving Program – Application #13541, located in the City of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana.

Sealed bids are invited and may be forwarded by mail, other courier service or in person to the City of Crawfordsville, Attn: Clerk Treasurer Karyn Douglas, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 until 10:00 am on July 10, 2024. Bids received after such hour will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at the weekly Board of Works meeting at this time. Bids will then be taken under advisement for review by the owner and engineer.

The contract will consist of the following:

2024-1 CCMG Paving and associated work items of various streets throughout the City of Crawfordsville.

Complete sets of bidding documents may be viewed at www.hwceplanroom.com. Electronic bidding documents are available for download at www.hwceplanroom.com for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00. A hard copy of the bidding documents may be ordered at www.hwceplanroom.com. The bidder will be charged for printing and shipping costs for the hard copies.

Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the Project and the name and address of Bidder. All bids must be submitted on the bid forms as identified in the Contract Documents.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable bidder's bond made payable to the Owner, in a sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, which check or bond will be held by the Owner as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded the contract, enter into the same with the Owner upon notification from him to do so within ten (10) days of said notification.

Approved performance and payment bonds guaranteeing faithful and proper performance of the work and materials, to be executed by an acceptable surety company, will be required of the Contractor at the time he executes his contract. The bond will be in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price and must be in full force and effect throughout the term of the Construction Contract plus a period of twelve (12) months from the date of substantial completion.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid, or all bids, or to accept any bid or bids, or to make such combination of bids as may seem desirable, and to waive any and all informalities in bidding. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least sixty (60) days.

The Owner may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform the work and the Bidder shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as the Owner may request. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and to complete the work contemplated therein.

Bids shall be properly and completely executed on bid forms included in the Contract Documents. Bids shall include all information requested by Indiana Form 96 (Revised 2013) included in the Contract Documents.

If project is \$150,000 or more – State of Indiana requirement as of 7/2018, Bidder is required to submit with bid a written plan for an employee drug testing program that complies with IC 4-13-18-5 and IC 4-13-18-6.

Each Bidder is responsible for inspecting the Project site(s) and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the Contract Documents and Specifications. The failure or omission of any Bidder to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation with respect to its Bid.

Any questions shall be directed to Kevin Hay of HWC Engineering by email only at khay@hwcengineering.com. The deadline for questions is Wednesday, July 3rd at 10:00 am.

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Sen. Deery Provides Weekly Update



SPENCER DEERY
Guest Columnist

In recent years, my colleagues and I in the General Assembly have worked to support our state's first responders in a number of ways – including pay raises for Indiana State Police, Indiana Conservation Officers and Indiana State Excise Police in the current state budget.

go to first responders who stand out for their courageous behavior and fearless acts in risking their own life to protect others above the call of normal duty.

This medal is a small token of our appreciation for the state's police, fire and emergency medical personnel and all they do to protect Hoosiers every day.

Summer Food Programs Available

Free lunches for Hoosiers ages 18 and younger are available at more than 1,000 locations across Indiana this summer. The program is administered by the Indiana Department of Education and provides nutritious meals and snacks to help alleviate child hunger during the summer months.

These Hoosiers put their personal safety on the line to keep our families safe and to maintain law and order, and they deserve all the respect we can give them.

This year I was also proud to support a new law that establishes the Hoosier First Responder Medal of Honor as another way the state can show our support.

The new recognition will

Governor Reappoints Local Man

Bruce Murphy of Crawfordsville, owner of Murphy Trailer Sales, was recently reappointed by Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb

to continue serving on the Thoroughbred Breed Development Advisory Committee. The term will run until June 30, 2028.

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The movie cuts to Gray, sitting cross-legged outside his mother's home, saying, "Well, I came out to her." He looks over his shoulder and viewers see his mother pacing back and forth in the window, phone to her ear.

"I think the reason I've been celibate for so long is not because I fear the big A [AIDS] but because I can't really start my life without being honest about who I am," Gray says. "I mean I wanna -- I wanna be let back into the house," he says, covering his eyes. It's the most devastating scene of the film, and he's only a secondary character. It evokes the sheer desolation of being rejected by family.

A variation on that scene has repeated itself in real life over and over, like with the 15-year-old kid sitting outside the office of PRIDE Lafayette in late February. Swallowing tears, they ask when the office will open. Their parents just kicked them out and they need a place to stay and some food. True story.

In the film, the answer to Gray's fictional mother about a support group is PFLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gay, an organization founded in 1973 by a mother and her gay son. It's one of many organizations founded by parents of LGBTQ people; in its company are Mama Bears, a support organization connecting parents via the internet, and Free Mom Hugs, a volunteer organization present at most of the Pride events around the country in June.

Heidi Buffenbarger found her way to the Fort Wayne Chapter of Free Mom Hugs via Mama Bears after her oldest came to her as non-binary. Instead of fear and distance, Buffenbarger paused and decided she needed "to understand what the heck that meant because it's a little different from saying lesbian or bisexual." Very soon, she connected with Mama

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Bears, an organization founded in 2014 by Liz Dyer, a mother who wanted to make a kinder, safer, more loving place for all LGBTQ+ people, including her children.

Buffenbarger is a Christian and a nurse. Her family had been attending a non-denominational church that had preached acceptance of everyone and leading everyone to Christ. Confident her congregation was about love and acceptance, she thought that when her leadership baptized a lesbian couple shortly before her child came out, it was a safe and affirming place for all.

Then COVID happened, which marked when everything seemed polarized. As she researched her child's identity, she also read sermons and theology that bolstered affirmation. And yet, in a discussion with leaders from her church, she learned that after the baptism, the couple had been asked to separate.

"That to me is not the love of Christ at all. So I dove deeper into the issue." As a nurse, she focused on the science of how hormones, neurotransmitters and other influences on human identity had shaped her children, as well as others.

Fortunately, when Alyx, Buffenbarger's oldest, came out to the entire family -- and though the grandparents didn't fully comprehend what it meant -- no one was hateful or turned them away. (They/them are the pronouns most often used by non-binary people, who identify neither as male or female.)

"I think as a parent, you are accepting and understanding of your child. The hardest step after that is just the fear that you have, what your child is going to go through growing up and going through life because there are so many people out there that aren't going to accept this part of them, and even more than that, they could be hateful. Life is hard enough without that extra layer," said Buffenbarger.

She found Mama Bears supported her and

other parents. Often parents like her live in communities where families cannot share pictures, talk freely about why they love and accept their LGBTQ+ family member. They cannot use the correct pronouns nor talk about how happy they are that someone met the love of their life.

As Buffenbarger's second child matured, they first thought they were attracted to the same sex and later realized they might have another gender identity. Meanwhile, Mama Bears led her Free Mom Hugs, an organization that believes that broken family relationships can be restored so they show up to display love for the LGBTQ+ community, so that family members are empowered to do the same. Free Mom Hugs had called for volunteers to attend Pride events around the state, setting up booths to educate and to do just what their title suggests -- hug. She'd never attended a Pride event, but found herself leading the Free Mom Hugs booth, setting up and tearing down, and doing most of all hugging, not her natural state.

"I'm actually not a hugger, by nature, right? In my family, you don't have emotions. Those are things that you're allowed to have. So I don't deal with other people's emotions well, but when it came to this, it was just so different because I saw myself and my kids in all the faces of the people. They just want a hug to know that somebody still loves them and cares. I can put myself in their shoes. I can't imagine my kids going through life. Not getting a hug from me," said Buffenbarger.

Not all who come up for hug have family that rejected them. "Maybe they'd had an affirming parent and that parent died. Or that parent was far away and they don't get to feel their embrace. So, you know, we get a little bit of everything at the booth."

In Fort Wayne, Free Mom Hugs sets up at the entrance of the Pride festival so they stand as a shield with their message of acceptance for anyone who enters.

At one event, Buffenbarger brought her eldest, Alyx, with her. It was the first time for Alyx and a mom with two kids approached. One of the kids took to Alyx and for the first time, she saw her child in their element, answering questions and imparting wisdom. Then she saw it could be alright.

"I was really worried that after high school they were just going to live in my basement and never come out. They came out of their shell a little bit when they finally told us who they are. That was step one for them. Then they found a college that is accepting and affirming. They had a summer job right before college at our local library. That summer they just found their people and figured out that's what they wanted to do with the rest of their life. So they went to college to work on a degree in Library Science, where they got connected with even more people who are affirming and love them. And now we've got one more year of college before graduating a year early."

As state chapter leader of Free Mom Hugs, Buffenbarger now shows up to Pride events all over the state. She still encounters people who cling to firm beliefs that gender identity or sexual orientation is not a thing. She's willing to engage with them, but "if they are going to hurt me and not going to change my mind, if they are not willing to learn, then I walk away." But, she said, "if they have a different point of view and will listen, then I will talk, Even if they still differ, at least I gave them something to think about."

Buffenbarger along her fellow huggers and Mama Bears exist so that anyone who finds themselves locked out of family finds someone else to assure them of their dignity and value.

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To recognize and honor this omitted part of our history Crawfordsville will be celebrating the first annual Juneteenth Celebration the weekend of June 28-30. Friday evening, Eunice Trotter will speak at Wabash College and Saturday will offer the Crawfordsville Soul Stroll that strives to bring recognition to the contributions that Crawfordsville's black community members and organizations made to this city. On Sunday, a Gospel Sing will be hosted by the Bethel AME Church.

Along the way, we hope that you learn and are open to dialogues that may be difficult and uncomfortable, appreciate the struggles experienced in the lives of marginalized people and share with others this overlooked piece of history.

A Brief History of Juneteenth

In 1619, a Dutch ship introduced slavery to the Virginia Colony when it brought about 20 black African indentured servants. As time passed, Southern colonies' property owners recognized their ideal climate for cash crops like rice, tobacco and sugar cane that required increasing amounts of labor. To meet the need, wealthy planters turned more and more to slave traders. By 1820, the moral dilemma over owning humans created escalating tensions between the North and South, leading to the embittered secession of Southern states.

At 4:30 a.m. on April 12, 1861, Southern Confederate troops fired on Fort Sumter in South Carolina's Charleston Harbor. Northern Union forces surrendered less than 36 hours later, officially marking the beginning of the Civil War. Four long, bloody, years of battle ensued that ended when Robert E. Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in April 1865. Slavery had ended, but the Southern Confederate states despised the idea of forfeiting their way of life that included slave labor to work their crops. Even though President Abraham Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, the Southern Confederacy used the

fact that it could not be enforced in areas still under Confederate control. Therefore, not all slaves received word of their new status as free men and women.

Westernmost Texas remained under firm Confederate control. More than two months after the Confederacy surrender, Union troops finally arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas to announce the end of the Civil War. On June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger proclaimed: "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired laborer."

More than 250,000 Texan African Americans embraced their freedom from this executive decree in what became known as Juneteenth or Freedom Day. One year later freed slaves in Texas celebrated the first Juneteenth on and called it "Jubilee Day."

Considered our country's second Independence Day, the black community has long celebrated this significant event, but remains largely unknown to most other ethnic backgrounds. On June 17, 2021, President Joe Biden established Juneteenth as a federal holiday allowing for a better understanding of the meaning of the holiday in historical context. Juneteenth celebrations recognize the ongoing fight for human rights and equality and are renowned for family gatherings, faith services, musical performances and storytelling that both reflect on the past, and look to the future.

The original Juneteenth flag was designed in 1997 by Ben Haith, activist and founder of the National Juneteenth Celebration Foundation, and was updated in 2000. The flag features red, white and blue, the colors of the American flag, a clear declaration that all enslaved people and their descendants are American. A five,

pointed white bursting star in the middle of the flag alludes both to Texas, nicknamed the Lone Star State, and to the freedom of African Americans in all 50 states. Surrounding that star is a nova, a new star representing a new beginning for all. An arc runs horizontally through the center of the flag symbolizing the new horizon of opportunity for Black people. Above the arc is blue and below is red, emblematic of the ground soaked with blood shed by the United States Colored Troops during all wars and those who did not survive the Middle Passage. The date on the flag positioned vertically on the right side represents that of General Order No. 3 issued in Galveston, Texas in 1865.

The color red symbolizes Juneteenth, especially when it comes to food. It reminds participants of the blood shed by those who fought to ensure freedom for all. The color red also has significance to West Africa, where some dishes have a red and orange hue because they are cooked with red palm oil to add nutrition, flavor and color for meats and fish. Examples include rice with tomatoes, red beans and rice, red hot sauce, strawberry slab pie and red velvet cake.

The historical legacy of Juneteenth shows the value of never giving up hope in uncertain times. May we all strive to hold this message close to our hearts in these present uncertain times.



SUMMARY OF EVENTS

All activities free and everyone is welcome!

Friday, June 28, 7 p.m. Wabash College campus, Baxter Hall

Eunice Trotter, the first African American woman to serve as an editor for the Indianapolis Star, former owner of the Indianapolis Recorder, and current Indiana Landmarks director of the new Black Heritage Preservation Program, will deliver a speech sharing the importance of preserving all aspects of our Indiana heritage with a focus on Black and marginalized populations' histories.

Saturday, June 29, Crawfordsville venues

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., please enjoy the Soul Stroll. A kickoff event will begin at 9:45 at the Bethel AME Church. The format will be similar to the Garden Walk sponsored by the Crawfordsville Flower Lovers. You will receive a map or you can download it from the website to visit each site at your leisure.

At the Andy Robinson Gym, 305 E. Chestnut St., the Carnegie Lincoln School exhibit will be on display, booths including financial, physical health and mental wellness. A picnic with selected soul food will follow from 2- 4 p.m. Free will donations will be accepted to prepare for next year's event.


Sunday, June 30, Bethel AME Church, 213 W. North St., 2 p.m.

There will be a gospel sing service featuring associate Indianapolis Crossroads AME Church, Renee A Barnes, Minister of Membership and Engagement

The Soul Stroll signs will remain in place until Sunday evening, June 30. The map and script will remain available on the website throughout the year.

For more information, please visit <https://lsfcccrawfordsvilleindiana.my.canva.site/crawfordsvillejune2024-> on Facebook Crawfordsville's Juneteenth Celebration June 28-30 (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61560148624942>) or on Yodel by searching Crawfordsville Soul Stroll.

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MEGAN TAYLOR
Guest Columnist

The Adult Summer Reading theme at the library this year is "Adventure Begins at Your Library." Along with our fun summer activities and events that highlight this theme, we currently have a display on our second floor full of stories of faraway journeys, survival at sea, backpacking treks, and more. Whether you prefer to enjoy these stories from the comfort of your living room, or you are looking for guidance to create your own outdoor adventure, we've got you covered!

Habib implores us to consider how we can be more thoughtful about our journeys to other countries. She considers her own travel lust in her humorous, yet insightful ponderings. This book was recently longlisted for the Andrew Carnegie Medal of Excellence.

We have several hiking, camping, biking, and traveling guides on display. Check out Lonely Planet's "Best in Travel 2024: The Best Destinations, Journeys and Experiences for the Year Ahead" (910.202 Best), which includes featured top 10 lists with reasons to visit and practical advice to use when you are there.

Looking for a way to bring your family together for a memorable experience? "See You at the Campground: A Guide to Discovering Community, Connection, and a Happier Family in the Great Outdoors" (796.54 Pug) shares countless advice for how to turn the whole family into happy campers, with personal stories, packing lists, and best site recommendations. Feeling hesitant to jump into the outdoors? "How to Suffer Outside: A Beginner's Guide to Hiking and Backpacking" (796.51 Hel) is the 2022 National Outdoor Book Award Winner in Instructional Outdoor Adventure Guide and provides great practical (and realistic!) advice to get you started in your journey.

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Discover bestselling author Kristin Hannah's "The Great Alone," (FIC Han) which takes place in the Alaskan wilderness of 1974 and explores the dangers of both nature and human nature. For a more lighthearted story, check out "Off the Map" by Trish Doller (FIC Dol). This whimsical romance follows a woman who has been traveling around the world in her vintage Jeep Wrangler and discovers a chance of love after making a wrong turn. Or for a timeless classic, get sucked into the deep with Jules Verne's "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" (FIC Ver).

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