September 23, 2024

➡ TODAY'S VERSE

Nahum 1:7 The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him.

Meet Cous Cous



CousCous is a 3 year old female Alaskan Husky mix available for adoption from The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL) since 8/31/24. CousCous loves going out for walks, galloping around a fenced yard, and playing fetch. CousCous is looking for her best friend. Could that be you? CousCous is spayed, microchipped, dewormed, and up to date on all of her shots. AWL is open Monday - Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 9:30a-3p. Come say hi, snuggle cats, walk dogs, or lend a helping hand!!

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slanted reporting. To borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!

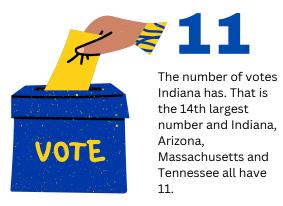
With just 43 days away from the Nov. 5 Election Day (and just 15 days until early voting begins), it seems a good time to take a look at how we elect presidents, the Electoral College

538

The total number of Electoral Votes available. The number of votes allocated to each state is based on the last U.S. Census and will remain the same through the 2028 election. In 2032, they may change based on the 2030 Census.

The most by any state and it is California. The top states and their Electoral votes after

California are Texas with 40, Florida with 30, New York with 28, Illinois 19, Pennsylvania 19, Ohio 17, Georgia 16, North Carolina 16, Michigan 15, New Jersey 14, Virginia 13 and Washington 12.



The least number of Electoral votes for a state or region is 3 and that's what these seven have – Alaska, Delaware, D.C., North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming.

270

The magic number!
This is the number of
Electoral votes
needed by a
candidate to win the
presidency.



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The place to go for all the election information you need, https://www.vote411.org/.



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The deadline to register to vote. You can check and see if you are registered at www.vote411.org as well. Your friends at Sagamore News Media encourage all our readers to be sure to register and vote. It's a duty, a right and a responsibility!

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Walking at least six miles per week can help reduce age-related memory loss.

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

"We will fail when we fail to try." Rosa Parks

→ TODAY'S JOKE

Why did the lions move at the end of summer?
Because the pride goeth before the fall!

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

United Way in Montgomery County, along with the Chamber, Leadership, the Foundation, Wabash College and the City of Crawfordsville, announced the Crawfordsville | Montgomery **County Community Day of Service.** This year's event is scheduled for Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Be sure to mark your calendars and watch for the official registration and more event details to come soon! In addition, there will be a Red Cross blood drive that day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third floor of Fusion 54. Call (800) 733-2767 to schedule an appointment.



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

Butch Says We Need Johnny and Rodney Back Again



BUTCH

Columnist

DALE

My wife and I watched several TV comedy shows in the good ol' days ... shows such as The Andy Griffith Show, the Carol

Burnett Show and Laugh-In, just to name a few. We also stayed up late to watch the **Tonight Show with Johnny** Carson. There's a saying that "laughter is the best medicine," and if we had a stressful day, shows such as these lightened things up and put us in a better mood. When I was a youngster in the 1950s, there were several comedians who my family enjoyed, such as Jack Benny, Sid Caesar, Steve Allen, George Burns, Jackie Gleason, Red Skelton, and Bob Hope. Our favorite was Milton Berle, otherwise known as "Uncle Miltie."

Later on, into the 1960s and beyond, we watched comedians such as Bob Newhart, Buddy Hackett, Jonathan Winters, Bill Dana, Pat Paulsen, Tommy and Dickie Smothers. Dan Rowan and Dick Martin (of Laugh-In), Carl Reiner, Mel Brooks, Phyllis Diller, Flip Wilson and my favorite ... Rodney Dangerfield. Comedy became a little more edgy as the years passed, with people such as Redd Fox Don Rickles, Richard Pryor, and Joan Rivers pushing the limits. But those comedians were still fairly mild compared to today. They entertained everyone and brought people together through laughter. They did not zero in on a specific type of people or political group. Anyone could watch Johnny Carson and the comedians who appeared on his show because they offered something funny for all audiences.

relied on wit, satire and timing to make us laugh. Today's comics use dirty jokes, insults and political correctness. Late night talk show hosts, for the most part, are mean-spirited snobs who enjoy making fun of conservatives, rural white people, and Christians. They circumvent any funny references to blacks, gays, transgenders, liberal politicians, illegal aliens, Muslims and other "sensitive" groups. They agree with Hillary Clinton, who looks down on the "deplorables," and Obama who believes all conservatives "cling to their guns and religion." These comedians consider such folks fair game. Just listen to Bill Maher, Stephen Colbert, Jimmy Kimmel, Rosie O'Donnell and Kathy

The old-style comedians

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THREE THINGS

You Should Know

- Hoosier Lottery Powerball tickets purchased for recent drawings should be checked carefully as two tickets are each worth \$50,000. A \$50,000 winning ticket for the Sept. 14 drawing was purchased at Depot Express located at 128 W. McClain in Scottsburg. And another \$50,000 winning ticket for the Sept. 16 drawing was purchased at Strough's Supermarket located at 624 N. Madison St. in Fortville.
- Indianapolis International Airport once again has been honored in the J.D. Power 2024 North America Airport Satisfaction Study with the title of #1 in Customer Satisfaction among medium airports in North America. But the accolades didn't stop there. As part of the study, the Indy airport was also recognized as #1 in Food, Beverage and Retail and #1 in Terminal Facilities. This year's honor makes the seventh time overall that the Indy airport has been at the top of the J.D. Power rankings.
- The Indiana Department of Natural Resources is celebrating National Public Lands Day weekend on Saturday and Sunday with events happening around the state. See dnr.IN.gov/places-to-go/events or on.IN.gov/dnrvolunteer for listings of programs. Sept. 28 is also National Hunting and Fishing Day and the last Free Fishing Day of the year. Indiana residents can fish public waters without a license on Free Fishing Days. And on Sunday, Sept. 29 there will be free admission to all DNR properties that normally charge a gate fee. Information about how to be a DNR volunteer is at on.IN.gov/dnrvolunteer.



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OBITUARIES

James A. Servies

November 16, 1948 - September 18, 2024

James A. Servies, age 75 of Crawfordsville, passed away on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at Indiana University Arnett. He was born in Crawfordsville on November 16, 1948 to the late John E. and Rosemary (Potts) Servies.



Jim graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1967 and then went on to attend Ball State University, where he graduated in 1971 with a Bachelors Degree in Business. Jim married Virginia Powers on December 18, 1971.

Jim was an active member at the Vanity Theater and Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church. He worked at Stetler Chevrolet as a Finance Manager and owned his own business Decor One Paint and Wallpaper Store.

Jim will be deeply missed by his wife of 52 years; his brother, Bill (Lorie) Servies; nieces, Morgan (Jared) Smith, Lindsy (Jonathan) Green; nephews David and Kristopher Servies; great-nieces, Ava Smith and Oliva Green; and a great-nephew, Lincoln Green.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Robert Servies.

Visitation will be at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 South Washington Street in Crawfordsville on Sunday, September 22, 2024 from 1:00 pm until the time of services at 2:00 pm with Pastor Keith Strain officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given in Jim's name to the Montgomery County Animal Welfare League, 1104 Big 4 Arch Road, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com

THE PAPER

Loretta Stonebraker

March 9, 1941 - September 18, 2024

Loretta Stonebraker, age 83, of Crawfordsville passed away on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at home surrounded by her family. She was a mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. Loretta was born March 9, 1941 to Charles and Pansy Tryon in Humerick, Illinois.



Loretta was the most loving, sweetest, mother. If you had the pleasure of knowing her, you knew she loved you unconditionally with her whole heart. She was always kind, giving and helped many people through the years. She will always be remembered and loved.

Loretta was a homemaker, leaving behind her children, Jay and Jeanine Stonebraker of Cayuga, Randy and Bambi Stonebraker of Crawfordsville, and Deanna and Lino Dominguez Diaz of Crawfordsville. She also leaves behind her sisters, Arletta and John Fleming of Cayuga, Charletta and Walton Deval of Louisiana, and Racheal Tryon of Louisiana; brother, Tom and Sandy Turner of Cayuga; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great grandchildren; her dog, Tuffy; many nieces and nephews; and her best friends, Faye Johnson, Delores Ann Lappin, Jamie Peacock, Pat Tyson, and David and Ann Cook.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Lilly Asbury, Mary Leah Smith, Barbara Jean Fisher, and Carolyn June Turner; and two brothers, Dennis Turner and Bud Turner; daughter, Susan Kinderman; and great-grandson, Hunter Castleberry.

A graveside service will be held for Loretta on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 3:00pm at Miller Cemetery, W County Road 1200 N, Kingman, Indiana. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com

Wabash Avenue Church Celebrates 200 Years

Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church recently celebrated 200 years in the Montgomery County community with a meet and greet, worship service and celebratory dinner. The recent celebration began with member Tony Gonczarow ringing the church steeple bell 200 times calling attention to the historic occasion. The meet and greet homecoming outside barbecue welcomed local present and past congregation members including several from throughout Indiana and as far away as New Hampshire and Texas.

During the Sunday morning worship service the Rev. Carol McDonald, parish associate pastor at Northminster Church in Indianapolis and longtime friend of Wabash Avenue Church, preached the sermon. Rev. McDonald recalled her original connection to WAPC through her father-inlaw the Rev. Wallace McDonald, who served as parish associate pastor. Interim pastor the Rev. Pete Wilkinson and the Rev. Jennifer Burns Lewis, Visioning and Connecting Leader from the Wabash Valley Presbytery, assisted with the special service.

The Honorable Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton and Wabash College President Dr. Sco Feller brought greetings during the banquet following the service. Barton noted the importance of the longstanding and continuing tradition to welcome all at Wabash Avenue Church. Feller pointed out that the original Presbyterian ministers who planted the church in **Montgomery County** were also founding fathers of Wabash College and the congregation continues to be an important church for Wabash students, faculty, and staff. Both Barton and Feller emphasized the importance of continuing the relationship among the church, college, and community.

Church member Gwynn Wills delighted the attendees with the reading of her original poem A Church of Two Centuries. Nanette Kentner, life-long member and church historian, recounted many important highlights she has discovered in her research of the amazing two-hundred- year history with Thanks for the Memories. All speakers expressed gratitude for the opportunities to spread God's love throughout

the community and



Photo courtesy Sheridan Hadley

Mayor Todd Barton reminded everyone of the long-standing and continuing tradition to welcome all at Wabash Avenue Presbyterian.

challenged the congregation to reach into the future for the next many year adventures.

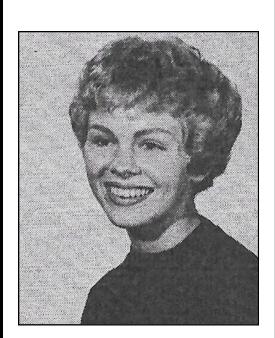
It was announced that the book of Memories from The Rev. John VanNuys, former pastor is now available on Amazon. As a memento of the occasion attendees took home a Christmas ornament and cup and saucer from the dinner ware of the originally-named Center Church. Throughout the

weekend Anniversary

committee chairs Susan Rosen and Nanette Kentner thanked all who worked for the success of the event, welcomed visitors, and encouraged all to attend Sunday worship services.

Wabash Avenue Presbyterian continues its bicentennial celebrations with free Concerts on the Corner in October and November. For more information see the Crawfordsville Yodel site and the church website.

Butch Dale's **Flashback** Trivia



Do You Recognize **This Person?**

HINT: She was one of the most popular seniors in the CHS **Class of 1961.**

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Watching Scary Movies Wolfsie's Circular Logic



CARRIE CLASSON The Postscript My mother will remind you (if she

gets the chance) that I can't even watch embarrassing television programs, which is, frankly, embarrassing. I would watch that terrible moment when Lucy was about to get caught doing something embarrassing by her employer, Mr. Mooney, on "The Lucy Show" reruns, and I would have to leave the room in a hurry-making excuses about how I suddenly needed to help set the table. The truth was, I just couldn't stand to watch Lucy get caught.

Scary movies, of course, are much worse. If getting caught by Mr. Mooney was bad, imagine getting caught by a maniacal murderer or flocks of birds or a shark. As a result. I've never seen the scary movies everyone else has seen. I've seen photos from the movies, and I know the general plotlines, but when it comes to sitting down and watching the shark attack someone, I haven't been able to do it. Until recently.

Recently, I've seen a few scary movies, and it's not because I've become any braver. It's because my husband, Peter, has started signing out DVDs from the library with what is called "optional commentary." The movie plays but, while all the scary stuff is happening, the director-and sometimes an actor who was in the movie, or an historian or a film editor -jabbers away on top of the dialogue and the music, explaining how all the effects in the movie were made.

You might think this would be very annoying—particularly if I hadn't seen the movie without all the jabbering beforehand. Instead, I find it enormously comforting.

I watch the movie, miss some of the dialogue (but not too much), and the scary music is covered up by cheerful folks talking about how they made it so scary. I love hearing how all those terrifying birds were enticed into flying after the children in "The Birds" (they put snacks in the children's hair!) I am delighted to hear the mechanical shark in "Jaws" was named Bruce, purportedly after Steven Spielberg's lawyer, and he broke down all the time and caused so much trouble that Spielberg feared that his career might be over. I even enjoyed hearing how the shower scene in "Psycho" was made and how the film, made in black and white, used chocolate syrup for the blood that circled down the drain after the murder -a murder that is never actually even seen, but seems so real with that terribly scary

I've been able to sit through all of this, almost like a normal person, just because I am reassured every minute that Janet Leigh was safe, no children were pecked by birds, and that terrible shark was, in fact, a very troublesome mechanical device named for a lawyer.

music playing.

The whole experience makes me feel like I'm about six, and I wonder why I require so much reassurance. But I suspect I've always felt a little too responsible for the fate of others, even if (especially if) there is nothing I can do to change the outcome.

It's good for me to see, in every case, it's just ordinary people doing an extraordinarily good job of tapping into these primal fears of things that fly down from the sky and swim up from the depths and come after us when we least expect. It helps me to understand that I do the same thing in my own life, artfully fabricating fears of unlikely things, and doing an excellent job of scaring myself.

Till next time, Carrie



DICK WOLFSIE Funny Bone me explain. I feel

compelled to

curfew. Let

My wife has

given me an

11:59 pm

take a certain number of steps daily. I did a lot of research on the optimum number for a guy my age. But the chart I was referring to asked: "Born in 1950 or before? Please consult a doctor before making a move." I could have made it easy on myself. You know, maybe a thousand a day. 1500 at most. But on my smartphone, I clicked 15,000 by mistake. Now, I was stuck. I never go back on my own words. And I wouldn't have been able to reset the app if I wanted to.

The problem with getting to 15,000 steps is that I don't have time to reach my daily goal. If you watched me jog (more like a lumber), you would realize how time-consuming this venture is for me. I start on the Monon most mornings. I wave to the people in wheelchairs, folks with canes, and women pushing babes in carriages as they zoom past me.

Recently, I started running in my basement at night to get in more steps. I'd dash around the ping-pong table, negotiate the couch, creep along the wall where the TV sits, and then circle around the treadmill. "WAIT," you say. "You have a treadmill in your basement? Why aren't you using that to exercise?" The answer is simple: I'm not some kind of exercise nut. Who goes on a treadmill at 11 at night?

The late-night dash was not helping me accomplish my goal for several reasons. First, I started to get very bored with my basement routine. True, I did see a few photos and paintings I had never noticed before. I also discovered a half bath in what I thought was an extra closet.

Then, I had a great idea. I

decided to begin trotting around the neighborhood at precisely twelve midnight. You see, my walking app automatically resets to zero at midnight, so that is my first opportunity to get a jump on the next day's steps. I won't make my goal unless I get a head start on my 15,000. Please tell me you understand what I'm saving

I knew Mary Ellen would disapprove. When she heard I was considering this endeavor, she forbade me from doing it. I got away with this a few times by constantly checking to see that she was fast asleep before I snuck out.

Then, after I rounded our neighborhood last week and headed back down the street, I saw a woman in our driveway. It was Mary Ellen in her nightgown, but she also wore a very angry face. She had apparently awakened to find me missing...and realized what I was doing. Yes, she had caught me running around on her.

She rightly told me in no uncertain terms how dangerous my behavior was. I wanted to deny I had done this, but not only had I been caught red-footed, but several neighbors had video of me on their ring doorbell.

I have promised never to do this stupid thing again. First, it's really dangerous. Second, standing in our driveway every night at 1 am in her nightgown could blemish my wife's untarnished reputation.

- 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.

Griffin

BUTCH From Page A1

Griffin...all of them making nasty jokes about conservative and MAGA values, with Trump as the ultimate villain.

Politics has divided America. Unfortunately, comedy also divides us today. The Comedians in the past made fun of situations, incidents and happenings of everyday life. No one was spared, and we all laughed at the funny comments and jokes. Today no one seems to know what a joke is. Many people just cannot take a joke. They become offended in our present "snowflake culture." Some people can't even make fun of themselvesi

Comedy used to bring us together.
Throughout our history ... during wars, depressions, societal changes and various national crises, great comedians made us reflect on the lighter side of life and eased

the tensions and stress of daily living. The American people need to find a way back to the earlier type of comedy ... the sooner the better.

I sure would love to turn on the TV and listen to Milton Berle, or Bob Hope or Jack Benny again...watch Carol Burnett, Tim Conway and Harvey Korman crack up during a skit...see Clem Kadiddlehopper on the Red Skelton Show ... laugh at Flip Wilson dressed up as Geraldine ... or see a movie like Mel Brook's "Blazing Saddles." Wouldn't you? And Johnny Carson and Rodney Dangerfield, please come back ... we need you now.

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.

Coffee With a Cop

The local Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 90, wants you to join in for a cup of coffee and a conversation!

Coffee With a Cop is an opportunity to meet with local police. No speeches, no agendas—just honest conversations about community issues, public safety and ways everyone can work together to keep Crawfordsville safe.

Coffee With a Cop is scheduled for Oct. 2 at Joshua Cup in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville. It begins at 8 a.m. and will last until 10.

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Answer:
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resume, a common health issue tends to reemerge among students -"pink eye,"

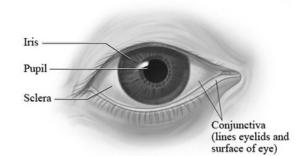
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conjunctivitis. This condition is not only widespread in educational environments but also responsible for over 30% of patient visits concerning eye problems. Though generally benign, conjunctivitis can cause discomfort and inconvenience, and understanding its causes, symptoms, and treatment options is essential for proper management.

Conjunctivitis refers to inflammation of the conjunctiva, the thin connective tissue that covers the inside of the eyelids and extends over the white part of the eye (sclera). This membrane acts as a barrier to prevent infectious organisms from penetrating deeper eye tissues. When the conjunctiva becomes irritated or damaged, or when an infection occurs, the result is conjunctivitis. Several factors can lead to conjunctivitis, including bacterial and viral infections, allergens, fungi, parasites, and chemical irritants. Each cause leads to varying symptoms such as redness, discharge, irritation, and sometimes photophobia (sensitivity

to light).

Determining the exact cause of conjunctivitis can be challenging without special equipment. Ophthalmologists and optometrists commonly use slit lamps, a type of microscope that allows them to examine the eye more closely. However, doctors who do not have access to such equipment can still identify likely causes based on symptoms and the patient's history. Viral conjunctivitis, for example, is often associated with colds and is more frequent during early spring to late fall, while bacterial conjunctivitis tends to be more common during winter and spring. Allergic conjunctivitis usually follows exposure to known allergens, with



associated symptoms like sneezing.

Conjunctivitis can manifest in different forms, each with specific characteristics. Bacterial conjunctivitis has a fairly rapid onset and is typically accompanied by minimal pain and some itching. It often produces a thick yellow or green discharge that causes eyelids to stick together, particularly in the morning. Common bacterial causes include Staphylococcus and Streptococcus, though more severe infections may result from Chlamydia or Neisseria gonorrhoeae, which can cause blindness in infants if left untreated. Viral conjunctivitis, on the other hand, has a slower onset and is usually painless, with watery discharge and minimal matting of the eyelids. Adenoviruses are the most frequent viral cause, though more serious infections, like those caused by the varicella virus (responsible for shingles), can lead to corneal scarring and vision loss. Allergic conjunctivitis is characterized by intense itching, watery discharge, burning sensations, and sneezing, typically triggered by exposure to allergens like pollen

Treatment for conjunctivitis depends on the underlying cause. Many cases will resolve without any specific intervention, but most individuals seek more immediate relief. For bacterial conjunctivitis, it can be difficult to distinguish it from viral conjunctivitis without specialized equipment, so doctors often prescribe antibiotic eye drops or ointments to cover bacterial causes. Eye drops are generally preferred because they do not affect vision. though ointments offer longer-lasting contact

or pet dander.

with the conjunctiva but may cloud vision temporarily. Viral conjunctivitis often requires patience, as it can last a week or longer. This type is highly contagious, so it's important to avoid sharing personal items like washcloths and to be cautious around swimming pools, which can harbor adenoviruses. For allergic conjunctivitis, the best approach is to avoid contact with the allergen when possible. Over-the-counter antihistamine eye drops, such as Naphcon A, can help alleviate symptoms, while cool compresses provide additional relief.

Preventing conjunctivitis requires a few simple but effective hygiene practices. Frequent handwashing is essential, particularly after coming into contact with individuals exhibiting cold-like symptoms. It is also important to avoid sharing personal items such as towels and eye drops, especially when someone in the household has an infection. While hand sanitizers can be helpful, washing with soap and water is generally more effective at removing pathogens.

Conjunctivitis, though common, can be effectively managed with early recognition and appropriate care. Whether the cause is viral, bacterial, or allergic, understanding the symptoms and taking timely action will help prevent the spread and alleviate discomfort. If you or your child are experiencing symptoms, consulting with a healthcare provider is always a prudent first step.

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

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Back in the Day with Butch Dale



Many of the small towns in the county at one time had their own new car dealerships ... but no more. Shown above is a large crowd who had gathered at the Thompson Motor Company in Darlington on April 14, 1932 to see the newest Ford, with 65 horsepower and a V-8 engine! A Ford representative was on hand to explain the car's new features.

Freetown Village Comes to Crawfordsville

Freetown Village Singers come to Crawfordsville at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 6. This concert represents the fourth performance of Concerts on the Corner at the Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church sanctuary, 307 S. Washington St. Each year the Indianapolisbased Freetown singers bring the dynamic joy and power of music to all ages with performances in schools, churches, nursing homes and other public venues.

Freetown Village

preserves African American traditions and culture through storytelling and song. In a one-hour performance, the Singers present an interactive collection of traditional folk songs and spirituals. Their mission is to uplift in times of crisis, heal, comfort, inspire, and instill hopes and dreams. Wabash Avenue Church is excited to welcome Freetown and Crawfordsville's own Second Baptist Church children's Praise Dance group which will open Freetown's performance.

All are welcome.

The mission of the free Concerts on the Corner is to spread the love of God through the joy of music and as a gift to the community in recognition of Wabash Avenue Church's twohundred years worshiping in and serving Montgomery County. The final Concert of 2024 will feature a jazz performance of The Tad Robinson Band Sunday, Nov. 17 at 3



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the grocery











audio system, it

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dispense with that

Our car wore Steel store the other night, I Matte paint, which lends was sitting at a sinister look - like **WILLIAMS** a red light in Clark Kent's Batmobile. I Auto Reviews the 2024 Kia especially like the barely EV6 GT sloping roof, gently kissed by the upturned AWD. Opposite me was a rear pillar, and a wide '69 Camaro revving its curvy rump with just a engine, looking for a strip of LEDs arching fight. As I sat in near silence listening to Aretha on the Meridian

It looks like it rolled off an auto show turntable.

The artwork continues

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green brake calipers.

iconic Chevy. But this EV inch screens top the has talents your gasdash for gauges and burning ancestors never infotainment and imagined. sueded sport seats with lime piping that are Kia would have you think heated and ventilated. of the EV6 as a The flybridge console crossover, but it's more houses cupholders, of an extended rotating gear selector hatchback - what the and wireless phone Brits would call a charger. It's like "shooting brake", a commanding a spacious sporty car with space starship with a heated for sporting endeavors. steering wheel. Safety is But, check its wide highlighted by front/rear stance, angry automatic braking, headlamps and slashed augmented reality headlower facia. Bulging up display, and safe exit fenders surround fat 21"

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Giving me confidence against that rambunctious Camaro is an electric powertrain that conjures 576 horsepower and 545 lb.-ft. of torque delivered instantly to pavement through dual-motor all-wheeldrive.It'll demolish 0-60 mph in 3.4 seconds...if you're into that sort of shenanigans. But, the EV6 also flaunts 88/77-MPGe city/highway and fast charges 10-80% in just 18 minutes. Range is terrible at 218 miles, but choosing the reardrive economy package raises that to 310 miles. I'd argue any modern EV in the EV6' price range should be comfortably over 300

You'll definitely want to drive it beyond its

Energize the big pedal and it whooshes silently away.In Eco mode, it's very happy slipping through city traffic, but click into Normal for making haste on the Interstate with regenerative braking feeding batteries on offramps. Put it into Sport mode to waste classic muscle cars. Adaptive cruise and lane centering steering calms long highway drives. The car weighs over two tons, but that roadabsorbing weight is low down in the chassis and the adaptive suspension tames rough pavement and grips corners with

Don't get indignant. I love classic muscle cars, especially Camaros. I own an old Corvette and there's little I enjoy more than revving its big V8 engine and shifting the manual transmission

equal aplomb.

while eviscerating country two-lanes on the weekends. But, the EV6 GT is an entirely different cocktail. It can tenderly take kids to school or unleash Ares on wannabe muscle cars. It also rides comfortably and swallows bicycles whole. It does everything well... except travel long distances without a charging station.

reasonable \$42,600, our GT AWD eviscerated \$64,090. Compare that to the Tesla Model Y, Chevy Blazer EV, Ford Mustang Mach-E, and similar Hyundai IONIQ 5. Storm Forward!

While the EV6 starts at a

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· Exotic styling Rapid

It's not cheap, either.

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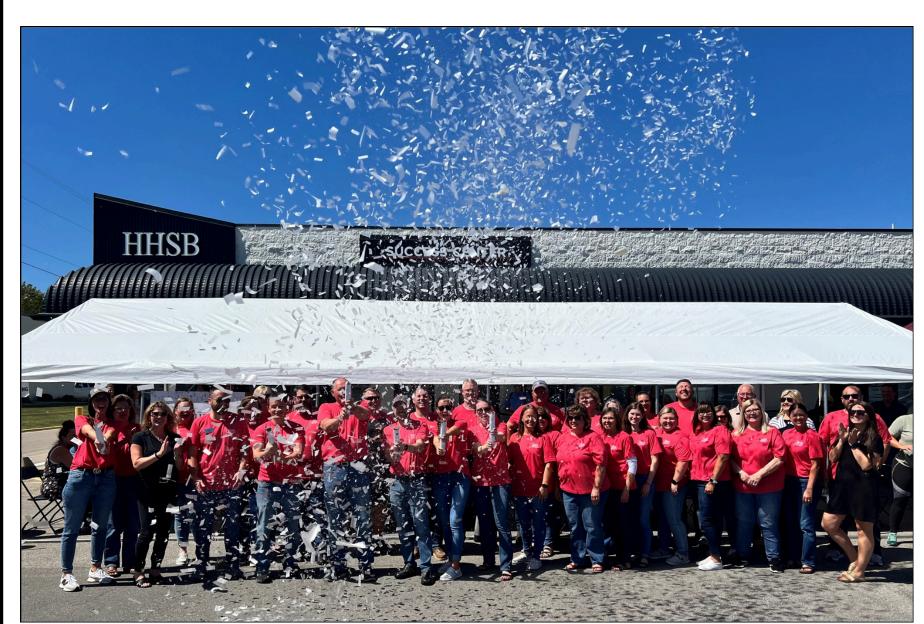


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Hoosier State Bank recently achieved a rare milestone for any business, 125 years! The Crawfordsville | Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce and staff at HHSB held a popper ceremony celebrating that amazing achievement. HHSB is a locally owned and 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. Congratulations to HHSB for 125 years of your positive impact on our community. Hoosier Heartland State Bank is located at 1661 S. US 231 in Crawfordsville, 1400 Darlington Ave. in Crawfordsville, 123 E. Main St. in Ladoga, 100 N. Meridian St. in Linden, 101 S. Main St. in New Ross, and 108 N. Indiana St. in Roachdale. For additional information regarding the chamber, visit the website at crawfordsvillechamber.com or email Stacy Sommer at ssommer@crawfordsvillechamber.com.







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Wabash Presents Sandbox Percussion

The Wabash College's **Visiting Artist Series** presents Sandbox Percussion's performance of Seven Pillars Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center's Salter Hall.

Seven Pillars is an 11movement concert piece for percussion quartet with music composed by Andy Akiho, performed by Sandbox Percussion, and with lighting and stage design created by Michael McQuilken. Since the release of the album in September 2021, Seven Pillars has received widespread acclaim, most notably receiving two nominations in the 2022 GRAMMY® Awards and selected as a finalist in the 2022 Pulitzer Prize for Music.

The work consists of seven ensemble movements and one solo for each member of Sandbox. It is the largest-scale chamber music work that Akiho has written and that Sandbox has commissioned.

Each movement flows continuously into the next without pause. McQuilken, a director and filmmaker, created an original lighting scheme seamlessly integrated with the music, and designed the layout of the instruments on stage and the choreography of transitions between movements.

Sandbox Percussion is dedicated to artistry in contemporary chamber Founded in 2011 by a love of chamber music and the simple joy of playing together, Sandbox captivates audiences worldwide with visually and aurally stunning performances. Seven Pillars' GRAMMY® nominations included Best Chamber Music/Small Ensemble Performance and Best Contemporary Classical Composition. The ensemble performed the piece more than 15 times throughout the United States and Europe last season. Tickets to the event are

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The Wabash College Cadets trained alongside Lew Wallace.

Join retired Wabash College Archivist Beth Swift at the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum as she paints the picture of life in pre-Civil War Crawfordsville with her talk *The Athens of Indiana: The Pre-War Years*.

Swift will focus on how the bustling boom town of the 1850s prepared for the war, including a dive into the Wabash College Cadets militia group that trained alongside Lew Wallace's Montgomery Guards. Her discussion is the fourth installment of the museum's 2024 Dr. Howard Miller Lecture Series and will be held in the Carriage House Interpretive Center at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September



Beth Swift will talk about life in pre-Civil War Crawfordsville.

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Limited seats are available for this event . RSVP by contacting Museum Associate Director Thomas Meeks at (765) 362-5769 or tmeeks@benhur.com.

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Schools get \$112K From State for Safety Upgrades

Montgomery County schools recently received more than \$112,000 for safety upgrades through the state's Secured School Safety Grant Program supported by area lawmakers.

State Rep. Beau Baird (R-Greencastle) said the funding is part of the state's biennial budget passed in 2023, which made significant investments in school safety. In all, 499 schools across Indiana's 92 counties received \$24 million total in state matching grants.

Area schools receiving grants include:

- Crawfordsville Community Schools \$40,500;
- North
 Montgomery
 Community School
 Corp. \$38,070; and
- South Montgomery Community School Corp. \$33,777.

"School safety remains a top priority, and this funding will go a long way in helping local schools step up security in a variety of ways," Baird said. "These grants provide vital support, from funding resource officers to upgrading technology, giving schools the flexibility they need to address their unique needs."

State Rep. Jeff Thompson (R-Lizton) said funds can be

used for a wide range of safety needs like support for resource officers, equipment and technology, active-event warning systems, threat assessments, and student and parent support services programs. "Students and staff need to feel safe in order to have an effective learning environment," Thompson said. "As demonstrated by this year's list of grant recipients, many schools across the state are using this program to enact measures and install technology to keep their buildings and campuses secure." State Rep. Sharon Negele (R-Attica) said Indiana has allocated \$187 million for school safety matching grants since the program started in

"Many schools do not have the funds or resources to keep up with improvements and new security plans needed to keep our students safe," Negele said. "Secured School Safety Grants are just one of Indiana's ways of protecting our most vulnerable as they learn and grow."

To learn more about the Secured School Safety Grant Program and what Indiana's doing to keep schools safe, visit the state's school safety hub at in.gov/schoolsafety.



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Franciscan Welcomes Crowd at Baby Shower



Photo courtesy Franciscan Health

Almost 90 new or expecting mothers showed up at the community baby shower.

Franciscan Health, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Health Department, recently hosted a community baby shower at the Montgomery County 4-H Fairgrounds in Crawfordsville.

The event welcomed 87 new and/or expecting mothers, providing education, community connections and a gift. Attendees were educated in a variety of areas, regarding the birthing process and being a mother.

The Baby Shower also provided an opportunity for current mothers, expectant mothers and their families to meet each other and network.

"The turnout for the baby shower was amazing and we are very grateful to all of our partners who helped make the event the success that it was," said Tristan Kirby, director, Franciscan Health Prenatal Assistance Program. "Having an event like this is very important to the community. The families who attended went home with not only with a great gift, but also made connections and gained knowledge that will be a great benefit as they raise their families. We look forward to continuing to hold events like this in the future."

The Franciscan Health Foundation, supported by generous donations from various supporters provided each family with one large baby shower gift that consisted of

highchairs, portable cribs, video baby monitors, single strollers and double strollers. In addition, every attendee also received a book set, courtesy of Penguin Random House.

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and community partners who attended: Brothers Pizza, C & F Fabricating, CareSource, Christi Hubler Chevrolet, City of Crawfordsville -Mobile Integrated Health, Community Action Program of Western Indiana, Crawfordsville District Public Library, Cummins Behavioral Health, Deckard Surveying, Durham Home, First Steps, Frito Lay, Goodwill **Nurse Family** Partnership, Healthy Families Montgomery County, High Expectations Balloons, Indiana Department of Health Office of Minority Health, Indiana Pregnancy Promise, Indiana Mom's Helpline, Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau, Penguin Random House, Quest for Balance Wellness. Recovery Coalition, Ronald Dickerson, Safe Kids Greater Lafayette, Salvation Army of Montgomery County, Subway, Valero Renewable Fuels Company, Valley Oaks Health, Valley Professionals Community Health Center and Wesley Thrift Shop.

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