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➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 8:38 – 39 “And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow – not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below – indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (NLT)

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

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The friendly folks at Heathcliff (from left) Karen Arndt, Jody Cullings and Marsha Smith take a break from inventory to smile grandly for The Pa-

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Don't forget that the rising COVID-19 cases in Montgomery County has pushed the State of the City / County Addresses by Mayor Todd Barton and Montgomery County Administrator Tom Klein scheduled for Jan. 27 to a virtual event. The speeches will be recorded and broadcast on radio station WCDQ at 7 p.m. on that date and will be available in podcast format so people can access them at their leisure and from the safety of their own home.

2 The Paper still offers any Montgomery County church a free ad to let folks know what time services are, sermon topics . . . or really, anything they want. We know we are the only local paper to do so. We're hoping that if we get people together in places of worship we can begin to find some common ground that unites us, instead of focusing on what divides us? If you represent a church and would like a free ad each week in our Faith section, just e-mail ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com.

3 The Indianapolis Home Show is in full swing and if you'd like to score some free tickets (as many as six to eight), just send a selfie of your beautiful smiling face to ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com and tell us why you like The Paper. Also, be sure to let us know how many tickets you want. If we use your photo in The Paper, you win the tickets. It's that easy! But time is running out, so best hurry!

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Tipmont REMC 2019 Youth Tour visiting the Washington Monument in Washington D.C.

Tipmont REMC to sponsor H.S. students for Washington D.C. trip

Area high school juniors are eligible to apply for the Indiana Youth Tour, an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by Tipmont REMC. Applications are available online at tipmont.org/youthtour or by contacting Tipmont Member Service at 800-726-3953. This year's trip is June 16-23.

Applications are due January 31. Applicants do not need to receive service from Tipmont REMC to be eligible. Home-schooled students are also encouraged to apply. Finalists will interview with Tipmont staff in February with the selected students notified by the end of February.

“This trip is a tremendous

opportunity for our local youth,” said Rob Ford, Tipmont REMC Communication Director and a chaperone on the trip. “Many of these students haven't been to Washington D.C. before, so it's gratifying to give them the chance to see how our government works and

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United Way in Montgomery County announces VITA site

United Way in Montgomery County will be a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program site for the 2022 tax season. In collaboration with United Way of Greater Lafayette, the VITA program will offer free tax preparation and e-filing services to individuals and families with an annual household income at or below \$68,000; persons with disabilities; and those who are older than 60 years of age. VITA tax preparers are certified by the IRS to ensure that clients receive all eligible Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC), Third Economic Impact Credit, and Child Tax Credits. In addition, clients save money by not having to pay fees asso-

ciated with tax preparation.

Through the VITA program, United Way will help hard-working individuals and families in our community take advantage of their tax dollars and reinvest their returns back into Montgomery County. Many clients will use their tax refunds to pay bills, add to their savings accounts, purchase homes, and make home or car repairs.

Clients can submit documents virtually through our website or in-person at the United Way in Montgomery County office. Virtual submission is available immediately, while in-person submission

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Butch needed a cigarette and help from above

In the early 1990s, I worked two jobs... library director at Darlington from 11am to 6pm... and then



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

Deputy Sheriff for Montgomery County from 7pm to 4am. Yes, it was a very long work day!

One afternoon at the library, just before I was about to leave, a woman rushed through the door and ran up to the circulation desk. She was very

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 8:05 a.m.
SET: 5:54 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 27°F
Low: 10°F



Wacky Holiday Today

- Squirrel Appreciation Day
- National Hugging Day
- International Sweatpants Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1899 Opel builds its first automobile
- 1968 The Battle of Khe Sanh begins



Births On This Day

- 1824 Stonewall Jackson American general
- 1963 Hakeem Olajuwon Nigerian/American basketball player

Deaths On This Day

- 1950 George Orwell English author
- 1997 Col. Tom Parker Dutch/American talent manager

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

This came in from a reader: The biggest governments in the world can't stop a virus. But they all claim they can fix global warming if you just pay more in taxes! Kinda makes sense, huh?



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Not receiving enough sleep can lead to increased appetite and obesity.

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.



➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Notable Nineties

Do you know anyone who falls into the category we call Notable Nineties. Every so often we share our list of Notable Nineties and if you or someone you know would like to be included, just e-mail us their name and we'll add them to the list. The only qualifications? Be the age of 90 or above and live (or have lived) in Montgomery County. Let us know by e-mail ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Traveling is not just seeing the new; it is also leaving behind. Not just opening doors; also closing them behind you, never to return. But the place you have left forever is always there for you to see whenever you shut your eyes."
Jan Myrdal

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

How do you make the number seven even?
Take away the S.

➔ OBITUARIES
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The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **CONNIE RULEDGE** of Crawfordsville for subscribing!



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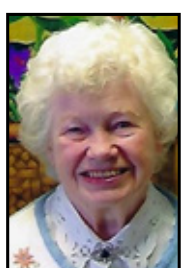
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OBITUARIES

Avanell Peterman

Dec. 28, 1921 - Jan. 17, 2022

Avanell Peterman was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, and friend whose life hasn't ended with her death here on earth. Avanell went to her eternal home in Heaven on Jan. 17th, 2022, age 100, surrounded by her loving children.



Avanell L. Jackson was born on Dec. 28, 1921, to Straudia and Ruby Jackson. After graduating from high school, she married Robert E. Peterman on June 9, 1940, and together they had three children. They were married 74 years before Robert's passing in 2014.

Mrs. Peterman spent her entire life serving others in many ways, both personally and professionally. She worked as a cook for many different institutions. She later worked for R.R. Donnelley's book return facility. She then worked for the City of Crawfordville where she retired after 10 years. She continued working until the age of 80 at Crawford's Food Store until it closed. She served as a Sunday School teacher for many years at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, then at Sonlight Wesleyan Church. She also served as the bookkeeper for the latter.

Mrs. Peterman loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She was very proud that she had lived long enough to have 5 great-great grandchildren. She also had a lifelong best friend in Evelyn Baker, whom she met at church at the age of 10. Avanell was the last surviving member of the Crawfordville High School Class of 1939.

Survivors include her children: Rose Anna (Donald) Kincaid, Robert (Ginny) Peterman and David Peterman; her grandchildren: Connie (Mark) Maxwell, Jim (Shirley) Todd, Mary Ann (Tony) Ferguson, Donald Kincaid, Jr., Denise Beanblossom, Robert J. (Tracy) Peterman, Annie Risner, Jennifer Jackson, Douglas Peterman, Julie Snyder, Darren Coffenberry and Blake Peterman; 15 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren; her sister-in-law Marilyn Peterman; her brother-in-law Richard Peterman; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert; her two brothers, Gene and Etherton Jackson; a sister, Gwendolyn Garrigus; a grandson, Matthew Peterman; and her best friend Evelyn Baker.

Visitation is scheduled at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington St, in Crawfordville on Tues., Jan. 25th, 2022 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. The service will start at 2 p.m. and will be live-streamed and recorded which can be viewed on her obituary page at www.sandersfuneralcare.com. The burial will follow at Mace Cemetery.

Memories and condolences can be shared online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com.

David L. Kelly

Sept. 13, 1955-Jan. 19, 2022

David L. Kelly of Ladoga passed away Wednesday morning at Hendricks Regional in Danville, Indiana. He was 66.



Born Sept. 13, 1955 in Crawfordville, he was the son of Charles Richard Kelly and Mary Lou Myers Kelly. He attended school at Ladoga and graduated from Southmont in 1973.

He married the former Yevon Kiger on Aug. 19, 1995 at New Hope in Crawfordville.

David was an avid outdoorsman who loved fishing and had hiked much of the Appalachian Trail. He attended Calvary Fellowship in Greencastle, where he was a Board Member and always did his part to take care of the church. He worked 25 years at Mid-States, then 9 years at Heidtmann Steel, and finally as a driver for Moody Meats, retiring to be a stay-at-home Papaw.

Survivors include his wife, Yevon Kelly; daughters Luv A. (Brandon) Lowe, Jessi (Craig) Pirtle, Cassy (Ryan) Cummins and Rebekah Kelly; sons Jake Kelly and Malachi Kelly; his mother, Mary Lou Kelly; fourteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his dad, sister, Kathy Busenbark and brother, Brad Kelly.

Visitation is scheduled from 2 to 6 p.m. Sun., Jan. 23rd at Calvary Fellowship, 1249 N. Jackson Street, Greencastle. Services are scheduled at the church on Monday at 1 p.m., led by Pastor Rick Fay. He will be laid to rest at Stoner Cemetery, east of Ladoga. Arrangements were entrusted to Burkhart Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at www.Burkhart-FH.com.

Donald L. Sturgeon

Sep. 23, 1938- Jan. 11, 2022

Donald L. Sturgeon was born on Sept. 23, 1938 in the one room log cabin now on display at the Johnson county park on the north side of Camp Atterbury. He was the youngest son of Waller "Clayton" Sturgeon and Sarah "Etta" Ward Sturgeon.



Mr. Sturgeon came to Wallace IN in 1956 to live and work with his Uncle Claude Ward and Cousins Harlan, Bane and Orville Ward. He met Carolyn there and they were married on Aug. 12, 1958. They lived a number of places in Fountain and Montgomery Counties until settling near New Market, then Kokomo, before finally retiring to Lafayette in 2005.

Mr. Sturgeon served our country with honor and distinction in the 332nd Army Transportation Company in Stuttgart, Germany from 1960 to 1962, and in the Reserves until 1967.

Mr. Sturgeon was passionate about driving trucks, which he did for twenty years. He later stopped to switch to a career in real estate.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Carolyn Miller Sturgeon; brothers Kenneth of New Mexico; Hulan of Silverville, In.; son, Clint of Cataract, In.; and grandchildren, Megan, Colin and Corey.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Eunice (age 7) and Evanelle Trow; son Mark Sturgeon Chambers; and grandson Jason Chambers.

There is a Celebration of Life and a 50 year Sturgeon/Ward reunion scheduled at the Montgomery County fairgrounds in Crawfordville, on May 28th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All friends and family welcome; lunch pitch in at noon.

Janet M. Fruits

Sept. 29, 1942-Jan. 17, 2022

Janet M. Fruits of New Market passed away Monday morning at the age of 79.

Born Sept. 29, 1942, she was the daughter of Max J. Mitchell and Dorothy Martin Mitchell. She married Gary Fruits on Feb. 25, 1961 at her parent's farm near Browns Valley.

Mrs. Fruits graduated from Wave-land High School in 1960. She worked at R.R. Donnelley and spent 40 years with the Southmont School Corporation. She was an avid sports fan throughout her life, starting at a young age with her brothers and continuing as she enthusiastically supported her sons while they competed. She had a passion for the decades of kids that she met throughout her career, and enjoyed reading, working on her yard, and IU basketball.

Survivors include her husband, Gary Fruits; four sons, Ray (Crissa) Fruits, Phil (Anita) Fruits, Kevin Fruits and Steve (Greg) Fruits; brother, Jim Mitchell; five grandchildren, Braden, Kellan, Brad, John and Nick; three great-grandchildren, Logan, Mia and Jolene.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Jack and Jon Mitchell.

In keeping with her wishes, there will not be any public services. She will be cremated and her ashes laid to rest at Indian Creek Hill Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to Burkhart Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at www.Burkhart-FH.com.



Melissa Whitcomb

Aug. 3, 1976 - Jan. 19, 2022

Melissa C. Whitcomb of Crawfordville passed away Wednesday at Methodist Hospital. She was 45.

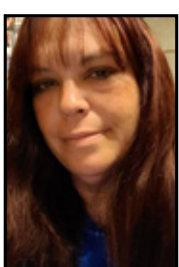
Born Aug. 3, 1976 in Indianapolis, she was the daughter of Michael Whitcomb, Jr. and Ruby Grubbs Whitcomb.

Melissa was a hard-working mother to her kids. She did everything she could for them. She liked seeing her grandkids, helping people, and had a big heart.

Survivors include her three daughters, Destiny Nugent (Justin Risner), Michelle Lowe (fiance' Anthony Chase) and Kayla Lowe; three biological grandchildren, Grace-Lyn Risner, Archer Chase and Owen Chase; four other grandchildren; brothers John Whitcomb (Kathy) and Billy Whitcomb (Lauren); sisters Camille Smith and Shelly Albright (Kenny); special friend, Kevin Chaney; and step-father, Dan Powell.

There will not be a public service. Cremation arrangements were made through Burkhart Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at www.Burkhart-FH.com



Meeting Notes

Ladoga-Clark Twp. Public Library
 Last Tuesday of the month
 5:30 p.m.

The Ladoga-Clark Twp. Public Library has monthly meetings on the last Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm in the library.

Number, please...

I'd like to share a few numbers with you:
 4927262920202826
 5736282018082727
 9284748495483838

These are some of the tracking numbers for the Christmas gifts I bought online over the past few months. I copied and pasted the figures into the UPS or FedEx websites to be sure they were on the way. By the way, those are not the exact numbers. I substituted bogus numerals above because I don't want anyone tracking my purchases. One time when I pretended to put my real phone number in my column, readers called it and then emailed me saying they got some poor lady in Metamora, who I later heard had a breakdown because her phone kept ringing in the middle of the night. And whose fault is that?

I did a Google search to learn the term for a large string of integers, and I've discovered a whole new lexicon. We have quadrillion, quintillion, sextillion, decillion, tredecillion, novemdecillion and vigin-tillion. I'm going to play it safe and just call them all gazillions. Whatever you call them, it just doesn't make sense that tracking a package should require so many digits.

Here's another code: 783930404X9056.

That's the confirmation number for my online pharmacy cholesterol medicine. I knew there were a lot of people out there with lipid problems, but my mistake was just counting people on this planet. I also don't know what that X means, but it scares the heck out of me.

There is a similar conundrum (not a word I use lightly) in other areas. My house number is 9623 No matter how many times I count the homes in my cul de sac, I usually get six. Even after three cans of Heineken Light, the most I see is eight.

My friend Jerry works at a small company here in Indianapolis. When I call his office, I get a prompt



DICK WOLFSTIE
 Life in a Nutshell

that says: For Tom, press 3056, for Jerry press 3157, for Adrian press 3021. I've been to his place of business. Where are the 3,000-plus phones? Imagine if we all got this pretentious!

"Mary Ellen, it's your brother calling from Oregon."

"Which line, Dick?"

"Extension 5696."

"Huh? We only have two phone lines in this house."

"I know. I know. I just hope your brother heard me say that. How cool does that sound?"

Then there's my computer. The model number is 367892JY. I called the company and asked how many different models they have. "About 30 or 40 over the past 24 years," they told me, so I posed the obvious question. "Do you have a model number 6 or 12 or 27?"

"No, Sir. I think those missing numbers represent defective prototypes that didn't pass all the necessary tests." This makes me really happy I never flew to New York on a 742.

The original Social Security card, printed back in 1936 with the number 001-01-0001, was issued to a man named Morris Ackerman. When he retired, his first Social Security check was for 17 cents. He was just beside himself with how generous the government was. They sure had his number.

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

Candidate Filings for 2022 Primary

Primary Election Day is May 3, 2022. Visit Indianapolis.in.gov for more information.

- County Offices
- First; Party; Office; Date Filed
- Sherri Bentley (I); Republican; Assessor; 1/5/2022
- Jennifer Bentley; Republican; Auditor; 1/5/2022
- Mindy Byers; Republican; Auditor; 1/5/2022
- Ryan Needham (I); Republican; Sheriff; 1/7/2022
- Heather Laffoon (I); Republican; Treasurer; 1/5/2022
- Jim Fulwider (I); Republican; County Commissioner 2; 1/6/2022
- Joyce Grimbale; Republican; County Council Dist 1; 1/6/2022
- Matt Nelson; Republican; County Council Dist 2; 1/5/2022
- Steve Loy; Republican; County Council Dist 3; 1/5/2022
- Brett Cating; Republican; County Council Dist 4; 1/11/2022
- Trustee Offices
- First; Party; Office; Date Filed
- Kylee Simpson (I); Republican; Brown Township Trustee; 1/10/2022
- Richard Graham; Republican; Brown Township Board; 1/13/2022
- Paul Surface; Republican; Brown Township Board; 1/18/2022
- Amy Cating; Republican Clerk Township Trustee; 1/11/2022
- Roger Kunkel (I); Republican; Coal Creek Township Trustee; 1/7/2022
- Jayne Lough (I); Republican; Franklin Township Trustee; 1/11/2022
- Chasity Surface; Repub-

lican; Madison Township Board; 1/19/2022

Sally Evans Molin (I); Republican; Union Township Trustee; 1/5/2022

Stacey Guard (I)

Republican; Union Township Board; 1/10/2022

Dennis Hohlbein (I); Republican; Union Township Board; 1/5/2022

Alan Plunkett (I)

Republican; Union Township Board; 1/11/2022

Michelle Kinkead; Republican; Walnut Township Board; 1/12/2022

N Kathy Ryker (I); Democrat; Wayne Township Trustee; 1/11/2022

• State Delegates

First; Party; Office; Date Filed

Jennifer Bentley; Republican; State Delegate; 1/5/2022

Danielle Busse; Republican; State Delegate; 1/7/2022

Bob Cox; Republican; State Delegate; 1/14/2022

Leah Denbo; Republican; State Delegate ; 1/12/2022

Karyn D. Douglas; Republican; State Delegate; 1/14/2022

Sally Evans Molin; Republican; State Delegate; 1/5/2022

John Frey; Republican; State Delegate; 1/5/2022

Jim Fulwider; Republican; State Delegate; 1/6/2022

Dan Guard; Republican; State Delegate; 1/10/2022

Dennis Hohlbein; Republican; State Delegate; 1/5/2022

Jim Johnson; Republican; State Delegate ; 1/5/2022

Steve Loy; Republican; State Delegate; 1/5/2022

Scott Molin; Republican; State Delegate; 1/12/2022

Dear Editor: County Councilman endorses Grimbale for council

I am excited to support Joyce Grimbale as the Republican candidate for Montgomery County Council District One. I cannot think of a better or more qualified candidate than Joyce. Her leadership experiences and skill sets developed as a classroom teacher, director of guidance, president of the Montgomery County Community Foundation, church volunteer, and various other roles in community groups and activities will serve her well on the county council. Joyce is

committed to whatever task is in front of her. She will listen, research, and ask questions so that she has a full understanding of each situation. She knows working as a team leads to better decisions. Joyce will add a new positive dimension and perspective to the county council. Please join me in electing Joyce Grimbale to represent District One on the Montgomery County Council.

Thank you,
 Tom Mellish
 Montgomery County Council District 1

Dear Editor: Sen. Boots endorses Loy for council

It is with pleasure that I write this letter to support the candidacy of Steve Loy for the Montgomery County Council. I have known Steve for many years and have had many discussions with him about ways to make this community a great place to live and work. I am aware that Steve has consistently dedicated himself to serve on many local boards and committees promoting the growth of this community. He was a founding member several years ago of the original Montgomery County Economic Development board of directors. He served as its first President and, consequently, was heavily involved in formulating the goals and methods to accomplish them. Having worked several years in the local banking industry, Steve

obviously has an extensive knowledge of finances and taxes which will be a great benefit to us as a member of the county council, the fiscal body of county government. I believe that we are lucky that Steve has decided to continue to lend his expertise to this community by serving as an elected member of the county council. I know that Steve will do an outstanding job by listening to the concerns of the citizens of Montgomery County and making the best decisions possible.

Please join me in electing Steve Loy to the Montgomery County Council.

Respectfully,
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Purdue U: the cradle of quarterbacks, pride of Indiana

Even during the darkest times in Purdue football history (see: Hazell, Darrell. Also see: Akers, Fred), Boilermaker fans and administration could point with pride to the Cradle of Quarterbacks.



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

There's even a section on the school's athletic website (purduesports.com) devoted to the Cradle. Three members have been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame (Bob Griese, Mike Phipps, Mark Herrmann). Len Dawson and Griese will be joined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in a few years when Drew Brees becomes eligible.

Fifteen former Purdue quarterbacks have played in the NFL, throwing for more yards (248,731) and touchdown passes (1,642), as well as more starts (1,172), than any other school according to Elias Sports Bureau.

The last time Purdue declared the official membership of The Cradle was 2010, picking a dozen quarterbacks as part of a year-long celebration that included raising money for the 12th Boiler Scholarship Fund.

Before that official stamp of approval, membership in the Cradle of Quarterbacks was in the eye of the beholder.

In the early 1970s, university artist Keith Butz was commissioned to create a poster featuring Purdue's outstanding quarterbacks of the past 30 years. That poster included Bob DeMoss, Dale Samuels, Dawson, Bernie Allen, Griese, Phipps and Gary Danielson.

Allen is better known to older Purdue fans as an outstanding baseball player. He played for Minnesota, the old Washington Senators, the New York Yankees and Montreal Expos in a career that spanned from 1962 to 1973.

Butz updated the poster, now titled "Cradle of Quarterbacks," in the late 1970s to add Herrmann. A third update in the 1980s removed Allen and added Scott Campbell and Jim Everett.

Yet another poster, this time a collage of pho-

tos, came out in the late 1990s to add the late Eric Hunter, Billy Dicken and Brees, who was still playing for Purdue at the time.

For the 2010 poster, the 12 ranked chronologically from DeMoss (1945-48) to Curtis Painter (2005-08), and there was very little argument about the selections. All but Samuels (1950-52) had played in the NFL. Hunter and Dicken were not included in this updated poster.

Now 12 years later, it's time to propose membership in the Cradle of Quarterbacks for two individuals.

The first candidate is David Blough, who overcame the odds of being an undrafted free agent to spending three seasons and making five NFL starts through 2021.

Discovered in Carrollton, Texas, by then-Purdue offensive coordinator John Shoop, Blough was part of the 2013 Elite 11 quarterbacks camp and nearly won its MVP honor.

At Purdue, Blough dueled for the starting job with Elijah Sindelar for most of his career. Winning the job in 2016, Blough threw for 3,352 yards and 25 touchdowns during the 3-9 season that spelled the end for Hazell in West Lafayette.

An ankle injury suffered against Illinois in 2017 ended Blough's junior season prematurely. That likely contributed to Sindelar being chosen the starter by coach Jeff Brohm to start 2018.

That decision lasted the first half of the season opener because of a three interception performance against Northwestern.



Aidan O'Connell

Blough took over for the rest of the season and threw for 3,521 yards and 25 touchdowns but with just eight interceptions.

Blough's career passing yards (9,550) rank only behind Brees, Painter and Herrmann. His 69 TD passes rank third behind Brees (90) and Herrmann (71).

Even with a year and a half in Brohm's passing offense, Blough's numbers plus his NFL tenure are strong enough reasons for his addition into Purdue's Cradle of Quarterbacks.

The next nominee has yet to write the final chapter in his Boilermaker career. One thing is certain, though: Aidan O'Connell's rise from a walk-on to second-team All-Big Ten quarterback is a tale almost too unbelievable to be true.

O'Connell didn't see the field until his third year on campus but he engineered two big comeback victories against Nebraska and at Northwestern in his first collegiate start. Against the Cornhuskers, O'Connell was 6 of 7 for 62 yards on the game-winning drive. The following week, a homecoming of sorts for the Long Grove, Ill., native, O'Connell was 34 of 50 passing for 271 yards and two touchdowns.

He also started at Wisconsin and against Indiana, combining for 697 yards and five touchdowns.

O'Connell won the starting job during the COVID-shortened 2020 season but only played three games due to injury. But those three games were a sign of things to come in 2021 as O'Connell was 88 of 136 passing for 916 yards and seven



Photo courtesy of Purdue Athletics

David Blough

touchdowns.

In a replay of the Blough-Sindelar quarterback duel, O'Connell was beaten out by Jack Plummer to start the 2021 season. O'Connell did not play in the season-opening victory against Oregon State but threw two touchdown passes in the 49-0 victory at Connecticut in relief of Plummer.

The turning point for O'Connell, and arguably Purdue's season, came in Game 4 against Illinois when he relieved an ineffective Plummer. Throwing for 89 yards during a 94-yard drive, O'Connell helped Purdue avoid an embarrassing home loss by throwing the game-winning touchdown pass to T.J. Sheffield with 5:14 remaining.

That effort established O'Connell as the starter and in no small way was responsible for Purdue going 6-3 the rest of the way with notable victories at No. 2 Iowa and against No. 3 Michigan State.

O'Connell's 534-yard, four touchdown effort against Tennessee in the Music City Bowl capped a season that saw the fifth-year senior complete a school record 71.6 percent of his passes for 3,712 yards, 28 touchdowns and 11 interceptions.

With his decision to accept a sixth year of eligibility, O'Connell has a chance to move into Purdue's all-time top five for passing yards and touchdown passes. He's currently eighth in passing yards (5,729) and tied with Jim Everett for seventh in TD passes (43).

If the Big Ten can be comprised of 14 schools,

why can't Purdue's Cradle of Quarterbacks expand to 14 as well?

In chronological order, here's the current roster of Purdue's Cradle of Quarterbacks:

- Bob DeMoss (1945-48)
- Dale Samuels (1950-52)
- Len Dawson (1954-56)
- Bob Griese (1964-66)
- Mike Phipps (1967-69)
- Gary Danielson (1970-72)
- Mark Herrmann (1977-80)
- Scott Campbell (1980-83)
- Jim Everett (1981-85)
- Drew Brees (1997-2000)
- Kyle Orton (2001-04)
- Curtis Painter (2005-08)

Noteworthy

Staying on the subject of quarterbacks, O'Connell is ranked the Big Ten's No. 2 quarterback entering the 2022 season by Alex Hickey of Saturday Tradition.

It's no surprise that No. 1 is Ohio State's C.J. Stroud, the reigning first-team All-Big Ten quarterback.

"O'Connell is ... the Big Ten's second-best quarterback by a comfortable margin," Hickey writes. "... He looks ready for an excellent senior season. If he cuts down on the 11 interceptions, the Boilermakers can compete for the Big Ten West title."

Coming in at No. 7 is presumed Indiana starter Connor Bazelak, a transfer from Missouri.

"The Missouri transfer

brings much-needed credibility to Indiana's quarterback room after things unraveled in 2021," Hickey writes. "Bazelak was fifth in the SEC with 231.6 yards per game, though he did it at a very dink-and-dunk rate of 6.8 yards per completion. Bazelak's ratio of 16 touchdowns and 11 interceptions will need to improve in the Big Ten. ..."

The 2021 NFL season is still going on but for a couple of national media outlets, it's not too early to look at the 2022 Draft.

The first mock draft by ESPN's longtime analyst Mel Kiper Jr. predicts former Purdue standout George Karlaftis being chosen by Arizona with the 23rd selection.

"J.J. Watt is still signed for another season, but his injury history means that Arizona needs to think about a replacement," Kiper writes. "That's Karlaftis, a powerful 275-pound end who might be better in a 3-4 defense. He had only 4.5 sacks in 2021 but his pressure numbers were elite, even if he didn't always get home to the quarterback. He's really good against the run, too."

The Athletic's Dane Brugler has Karlaftis headed to Philadelphia with the 19th pick.

"The Eagles' defensive end depth chart will likely look wildly different next season, and Karlaftis would be a welcomed addition," Brugler writes.

"The Purdue pass rusher doesn't have elite length or twitch, but he is relentless and strong with hand work that is not only violent but also well-timed and strategic to defeat blockers.

Unlike Kiper, Brugler extended his draft forecast to the second round, where he has All-American wide receiver David Bell going to Atlanta with the 63rd pick.

Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.

Rep. Jim Baird introduced Preventing Auto Recycling Thefts bill to prevent catalytic converter thefts

Today, Rep. Jim Baird (IN-04) introduced the Preventing Auto Recycling Thefts (PART) Act, which aims to reduce catalytic converter thefts by marking identifying information on catalytic converters, addressing how the parts are purchased, and strengthening enforceability of catalytic converter theft for local law enforcement officers.

"In West Central Indiana and across the country, catalytic converter theft has had a dramatic impact on vehicle and business owners, leading them to await costly repairs with few tools to prevent similar crimes in the future," said Rep. Baird. "By closing long-exploited loopholes and strengthening law enforcement's ability to locate stolen parts and enforce the law, we can create a safer environment for vehicle owners and put a stop to these crimes once and for all."

"We are pleased to see Congress taking an active role in addressing this growing crime that impacts the lives and livelihoods of thousands of Americans across the country," said David Glawe, President and CEO of the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), the nation's leading not-for-profit organization exclusively dedicated to combatting and preventing insurance crime. "Car thefts and other auto crimes like

catalytic converter thefts have risen dramatically over the past two years and are at record highs. Vehicle owners pay a high price when a thief targets their catalytic converter, often incurring lost income from missing work, needing to find and pay for alternate transportation and then paying anywhere from \$1,000 to \$3,000 to get the vehicle fixed. This bill is a critical step in helping bring relief to the people most directly impacted by these crimes."

"The MCCA thanks Rep. Baird for introducing the PART Act," said Major Cities Chiefs Associations Executive Director Laura Cooper. "Over the past few years, major cities across the country have reported an increase in catalytic converter thefts. By updating federal law to account for this growing trend, the PART Act will create a powerful deterrent and help ensure those who buy and sell stolen catalytic converters are held accountable. In addition, the provisions related to marking catalytic converters with unique identification numbers will support law enforcement's efforts to solve these crimes as efficiently as possible when they do occur."

"We applaud Representative Baird and his staff on introducing this bill," said Brett Scott, Vice President of Government



Jim Baird

Affairs for the National Independent Automobile Dealers Association. "Catalytic converter crime is at an all-time high and this legislation is a great step toward addressing this issue. At the end of the day, these thefts only hurt consumers and their wallets."

Background: Catalytic converters are car parts used to reduce the potency of toxic emissions from an internal combustion engine and is a component required in compliance with the Clean Air Act. These parts are constructed using precious metals such as rhodium, platinum, and palladium, and depending on the price point for these metals, can be sold to scrap dealers for hundreds of dollars. Replacement of these parts can be very costly for vehicle owners, with many replacements ranging from \$500 to \$2,300. In some cases, the cost of a catalytic converter theft may even be enough for a total loss to a vehicle.

The theft of catalytic

converters has become increasingly prevalent in the past two years, plaguing vehicle owners, scrap yards, and law enforcement officials in communities across the United States. According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, the number of reported catalytic converter thefts rose from 3,389 in 2019 to 14,433 in 2020 – an increase of over 325%. Faced with this sharp increase, law enforcement officers have limited tools to curb thefts as current policy leaves many advantageous loopholes for criminals to exploit. A lack of criminal code in regard to the trafficking of these stolen parts means that law enforcement must catch a criminal in the act of removing the part in order to prosecute a case.

The PART Act seeks to reduce catalytic converter thefts by allowing law enforcement officers to link stolen parts to the vehicle from which they originate by requiring new vehicles to have a VIN number stamped onto the converter, creating a grant program through which entities can stamp VIN numbers onto catalytic converters of existing vehicles, improving record keeping standards for purchasers of used catalytic converters, and establishing enforceability of laws around catalytic converter theft by codifying these crimes as a criminal offense.

Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

Reconstruction hearing attention all landowners
On the **Claude Moody #583** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
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Notice of Unsafe Building Order

35 Center Drive, Crawfordsville, Indiana
Notice is hereby given that an Unsafe Building Order has been issued to Jenny Sarti for the property commonly known as 35 Center Drive, Crawfordsville, with the following legal description:
Lot Numbered Forty-Two (42) as the same is known and designated on the recorded plat of Fishero and Fishero's Fourth Addition to the City of Crawfordsville, in Montgomery County, Indiana, as the same appears of record in Deed Record 162 Page 401 in the Recorder's office of said County. Parcel No. 54-10-08-111-114.000-030

The Order may affect any person with a substantial interest in the property including but not limited to the following: Jenny Sarti
The Order requires the property to be repaired or rehabilitated to bring it into compliance with standards for building condition or maintenance required for human habitation, occupancy; or that the building be demolished. The exact terms of the Order may be obtained from the Enforcement Authority. The action required to be accomplished must be completed within 30 days of receipt of notice of the Order.

The Enforcement Authority has scheduled a hearing regarding the Order. The hearing's purpose is to afford any person with a substantial property interest in the property the opportunity to qualify or appeal the terms of the Order, if so desired. By Ordinance, the hearing authority of the Order is the board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Crawfordsville ("Board of Works"). This hearing will be held before the Board of Works Wednesday, 2 February 2022, at 10 o'clock a.m. at the city council chambers, second floor of the City Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana. Any owner or other person with a substantial property interest in the property are entitled to appear at this hearing, with or without legal counsel, and to present evidence, cross-examination, witnesses, and present arguments at this hearing.

If the Order is not complied with the enforcement authority may take one or more of the following actions against a property owner or the property, or both:

1. Assess a civil penalty of up to \$5,000;
2. Assess cost of enforcement;
3. Perform the work required, including possibly demolition of the premises and, either itself or by the contractor, and assess the cost of that work to you, and if these costs are not paid, impose a lien or a county special assessment on the property;
4. File a lawsuit in court to enforce this order, which may result in a receiver being appointed for the property or forfeiture of the property, in addition to either civil and equitable judgments, and/or;
5. Take such other action and impose such other fines and costs as are allowed by law.

This list is not exclusive: there are other possible actions that the Enforcement Authority and the City may by law take against the property owners or the property itself, or both. To learn more about what actions can be taken, please consult I.C. § 36-7-9 or an attorney of your own choosing at your own expense, or both.

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Montgomery County Civitan Club names Mont. County Young Hero, Marshall Little

On Monday, January 17, Marshall Little, a freshman at Southmont High School, was presented the Montgomery County Young Hero Award for the Fall of 2021 by the Montgomery County Civitan Club at a special luncheon. This award recognizes Montgomery County students for outstanding community service.

On May 15, 2021, Marshall celebrated Armed Forces Day with a project to add a loft and shelving in the Blue Star Mothers storage shed. In addition, he assisted the Blue Star Mothers with a packing party for 50 Freedom Boxes to be sent to military personnel. Marshall worked out the plans to collect items for the boxes and performed fundraising needed for shipping and building supplies for the project. He received support from HHSB, Nucor, and Home Depot as well as other sources in the



Photo courtesy of The Montgomery County Civitan Club

Brent Brinkley, Immediate Past President presenting the Montgomery County Young Hero Award to Marshall Little

community for the project.

Other activities he has been involved with in the community are volunteering for Special Olympics, as well as volunteering at the Montgomery County Civitan Club Harvest Hoedown 2019 and Fall Special Needs Corn Maze Party 2020, and volunteering with Civitans at the

Area 4 Special Olympic Games at North Montgomery High School.

Congratulations to Marshall Little, Montgomery County Young Hero Fall 2021. The Montgomery County Civitan Club will be making a monetary donation to the charity of his choice in his name.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day

There will be a candle lighting ceremony by members of Terre Haute South's S.T.A.N.D. club. This club is a student led movement to end mass atrocities such as genocide. The sponsor is teacher Mrs. Peggy Grabowski. Alex Kor, 2nd Generation Survivor, will speak of his mother's impact on Holocaust Education in Indiana and her legacy.

"On International Holocaust Remembrance Day and Eva Education Day

for the state of Indiana, we remember and honor the memory of the six million Jews who were murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators. As we witness a rise in global antisemitism and intolerance, it is more important than ever to listen to or read the stories of Holocaust survivors, like our museums founder, Eva Kor, and reflect on their experiences, and retell their stories," said Troy Fears, executive director of the museum.

Want TO GO?

WHEN: Thursday, January 27, 2022
10 AM (EST)
WHERE: CANDLES Holocaust Museum & Education Center (in-person event)
3901 S. 3rd. St. Terre Haute, IN
*Program will also be broadcast Facebook Live
WHAT: EVA EDUCATION DAY (As proclaimed by Gov. Eric Holcomb - not in attendance)

Co-Alliance Cooperative to offer \$30,000 in scholarships through Scholarship Program

Continuing our fourteen years of tradition, Co-Alliance Cooperative will open the CoAlliance Scholarship program to the class of 2022 offering thirty \$1000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors planning to pursue an agricultural degree in college.

"A key part of the Co-Alliance mission is giving back to our communities," said Kevin Still, Co-Alliance Cooperative, CEO. "The Co-Alliance Scholarship program allows us to reward a wide range



of outstanding students in our trade territory. Over the past decade we've had the privilege of helping many deserving young people continue their education as well as supporting the future of the ag industry."

Applicants will be decided on several factors such as academic performance,

leadership experience, involvement in agriculture in their local community, volunteerism and extra curriculars, and a short statement regarding their future career in the agricultural field.

Applicants must be the child or grandchild of a member of Co-Alliance Cooperative. More information, as well as the application packet, can be found on the Co-Alliance website. The application deadline is March 1, 2022.

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how they can have a voice in the political process.

The 2022 trip marks the Youth Tour's return following a two-year absence due to the COVID-19 pandemic. High-risk individuals or students with pre-existing medical conditions are encouraged to contact Youth Tour Director Ann Mears at amears@indianaec.org before submitting an application. Students participating

in the trip will visit the Gettysburg Battlefield, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Smithsonian museums; tour the Jefferson, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorials, take a night cruise on the Potomac River, and much more.

Indiana will send a delegation of students from throughout the state. The students travel to Washington D.C. and convene with

other students from up to 46 states.

Indiana Youth Tour students will also participate in a youth rally hosted by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and spend a day on Capitol Hill, where they will have an opportunity to meet with Indiana's congressional delegation to ask questions and share their thoughts on a variety of timely issues.

BUTCH

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distraught and crying, pleading for help. "I told my husband I was going to divorce him. We got in a big argument. He took a bottle of whiskey and a shotgun and left in his truck...He said he was going to kill himself!" I knew her husband. I had been his teacher in middle school. He had been a nice and mild-mannered boy. She then stated, "He may have driven to a pond where he goes fishing at times... please help me!"

I accompanied the lady back to her house and told her to grab the kids and go somewhere safe where her husband could not find them...just in case he might double back. She told me where the pond was located...down a long lane off of State Road 47. I radioed the dispatcher about the situation, and requested assistance as I drove down the lane to the fishing pond. There was the pickup. I could see her husband sitting behind the steering wheel

as I parked my patrol car some distance away. When I walked slowly up to the passenger side of the truck, what I saw next gave me a little bit of a shock. The man was facing forward. He had a bottle of Jack Daniels and a 12ga shotgun between his legs. He had placed the muzzle of the shotgun in his mouth. The hammer was cocked, and his thumb was on the trigger. I knew that only slight pressure on the trigger would fire it off. At that moment I recalled a similar situation that the city police had been involved in a few years earlier. In that instance, the man had pulled the trigger. Now...what am I going to do?

Four county officers and the Sheriff soon showed up, and I radioed for them to stay back. I spoke to the man by name and told him who I was. He turned toward me, removed the muzzle from his mouth, and placed it under his chin. "Stay away, Mr. Dale, my wife is leaving



me and taking our kids. I'm gonna kill myself. I'm just gettin' up the courage." I replied, "No, you're not. I am getting inside the truck with you. We are going to talk about this." He looked at me with glazed bloodshot eyes, "You can sit in here, but put your gun on the hood of my truck." I said a silent prayer, touched the cross on the necklace under my uniform shirt, and placed my Smith and Wesson .357 revolver on the hood. I lit up a Marlboro Light as I opened the

passenger side door and sat down beside him.

For the next half hour, I pleaded with this former student of mine, trying to convince him not to end his life...that he had many reasons to live. As he kept the muzzle under his chin and took swigs from the whiskey bottle, I talked and smoked and talked and smoked...lighting the next cigarette with the one before. Another half hour passed, and it grew dark outside. I could see that he was starting to mumble his words, and was getting more intoxicated. A couple of times I thought about grabbing the shotgun, but it was too risky. Then his thumb slipped from the trigger, he leaned sideways towards me...and vomited all over my pants. When he then swayed back in the opposite direction and grabbed the door handle, I snatched the shotgun, lowered the hammer, and threw it out the window... as he opened his door and fell to the ground...passed

out.

I took a deep breath. It was over. An ambulance had arrived and was waiting nearby. The EMTs loaded the fellow up and carted him off to Culver Hospital to be treated for alcohol poisoning. I followed the ambulance, waited outside, and reached for a cigarette. I had none. I had smoked an entire pack inside that pickup. As I sat there, it dawned on me what I had just gone through. I was thankful that everything had turned out OK. I truly believe that God had been watching out over the both of us that summer evening.

My former student survived. His wife did divorce him, but he was granted joint custody of his kids, and he went on with his life. His parents wrote me a letter thanking me for what I had done, but I never saw him or heard from him again. Sadly, a few years after I left the Sheriff's Department, he died in a motorcycle accident.

Did a similar situation ever occur again when I was a police officer? Yes... two more times I sat next to men who had guns to their heads...and each time it took over an hour to talk them out of it. And in both instances I smoked an entire pack of cigarettes... and each time God saved me and those men. When I left the Sheriff's Department twenty-four years ago, my stress level went back to that of a normal human being. I wanted to live a long life...I gave up cigarettes for good. And today, each night when I go to bed, I thank God for watching over me and my family. Folks, for the most part, you control your life and what happens, but sometimes you need a little help from above.

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 32 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

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