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**TODAY'S VERSE**

1 John 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

**FACES OF MONTGOMERY**

People who call our community their own.



Suzy of Suzy's soaps was pitching goat's milk and other homemade soap creations in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville. Thank you for your smile, Suzy!

**THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

1 According to a new survey, The Indianapolis Pacers ranked #16 for worst behaved NBA fans. Although many still remember things getting physical at Malice at the Palace back in 2004, the study revealed that nowadays, Pacers fans have a reputation for using foul language towards the players. This most recent season may be the rowdiest yet, the study revealed 37% feel fan behavior has gotten worse since fans returned to arenas this year.

2 The Arts Federation (TAF) was awarded \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). As the lead agency for arts and culture in north central Indiana, TAF will regrant ARP funding to nonprofit organizations and individual artists from Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Jasper, Newton, Montgomery, Pulaski, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Warren, and White Counties. To maximize reach and efficiency, ARP funds will be distributed to eligible nonprofit arts organizations in TAF's service that are recipients of an Arts Organization Support or Arts Project Support Grant that elect to receive the additional funds. Organizations applying for the FY23 Arts Organization Support or FY23 Arts Project support will be able to elect to receive ARP funds during the acceptance process that follows award notifications in July 2023. Applications for all new organizations must be submitted through the IAC's online grant system no later than March 9, 2022.

3 Celebrate the migration of birdlife through the Indiana Dunes region this May 12-15 at the eighth annual Indiana Dunes Birding Festival. The entire festival program schedule has now been released, featuring over 150 individual trips, programs, and workshops. The event is being organized by the Indiana Audubon and includes both the Indiana Dunes National Park and Indiana Dunes State Park as site hosts. Discounted registration for priority Indiana Audubon members begins March 1, with general early-bird registration beginning March 3. Basic registration to all four days starts at \$65.

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**Meltzer Farm in Shelbyville**

**Historic Farms Sought For Rural Preservation Award**

Indiana Landmarks and Indiana Farm Bureau welcome nominations for the 2022 John Arnold Award for Rural Preservation. The award recognizes the preservation and continued agricultural use of historic farm buildings in Indiana. Since it was established in 1992, owners of more than 30 historic farms all over the state have been honored with the award.

Anyone, including farm owners, can submit a nomi-

nation for the Arnold Award, which will be presented during the Celebration of Agriculture at the Indiana State Fair in August. The nomination is simple and asks for:

- A brief history of the farm and description of its significant historic structures and features, such as the farmhouse, barns, agricultural outbuildings, and landscape elements.
- A description of how the farm's historic agricultural

structures are used in day-to-day farming operations, and how they have been preserved or adapted.

• High-res digital photographs of the farm and its preserved historic features. Historic images are also welcome.

The award winner receives an attractive outdoor marker and feature coverage in Indiana Preservation magazine.

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**Butch Remembers His Family's "Get-Togethers"**

At the library, I have a photo of my father, my grandparents, and my aunts and uncles. The photo was taken at my grandparent's farm after my Dad had returned from having served in WWII.

When I glance at that photo, I often think of all of the family "get-togethers" that the Dales had when I was growing up. And by "family," I am not referring just to my immediate family...my parents Bill and Millie, and my siblings, Gary, Julie, Sarah, and



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

Mike...I mean the ENTIRE clan, which included my aunt Ruthie Wells, and her husband Lloyd, with sons Kendall and John...my uncle Albert "Ab" Dale, wife Agnes ("Aggie"), and sons Dick, Donnie, and David...my aunt Dora Cohee and her husband Norman, with children Dale, Mike, Becky, Libby, and Mary...and my aunt Barbara "Barkie" Hampton, with husband Bob, and children Sherry, Tom, Bruce, Phil, and Brent. My oldest uncle, Bernard, his wife Elsie, and children Jimmy and Janie, lived in Illinois, but visited as often as they could. Of course, Grandma Annabel and Grandpa

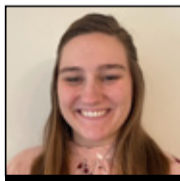
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**New Purdue Extension Educator**

Hello! I am Tricia Herr, and I am the new Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator for Montgomery County.

A little about myself:

I was born and raised in Noble County, Indiana and grew up on a small farm raising steers, dairy heifers, and hogs for my



**TRICIA HERR**  
Purdue Extension Office

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**The Daily Almanac**

Sunrise/Sunset  
RISE: 7:16 a.m.  
SET: 6:43 p.m.



**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 53°F  
Low: 28°F



**Wacky Holiday Today**  
• Employee Appreciation Day  
• Dress In Blue Day



**What Happened On This Day**

- 1789 The U.S. Constitution is put into effect
- 1918 The first documented cases of the Spanish flu herald a deadly worldwide pandemic



**Births On This Day**

- 1950 Rick Perry American politician, 47th Governor of Texas
- 1951 Chris Rea English singer-songwriter, guitarist

**Deaths On This Day**

- 2008 Gary Gygax American game designer, writer, co-created Dungeons & Dragons
- 1811 Mariano Moreno Argentinian lawyer, journalist, politician

**HONEST HOOSIER**

Speaking of the Irish, anyone remember former WCVL Sports Director Mike Haynes? Did you know that Mike's parents are from Ireland and the Indiana Hall of Fame broadcaster and retired NHL television announcer holds dual citizenship? And who says newspapers aren't informative!



**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Consider sitting on an exercise ball instead of a chair - it helps your balance and keeps you more alert. 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**

**Have you voted yet?**

Readers' Choice '22 has kicked off and the most popular and largest contest in Montgomery County is already hot! The Paper's Readers' Choice contest debuted more than 15 years ago and has been copied and imitated, but no one else does it as good as the folks who originated it. Weigh in by simply going to www.thepaper24-7.com and clicking on the top Readers' Choice banner! It's that easy!

**TODAY'S QUOTE**

"True friends stab you in the front."  
Oscar Wilde

**TODAY'S JOKE**

In honor of St. Paddy, we'll share some jokes for a bit that'll have you Dublin over with laughter! What do you call a fake Irish stone? A shamrock!

**OBITUARIES**

**Sharon Rose (Sparger) Wright**



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The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **MARYL RYDER** of Crawfordsville for subscribing!



**7 DAY FORECAST**

<b>30/42</b> MUCH CLOUDY, FLURRIES POSSIBLE THU	<b>28/53</b> SLIGHTLY WARMER FRI	<b>43/70</b> WARM AND BREEZY SAT	<b>60/68</b> CHANCE OF RAIN/STORMS SUN	<b>37/48</b> RAIN LIKELY, WINDY MON	<b>32/43</b> COOL TUE	<b>29/50</b> BACK TO BRIGHT WED
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## OBITUARIES

### Sharon Rose (Sparger) Wright

Dec. 22, 1939 - March 1, 2022

Sharon Rose (Sparger) Wright, 82, Crawfordsville, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at her home.

She was born in Crawfordsville on Dec. 22, 1939 to the late Robert William and Agnes O. (Swank) Sparger.

She was one of the first EMT's with Star Ambulance when they opened in 1982. She also worked at Home Hospital and Raybestos. She was a strong single mom, who raised her daughters. She married, Leslie Herold Wright, on June 3, 1983. She enjoyed working in the yard and flower beds. She loved traveling to Gatlinburg and going on motorcycle rides with her husband. She also enjoyed shopping and her puppies.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Rebecca Wellhausen and Lori (Garry W.) Pearson; seven grandchildren, Kari, Nick, Will, Elizabeth, Mark, Hannah and Sam; four great-grandchildren, Julya, Jason, Gemma and Astra.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Carolyn Bayless.

In keeping with her wishes, there will be a private service only. She will be laid to rest near her parents at Oak Hill Cemetery South. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care.

Share memories and condolences online at [www.sandersfuneralcare.com](http://www.sandersfuneralcare.com)

## Walnut Elementary Honor Roll

4th Six Weeks  
2021-22

First Grade - All A's - Jacen Burris, Jaylen Clark, Mahala Cooksey, Natalie Duke, Sophia Ellenberger, Merryl Gard, Harper Gilstrap, Josephine Miner, Athea Posthauer, and Franklin Skelton. Regular - Penelope Bridge, Hadley Dowell, Zoey Johnson, Conner Phillips-Edison, Bailey Rhoads, and Gambit Stonebraker.

Second Grade - All A's - Maverick Cagle, Keely Hardin, Lillian Moore, Aurora Noggle, Mikenna Vannice, Reagan Webb, and Eva Yates. Regular - Lilah Epley, Addyson Krieger, Iain Miller, Hartley Morris, Makenna Neko-lite, Addison Potts, and Henry Rosen.

Third Grade - All A's - Catherine Barry, Walker Cleek, Jackson Duke, Haven Estelle,

Jeffrey Hopkins, William Whetstone, Oliver Woods, and Arian Wrede. Regular - Summer Binch, Clayton Davis, Kadya Dowell, Adalyn England, Hadley Hedge, John Kalua, Kaleb Kerkhoff, Hailey Nelson, Shiloh Newlin, Carter Scott, Gavin Taylor, Kaydenn Weaver, Brantly Williams, Brylee Wingham, and Hunter Wingham.

Fourth Grade - All A - Easton Kelsey, Hallie Rhoads, and Kobyn Stadler. Regular - Ezra Booth, Braycen High, Jayce Meece, Grady Miller, Juliet Miller, and Isabella Roberts.

Fifth Grade - All A's - Parker McCaffry. Regular - Willow Abney, Emma Bengé, Colton Fox, Easton Hutson, Emery James, Tyson Kelsey, Jack Sarver, Jordan Snarud, and Amelia Woods.

## CareSource Going To Host Community Vaccination Clinics

CareSource, a nationally recognized nonprofit health plan, is partnering with the Indiana Immunization Coalition to host a Community Immunization Clinic. The clinics will take place on Tuesday, March 8 at The Villages of Indiana in Indianapolis. Participants in the clinic will be vaccinated with all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended vaccines.

"CareSource knows the importance of meeting people where they are for their health care," said Steve Smitherman,

### Want TO GO?

When: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 from 3-7 p.m.

Where: The Villages of Indiana in Indianapolis, 3833 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46208

President of CareSource Indiana. "We're proud to work with strong, community-based organizations to increase our state's vaccination rates and protect more Hoosiers."

## North Montgomery Middle School High Honor Roll

Trimester 2  
6th

Hayden Anderson, Emily Bengé, Jayla Birge, Blake Braun, Chayse Bretney, Anna Cain, Andrew Dark, Nicholas Daron, Owen DeSmet, Emma Doughty, Payson Frazier, Presley Frazier, Kendalyn Godbey, Robert Hoffman, Addison Huber, Graysen Hutson, Lauren Kelp, Kaitlyn Kunz, Piper Leaming, Jonathan Lueking, Kendra McClamroch, Mackenzie McComas, Lillia Mycroft, Owen Nichols, Bennett Oppy, Dylan Priddy, Nathan Purcell-Sanchez, Kyra Purple, Marlee Reed, Colt Rice, Samuel Rogers, Lucia Southwood, Lucia Southwood,, Carter Thompson, Olivia Thompson, Caden Tyo, Lindsay Waddell, Elle Waggoner, Isaiah Warnecke, Sophie Welshimer, Samuel Woolwine, Noah Woosley.

7th  
Hayden Allen, Hannah Barnes, Kaylee Bretney,

Elizabeth Brooks, Camden Crowder, Savannah Crowe, Tyler Hintz, Sarah Hopper, Christian Jara, Brooklyn Jeffers, Kate Merica, Addisyn Moseley, Bailey Nichols, Courtney Ratliff, Brendan Young.

8th  
Owen Arthur, Ayden Braun, Emma Brown, Huber, Lillian Bryant, Hudson Claypool, Crew Cole, Lacey Conover, Hope Delp, Jaylyn Easterly, Jackson Grundy, Cambria Hall, Lucy Hess, Michelle Hoffman, Taylor Hudson, Grace Hughes, Makenna Hutson, Zoey Jones, Ella McManomy, Trevor Morgan, Audrey Morris, Ariannah Norman, Macee Norman, Sophia Powell, Kyle Ratliff, Kaleb Rescigno, Dusty Robinson, Kylie Sankey, Sophia Shea, Cassidy Thomas, Katelyn Woolwine, Cole Yeager.

A/B Honor Roll  
6th  
Jessa Abston, Noah Arthur, Clayton Brown,

William Brown, Mallory Church, Kelby Coon, Sabella Craig, Alexander Durbin, Charity Edwards, Jacob Fulford, Isabella Furgye, Paisley Gillan, Wyatt Harshbarger, Lincoln Heide, Kylie Henson, Ryan Hess, Kora Hinds, Aubrie Hodges, Ava Kincaid, Brandon Koons, Addilyn Leslie, Aundrea Lewellen, Daniel Lightle, Heath Neese, Eli Nunan, Genesis Orduna-Reyes, Hunter Powell, Trevor Prange, Devry Strong, Kira Taylor, Grace Tello-Bell, Marshall Templeman, Haleigh Wall, Ellah Warrick, Audrey Weber-Lawrence, Gunner Woods, Brody Wright, Gabriel Youngblood, Hunter Zachary, Joseph Zuk.

7th  
Laine Barnett, Audrey Cain, Cheyanna Cox, Aryonna Glasson, Lilly Graham, Tyler Granson, Hunter Haworth, Peyton Hernandez, Donavon Johnson, Samson Jones, Cayden Keller, Brooke

Kunz, Connor Laws, Jonathan Montgomery, Emma O'Donnell, Viva Patel, Gracie Ratcliff, Claire Sennett, Talyn Sheldon, Lucy Smith, Taytum Snyder, Ava Stephens, Tyler Thompson, Lindsey Young.

8th  
Justin Ambriz Tapia, Madison Angel, Reece Anglin, Colten Arnold, Jeremy Baity, Erick Bautista Cordoba, Alexis Bennett, Keaton Brown, Hunter Cowan, Meadow Douglas, Dane Elliott, Alannis Garcia, Styles Godwin, Elijah Granson, Claire Grimes, Laine Hayes, Tyler Hinton, Ashlynn Koons, Brenley Lauderbaugh, Emma Leonhardt, Reece Lowe-Harwood, Kale Mitchell, Jazmen Newlin, Nicole Rhude, Allie Rutan, Vanessa Schultz, Taelyn Stephens, Grace Stone, Keegan Tyler, Annabelle Verduin, Jackson Warren, Blake Welch, Chase Welshimer, Nathan Woosley, Jordan Young.

## U.S. Postal Service Has Delivered More Than 270 Million COVID-19 Test Kits To American Households

The United States Postal Service announced that it has delivered more than 270 million COVID-19 test kits to American households as part of President Biden's plan to distribute free at-home tests to Americans for free. The Postal Service reported over 68 million test kit packages (with four tests per kit) have been shipped to American households across all states, Tribes and territories; each package contains four individual test kits. On average, it takes just 1.2 days for the Postal Service to deliver a test kit package once it has been received from the manufacturer, kitted and entered into the mailstream. On Tuesday, Feb. 22, the Postal Service delivered over 6 million COVID-19 test kit packages — the highest single day volume delivered since shipping began at the end of January.

"There are few assignments the Postal Service has received that better exemplify our public service mission than the request of the Biden Administration to deliver America's COVID-19 test kits," said Postmas-

ter General and Chief Executive Officer Louis DeJoy. "It is a major point of pride throughout our organization to have met our own performance expectations and those of the public. We are grateful for the strong collaboration of our partners across the federal government, including the White House, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense. Thank you to our Postal Service employees, our union and management association partners for so effectively and efficiently delivering such strong performance across the board."

COVID-19 Test Kit Delivery by the Numbers:

- Over 270 million - tests packaged and shipped to American households across the country.
- Over 68 million - packages delivered to households across all states, Tribes and territories to date.
- 1.2 average days to delivery
- Over 6 million - number of test kit packages delivered by the U.S. Postal Service on Tuesday, Feb. 22, the highest

single day volume since delivery began end of January.

• Over 68 million orders for free rapid at-home COVID-19 test kits have been placed through the Biden Administration's covidtests.gov, an easy-to-use consumer website established and managed by USPS in partnership with the United States Digital Service, since the website was launched on Dec. 21, 2021.

The Postal Service immediately pivoted from a successful 2021 peak holiday season to focus on the delivery of America's COVID-19 test kits. Quick negotiations with the postal unions enabled the retention of many of the seasonal staff who were reassigned from their holiday roles, and new annex facilities acquired in the year prior were rapidly reconfigured to ensure workspace and storage capacity could handle the immediate influx of millions of test kits daily.

Strong interagency collaboration between the Postal Service, White House, Department of Health and Human Services and Department of

Defense has been a key factor in the success of this mission. Coordinated efforts included test kit inventory flow management from manufacturers to USPS Surface Transportation Centers, and then onto 48 Postal processing facilities to pack, label and ship.

Test kit orders in the continental U.S. are sent through First Class Package Service, and by Priority Mail to Alaska, Hawaii, and the U.S. Territories and APO/FPO/DPO addresses.

Once an order is placed on the covidtests.gov website, the requestor receives an order confirmation email and additional status updates as the package is shipped. Requestors can track their package online and receive status updates via the Informed Delivery notification feature.

Order your free at-home COVID-19 test kit at covidtests.gov or by calling 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

## DWD Leading Project In Indiana To Upskill Essential Workers

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD), in partnership with the Indiana Restaurant & Lodging Association, is seeking input from essential workers and employers about worker skillsets and training opportunities.

As part of its ongoing efforts to support the skill advancement of Hoosiers, DWD is launching a Technical Assistance opportunity led by the National Skills Coalition in Washington, D.C.

The year-long project is focused on helping states think creatively about what types of administrative or other policy changes can help support the upskilling and equitable service to more essential workers, particularly those working in frontline jobs for small businesses.

Here's a brief list of the areas to be reviewed, in collaboration with Hoosier businesses, to advance our efforts in Indiana:

- Definition of an essential worker. What does this mean to Indiana?
- Technical Assistance, leading to the development of a business-friendly Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Incumbent Worker Training Policy
- Technical Assistance, leading to the development of a business friendly WIOA Layoff Aversion Policy
- Review of current workforce policies to ensure we haven't unintentionally prohibited support for these targeted workers
- How do we assess the overall impact of addressing the upskilling needs of Essential Workers early to prevent high rates of unemployment and supportive services later?

DWD will facilitate two virtual focus groups lasting one hour each through Zoom, one with employers and another with employees. Focus group

participants will receive a \$50 gift card as a thank you. Answers will not be discussed with employers or employees, participant names will not be used in any reports, and we will not ask for any sensitive information. Focus groups will be conducted at 7 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on March 9th and 10th.

Participants must be at least 24 years old and must be able to use an internet-capable device to access a Zoom meeting. Sign up at this link: <http://s.alcherm.com/s3/Indiana-Form>

About the Indiana Department of Workforce Development

DWD serves the worker and the employer to ensure workplace success. DWD is committed to innovating and invigorating Indiana's economic future by providing WorkOne Career Centers, Unemployment Insurance, Labor Market Information, Regional

Workforce Strategies and Professional Training. Through these services, DWD is able to develop a premier workforce that enables Indiana employers to flourish and entices businesses from outside our state to relocate to Indiana.

About the Indiana Restaurant and Lodging Association

The Indiana Restaurant & Lodging Association represents hotel and restaurant properties as well as industry-related service companies across the state. It is these members that help make the hospitality industry, the nation's largest private sector employer, and one of the state's most politically active and public service-oriented industries. Our members are the cornerstone of the Indiana community and the backbone of our state's economy. Visit [www.inrla.org](http://www.inrla.org) for more information.



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# Springtime Memories of Bygone Hoosier State Tournaments

It's that great time of the year in Indiana, when springtime is near and the boys basketball high school state tournament is under way.

The Sagamore Conference enjoyed a competitive season, with four schools within one game of each other at the top of the league. Southmont and Lebanon shared the title at 6-1, holding off Crawfordsville (5-2) and Danville (5-2).

Thanks to a suggestion from the head man at The Paper and The Times, Tim Timmons, let's take a look back at the founding of the Sagamore Conference and some of the best players to have competed for a championship.

Future IHSAA commissioner Ward Brown and Robert Barton represented Crawfordsville when the first organizational meeting for the Sagamore Conference was held in Lebanon on Oct. 11, 1966.

The other original members were Brownsburg, Carmel, Frankfort, Lebanon and Noblesville.

Carmel would depart following the 1973-74 school year for football reasons. Before the state tournament included every school, a cluster system determined which schools got in and which ones were left out.

Before the Greyhounds left, they fielded two of the best scorers in Indiana high school history: the Shepherd brothers, Billy Jr. and Dave. Both are in the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

Billy Shepherd scored 2,465 points in four varsity seasons. Averaging 32 points a game as a junior and senior, Shepherd was selected Indiana Mr. Basketball in



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

1968. He and his father were the first parent-son combination selected for the Indiana all-Stars. Billy Jr. went on to become Butler's career scoring leader with more than 1700 points.

Two years later, Dave Shepherd nearly matched his brother's scoring feats with 2,226 points in three varsity seasons. He played most of his collegiate career at Mississippi after averaging 26 points a game as a freshman at Indiana.

Crawfordsville, the birthplace of basketball in Indiana, not surprisingly has had its share of prolific scorers as well.

Matt Petty was a four-year starter, averaging 27.1 points as a senior and leaving with the scoring record of 1,608 points. Petty was a consistent scorer as well, surpassing 30 or more points in a game for a school record 13 times. After making the Indiana All-Star team in 1989, Petty went on to play at Creighton.

Some may remember Matt McCarty's accomplishments on the baseball diamond but not even Petty came close to his school record scoring average of 31.3 points a game in 1993-94. McCarty averaged 21 points a

game for his career and left with 1,410 points.

His finest game may have been against Frankfort in February 1994 when he set the school and gymnasium single-game scoring record with 57 points.

North Montgomery replaced Carmel starting with the 1975-76 school year. The Chargers have had many outstanding players over the years but residing at the top of the scoring list is Indiana All-Star D.J. Byrd.

Byrd scored 1,785 points while helping North Montgomery win three sectional championships in 2006, 2007 and 2009.

One of, if not the best, athletes in Chargers history is B.J. Schlicher. The 1996 graduate put up 1,326 career points in arguably his third-best sport. Schlicher played two seasons of professional baseball before a record-setting career quarterbacking the University of Indianapolis.

The birth of the Sagamore Conference missed the presence of the legendary Rick Mount by two years but Lebanon has had two Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame members and three other Indiana All-Stars during its membership.

Before helping Purdue reach its most recent NCAA Final Four in 1980, Brian Walker was a prolific scorer for Jim Rosenstihl. Walker's 44 points in the sectional final as a senior remains a school record, and the Tigers won four consecutive regional championships with Walker in the backcourt.

Lebanon's offense didn't drop off with Walker off to college as Jim Fisher began his

Hall of Fame career. By the time he graduated in 1978, Fisher had put up 1,317 points thanks to a career scoring average of 22.6 points. Fisher was a three-time All-Sagamore Conference selection.

While Sagamore Conference fans didn't get to see Rick Mount, son Rich averaged 27.3 points as a senior in 1988-89 and ranked ninth in state history at the time with 2,139 points.

Steve Walker, the elder brother of Brian, averaged a double-double (22.5 points, 10.4 rebounds) as a senior in 1974-75. Steve Walker also played for the Purdue Final Four team after beginning his collegiate career at North Carolina State.

Frankfort has had its share of outstanding scorers during the past 45 years. Two of them would go on to play their college ball in state.

Brandon Crone was a four-year starter for the Hot Dogs and led the team in scoring for three seasons. His 1,412 career points are among the top 10 in Frankfort history. He averaged 20.3 points as a senior in 2002-03 to earn a spot on the Indiana All-Star team. Crone went on to help Butler reach the NCAA Sweet 16 in 2007.

Travis Best helped the Hot Dogs win the sectional championship in 1997, averaging 18.8 points and 9.0 rebounds a game. Best scored 1,463 points, which ranks among the top five in school history. His teams went 79-19 over four seasons with four sectional titles and four Sagamore Conference championships. After a stint with the Indiana All-Stars, Best played

two seasons at Louisville before transferring home to Purdue.

Gary Goode also was an Indiana All-Star whose 27.2 scoring average as a senior in 1984-85 set a school record and helped Frankfort reach the Lafayette Semistate. He graduated as the school's career scoring leader with 1,511 points and still ranks third more than 35 years after his final game.

Andy Foster set the school scoring record with 1,612 points. After graduating in 1997, Foster continued his prolific scoring at the University of Indianapolis where he put up 1,778 points.

Western Boone replaced Noblesville, which departed in 1979 for similar reasons to their neighbors in Carmel.

Brownsburg withdrew in 1985 to be replaced by Southmont. The Bulldogs reached the 1981 Lafayette Semistate behind future Purdue forward Mark Atkinson. That season, Atkinson averaged 19 points and 13 rebounds per game.

Kyle Shirk excelled for Southmont during the 1991-92 season, averaging 28.4 points and 13.5 rebounds a game. The 597 points he scored as a senior and his career total of 1,092 were school records when Shirk graduated.

That career mark was eclipsed six years later by Travis Bowen, who graduated with 1,375 points.

Cam Chadd is the most recent outstanding scorer for the Mounties, graduating in 2019 with a school record 1,470 points.

Danville and Tri-West completed the current Sagamore Conference lineup in 1998.

Future Purdue big man Travis Carroll was an Indiana All-Star in 2010 after averaging 19.6 points and 12 rebounds for Danville.

Dillon Ware guided Danville to a perfect Sagamore Conference season in 2020 thanks to an all-around game. In addition to averaging 17.5 points a game, Ware also put up 6.7 rebounds and 5.3 assists.

Tri-West's undefeated Sagamore Conference championship team in 2018 was led by guard Tyler Watson's 26.6 points per game.

Noteworthy Purdue sophomore guard Jaden Ivey is one of five finalists for the Jerry West Award, given to the nation's top shooting guard.

No program has ever produced two Jerry West Award winners, but Ivey could make Purdue the first while following in the footsteps of 2018 winner Carsen Edwards.

The other finalists are Benedict Mathurin of Arizona, Ochai Agbaji of Kansas, Johnny Juzang of UCLA and Johnny Davis of Wisconsin. ...

ESPN NFL draft expert Mel Kiper Jr.'s latest mock draft has former Purdue defensive end George Karlaftis heading to Dallas with the 24th overall pick.

"Karlaftis didn't have eye-popping stats in 2021, but he is a good run defender who could get more sacks in the NFL than he had in college," Kiper wrote.

*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.*

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# Fuzzy's Vodka Calls For Suspension Of The Moscow Mule Cocktail Indefinitely

Fuzzy's Vodka is announcing the launch of the American Stallion following the call to immediately suspend the Moscow Mule cocktail. On the heels of the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, Fuzzy's believes that now more than ever, the need to support and empower democracy in all countries is critical. With this action-driven initiative that moved U.S. businesses to pull Russian vodka off the shelves, Fuzzy's is standing proud in supporting their democratic allies with the launch of the American Stallion, a patriotic cocktail made with Fuzzy's American Vodka, with proceeds benefiting the American Red Cross.

Fuzzy's is proudly made in the U.S. and was created by PGA golf legend Frank Urban "Fuzzy" Zoeller. Quickly becoming known as one of America's highest quality vodkas, Fuzzy's is an 80-proof vodka crafted from Midwestern-corn, distilled five times, and charcoal-filtered ten times. Adding to its distinct flavor profile, a portion of the distillate is rested in new American

oak barrels to complete their rare, and extremely unique, process. Fuzzy's Vodka is crisp, clean, certified gluten-free and supports a keto friendly diet.

For the creation of the American Stallion, Fuzzy's worked with award-winning marketing and advertising agency BNMR GLVZ to rebrand the Moscow Mule by calling for its suspension indefinitely with the creation and launch of the American Stallion. Further emphasizing the importance of sanctioning Russian vodka by replacing it with an American sourced, distilled, and bottled vodka, the American Stallion is made with Fuzzy's. In addition to the vodka, fresh lime juice, mint, and ginger beer create the refreshing taste of freedom.

"We saw the bars rushing to pour the Russian vodka out in the streets while off-site liquor retailers boxed it up and shipped it back to distributors. But we thought, what about the cultural favorites we have come to enjoy over the years? How do we cut ties with our go-to drink during

Happy Hour? We didn't think it was right that we continue to pay homage to the Moscow Mule. We needed to change it... for democracy's sake," commented Benjamin Linero, Managing Partner of BNMR GLVZ.

Fuzzy's Vodka launched in 2009 and was created by Frank Urban "Fuzzy" Zoeller. One of the great characters and competitors golf has ever known, his professional career produced ten PGA victories including two majors: the '84 US Open and '79 Masters.

"I've played golf all over the world and can tell you that there's no better place in the world than America. As American's we need to stand by and support democracy throughout the world," said Fuzzy Zoeller, Brand Owner.

For more information on Fuzzy's visit <https://fuzzyvodka.com/>.

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## Want THE RECIPE?

Fill a copper mug with crushed ice and add:  
 • 2 ounces Fuzzy's Vodka  
 • ½ ounce fresh lime juice  
 • Top with ginger beer  
 • Garnish with fresh mint and lime wedge

victories including the '84 US Open and '79 Masters. An award-winning vodka known for its smooth taste, Fuzzy's is made in the USA and bottled in Indiana – home of the famed golfer. Quickly becoming known as one of America's highest quality vodkas, Fuzzy's is an 80-proof vodka crafted from Midwestern corn, distilled five times, and charcoal-filtered ten times. Adding to its distinct flavor profile, a portion of the distillate is rested in new American oak barrels to complete their rare, and extremely unique, process. Fuzzy's is crisp, clean, certified gluten-free and supports a keto friendly diet. For more information on Fuzzy's visit <https://fuzzyvodka.com/>.

# A Column About Column A

I do a lot of dumb things. But I have no regrets, because these missteps often end up as an inspiration for one of my columns. I do not do dumb things on purpose. That would be, well,... dumb.

One of the dumbest things I ever did was about four years ago when Mary Ellen and I were planning a trip to Washington, DC to visit some of my old classmates from George Washington University. My wife usually makes the reservations, but I took on the responsibility. BIG mistake.

I checked online and compared different rates. I found a surprisingly inexpensive hotel right in Washington and booked it. I couldn't determine from their map how far the hotel was from the White House, which was the part of town we needed to be in...so I called.

"Hello. This is Richard Wolfsie and a few days ago I booked a room with you guys for September 4 through September 10. Can you give me some idea how far you are from the White House and how long it would take to walk that distance?"

There was a pause on the other end.

"Well, Sir, it's about 3,000 miles as the crow flies. If you are walking with the crows, you're looking at about three months."

What I had done was—yes, book a hotel in Washington. Just not DC. It was in the middle of Seattle.

Over the years, Mary Ellen has never let me forget this dumb mistake, but now she has topped me. This is especially gratifying because she never does dumb things, with maybe one exception 42 years ago.

Here's the story: The other night we decided to pick up Chinese food. Our favorite place had gone out of business so we were seeking a new option. Someone recommended Happy Dragon. Mary Ellen made the call and placed the order. The first odd thing was our ticket number: 8649735260, which I think is also the popula-



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Life in a Nutshell

tion of China.

After we ordered, I asked Mary Ellen for the address. Brett, my son, put it in his GPS to see how long it would take to get there.

"Do we need to leave now? I asked.

"I think we better, Dad. It's gonna take us about three and a half hours."

"Wow, that much traffic?"

With that, Mary Ellen let out a yelp. I had never heard my wife yelp. Not in 42 years.

"Oh, no! I ordered our food from a Happy Dragon in Ohio by mistake."

"I hope it was Canton, Ohio. I love Cantonese food."

"Very funny. No, it was Happy Dragon in Columbus, Ohio. Call them back and cancel."

I called and told him my name, and then I read him our order number.

"OK, you are Mr. fried rice, two eggrolls, wonton soup and main course is..."

"Yes, yes, that's me. Look we live in Indianapolis and..."

"Oh, that's a long drive; better leave now. Getting cold."

"I'm sorry, we made a mistake and will have to cancel. We didn't mean to order from Ohio."

"You don't like Cantonese food?"

"Too late, I already did that joke."

We reordered at the local Happy Dragon and enjoyed the dinner. That night we were a happy family, which was also our main course.

*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. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.*

# Legislative Action Puts Hoosier Kids At Risk

Statement from American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) Government Relations Director Bryan Hannon:

"The House of Representatives approved legislation that puts the health of Hoosier kids at greater risk.

"Lowering the tax rate on some e-cigarettes by 40% and approving a weight-based tax for the tobacco industry's newest and lightest products is a setback for public health.

"Tobacco taxes must apply to all tobacco products at an equivalent rate to encourage people to quit rather than switch to a cheaper product and to prevent youth from ever starting. Unfortunately, Senate Bill 382 fails to create this parity

and provides a lower tax rate for some e-cigarettes and oral tobacco products than the tax on cigarettes – a tax rate already among the lowest in the country.

"Big Tobacco has been working hard to addict future generations with e-cigarettes and other tobacco products and this legislation would make the tobacco industry's job a little easier in Indiana. We urge lawmakers to reverse course before sending this bill to the governor's desk."

About ACS CAN at 20 The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) makes cancer a top priority for policymakers at every level of government. ACS CAN empowers volunteers across

the country to make their voices heard to influence evidence-based public policy change that saves lives. We believe everyone should have a fair and just opportunity to prevent, find, treat, and survive cancer. Since 2001, as the American Cancer Society's nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate, ACS CAN has successfully advocated for billions of

dollars in cancer research funding, expanded access to quality affordable health care, and made workplaces, including restaurants and bars, smoke-free. As we mark our 20th anniversary, we're more determined than ever to stand together with our volunteers and save more lives from cancer. Join the fight by visiting [www.fightcancer.org](http://www.fightcancer.org).

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## FARMS From Page A1

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Submit nominations for the Arnold Award for Rural Preservation online at [www.indianalandmarks.org/john-arnold-award-rural-preservation](http://www.indianalandmarks.org/john-arnold-award-rural-preservation), or contact Tommy Kleckner

at Indiana Landmarks, 812-232-4534, [tkleckner@indianalandmarks.org](mailto:tkleckner@indianalandmarks.org). Deadline for nominations is May 13, 2022.

Indiana Landmarks revitalizes communities, reconnects us to our heritage, and saves meaningful places. With nine offices located throughout the state, Indiana Landmarks helps people rescue endangered landmarks and restore historic neighborhoods and downtowns. People who join Indiana Landmarks receive its bimonthly magazine, Indiana Preservation. For more information on the not-for-profit organization, call 317-639-4534,

800-450-4534, or visit [www.indianalandmarks.org](http://www.indianalandmarks.org).

Indiana Farm Bureau: For more than 100 years, Indiana Farm Bureau (INFB) has promoted agriculture in Indiana through public education, member engagement, and by advocating for agricultural and rural needs. As the state's largest general farm organization, INFB works diligently to ensure a farmer's right to farm—protecting the livelihood, land, equipment, animals and crops of Hoosier farmers—because agriculture is vital to Indiana's economy. Learn more at [INFB.org](http://INFB.org).

## PURDUE From Page A1

4-H projects. I spent much of my childhood gardening, playing sports with my four older siblings, and milking cows on my uncle's nearby dairy farm.

I graduated from Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in Agronomy and minored in Farm Management. At Purdue I was heavily involved in the Purdue Reamer Club, the caretakers of Purdue's official mascot, the Boilermaker Special.

After graduation, I worked for Weaver Popcorn Hybrids in New Richmond, IN where I became pleasantly acquainted with Montgom-

ery County. At Weaver I worked as a Research Assistant to the breeding program working to improve the quality of yield trials and the data collected for the success of future popcorn hybrids. I gained experience in commercial hybrid development from hand crosses all the way through seed production and seed sales. I also carry experience from internships at North Central Coop, DOW, and as an Agronomy Research Assistant at Purdue.

I spend much of my spare time traveling to visit family members as much as possible, and being die-hard Purdue

fans with my husband. I am excited to be working back in Montgomery County and honored to now work for the community and Purdue Extension. I have great interest in the future of agriculture and am excited to get to share my passion for agriculture and agronomy knowledge with the community.

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## BUTCH From Page A1

Bert Dale, were always present to keep a watch on their tribe at these gatherings.

Now keep in mind that many families gather together on holidays and special occasions. But the Dale family didn't need a holiday or excuse to have a "get-together," and we did this hundreds of times when I was a youngster. All of my aunts and uncles and cousins, except for Bernard's family, lived in the Darlington area. Many Montgomery County families in those days were close, both geographically and emotionally. Families looked out for each other and helped each other. If something went wrong, you could count on your family...not the government or welfare or some private agency...like what happens today in too many instances. My

Dad, and Uncle Lloyd and Uncle Ab, along with Grandpa Dale, all farmed within a few miles of each other. They not only helped each other during harvest, but also on many other occasions. They loaned their equipment as needed and worked as a group all year round. All of my cousins on the farms worked and helped out, especially during harvest, baling hay, and taking care of livestock.

In the summers, the Dale family cookout was a common occurrence. Each family had a brick fireplace and a picnic table in their yard. The women were all outstanding cooks and made everything from scratch. While the men grilled the hamburgers and hot dogs, discussed farming and politics, and told jokes...yes, a few which I cannot repeat...



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

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

homemade ice cream in the taste department!

All of my cousins and I played sports and tag or hide and seek, rode go-carts and motor scooters, or caught up on the latest gossip. In the winter, we played in the snow or

passed down their clothes to cousins, and I can recall receiving still good "hand-me-downs" from Dick and Donnie and Kendall. I appreciated that. They were family.

Today it is much different for many families.

Unfortunately many children, after graduation from high school or college, or after marriage...leave home and move to another state. Some families have not had a get-together or family reunion in many years. Although they communicate by phone, text, or E-mail, it is not the same. The Dale family is no different. My grandparents and parents are deceased, as are all of my aunts and uncles but one. Three of my cousins are also deceased, and only six of the nineteen remaining Dale grandchildren still live in the Darlington area. Libby's daughter had a family get-together for the entire Dale family a few years ago. Lots of family members showed up, and it was like old times.

But even though we don't have those

old-fashioned "get-togethers" any more, I will always treasure those wonderful days in the 1950s and 60s when we worked together, celebrated together, had fun together, and just "got together" for the heck of it. Maybe our country would be better off if families did that more often today. Through adversity, roadblocks, and differences in opinion... family togetherness is an important family value. My aunt Barkie, who is 93 and still lives here in Darlington, still brings me a dish of her homemade ice cream now and then...Now that's what I call family dedication!

*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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