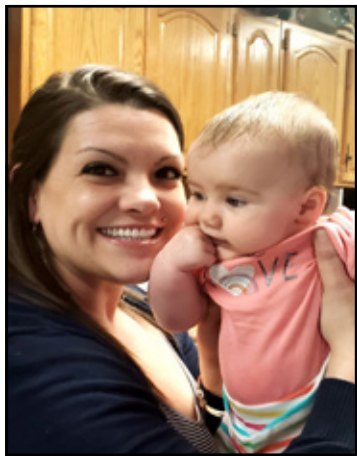


➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Proverbs 3: 5-6 *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.*

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY  
People who call our community their own.



Angela Hamphton smiles brightly while holding baby Miranda on a beautiful Thursday afternoon. Thank you for your smiles!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

**1** Meet the Trapp family and congratulate them for making it into the Guinness Book of World Records. Scott and Krissy Trapp, their two daughters, Savanna and Molly and their son, Adam, of Esko, MN have been officially declared the world's tallest family, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Collectively, the family has an average height a tad more than six-feet, eight-inches. Mom measures 6 feet, 3 inches. Dad is 6' 8" tall, 27-year-old. Daughter Savanna is also 6' 8" in height and her sister, 24-year-old Molly, grew up to be 6' 6" tall. But their brother, 22-year-old Adam, is the tallest member of the world's tallest family at a whopping 7' 3" in height.

**2** Does your child have a curious stuffed animal friend who loves adventures, new experiences, and making new friends? If so, make plans to send it to Teddy Bear Camp, May 8-14. Run by the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA), this second-annual "camp" is for stuffed animals belonging to kids ages 5-12 who live in Marion, Hamilton, Hancock, Shelby, Johnson, Morgan, Hendricks, or Boone counties.

**3** On Friday, Aug. 19, 2022 at 7 p.m., Gov't Mule will perform live in concert at MacAllister Amphitheater at Garfield Park in Indianapolis. A staple act at music festivals across North America, Gov't Mule is back on the road in 2022 in support of their latest album "Heavy Load Blues." Tickets go on sale Friday, April 29 at 10 a.m. and will be available at <https://fanlink.to/govt-mule-22> as well as the HI-FI Box Office in Fountain Square (1043 Virginia Ave). Pricing options include \$20 - \$75. This is an all-ages show.

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## HHSB Named Among the Top Extraordinary Banks in the Nation

Hoosier Heartland State Bank was just named among the top extraordinary banks in the United States by The Institute for Extraordinary Banking.

HHSB was recognized with the Institute's BanksGiving Bank Award for Extraordinary Philanthropy, taking home top honors in their size category and overall. The BanksGiving Bank Award recognizes their commitment to the strategic direction of their communities and to making profound impacts within the communities they serve.

"Our mission at HHSB is to redefine what it means to be a community bank, and we do that by giving back 10% of our annual net income, along with our time and talents," said Brad Monts, President & CEO of HHSB. "Since adopting this mission, we have donated \$1.2 million to the communities we serve."

HHSB's philanthropy includes their popular birthday donations, where employee-owners donate \$200 to a

local non-profit of their choice, and their annual Shared Values Awards, in which they give back \$34,000 to 12 different local organizations. They participate in countless service projects benefiting those in need, such as packing food for Kids Against Hunger and distributing food at mobile food pantries, and offer free events such as shred days, blood drives and financial education classes. Additionally, they sponsor Banzai, a financial literacy program, to bring education to local schools and non-profits free of charge.

HHSB was also recognized with the Institute's Bank Award for their commitment to strong community banking. This recognition is given to top community banks across the country to help people find the best banks in their communities.

The Extraordinary Banking Awards highlight the vital yet often overlooked role that local community banks play in our

➔ See HHSB Page A6

## For May 3rd Primary, Ivoterguide Provides Voters Precise and Well-Researched Facts on Candidates

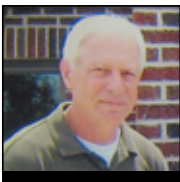
State primaries and local races around the nation are especially significant this election year, and iVoterGuide.com is helping to ensure that voters everywhere are informed before they head to the polls.

"Regardless of how they cast their votes, Americans want accurate, well-researched information and trusted guidance in

order to remove all uncertainty from the most important part of voting—making the right choice," said iVoterGuide.com President Debbie Wuthnow. "The largest threat to our republic is the indifference many Americans exhibit by not participating in the elections,

➔ See FACTS Page A6

## Butch Married Into a Family 'Crazy' for Horses and Pigs



BUTCH DALE  
columnist

When I was growing up, we had several types of animals on the farm... pigs, beef cows, milk cows, sheep, chickens, ducks, rabbits...and of course the stray barn cats and

our lovable pet dog, "Trooper." Since I never showed animals in 4-H, I had no real affection for the farm livestock, as my main chores involved feeding and cleaning out the barns, tedious duties which took time away from my favorite activities...basketball and baseball. However, I watched many

➔ See BUTCH Page A6

## Boots: Improving Local Roads and Broadband Access



PHIL BOOTS  
State Senator

### Improving Local Roads

Roads and bridges across our community will be getting a number of upgrades thanks to the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program (CCMG). In Senate District 23, we will see more than \$5.4 million go toward infrastructure projects.

Since being established by the Indiana General Assembly in 2016, the program has awarded more than \$1 billion in state matching funds for local construction projects.

The following communities were included in this round of funding:

- Advance received \$98,377.50;

➔ See BOOTS Page A6

## VFW Post Makes a Popping Donation to Wabash College

The Brian Bowman VFW Post presented Wabash College and its food service partner, Bon Appetit Management Company, a state-of-the-art commercial popcorn machine from Gold Medal Products on Thursday, April 21.

VFW Spokesperson Jason Black said, "We are extremely grateful for the numerous organizations and local businesses that support the veterans and members of our organization and its mission. Wabash College and Bon Appetit have been some of our biggest supporters, while ensuring we have been able to serve amazing food for many of our events."

Under the leadership of Mary Jo Johnston, Chef Jason

➔ See VFW Page A6

## The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset  
RISE: 6:53 a.m.  
SET: 8:37 p.m.

High/Low  
Temperatures  
High: 55 °F  
Low: 38 °F

### Wacky Holiday Today

- Alien Day
- Audubon Day
- National Pretzel Day

### What Happened On This Day

- 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster occurs
- 1989 Deadliest tornado in history kills 1300
- 1994 Germany Outlaws Holocaust denial

### Births On This Day

- 121 Marcus Aurelius Roman Emperor
- 1822 Frederick Law Olmsted American journalist, co-designed Central Park

### Deaths On This Day

- 1920 Srinivasa Ramanujan Indian mathematician
- 1989 Lucille Ball American actress

## I Suspect Fowl Play



JOHN O. MARLOWE  
The Good Sport

Let's get the bad news out of the way, right off the top: Ed is dead.

I am devastated. Ed came into my life unexpectedly, last Thanks-

giving. The fact that he showed up at my house when he did was astonishing, so much so that I devoted my entire column to his unconventional and dramatic entrance. (With the Grain, November 30, 2021) Even more remarkably, once

➔ See MARLOWE Page A6

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

*I ran into a pothole that was so deep when I called for help I heard my own echo.*



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

*It's important for women to know if there is breast cancer on their father's side of the family as well as their mother's.*

*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](http://www.thepaper24-7.com).*



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Want To Go?

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➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Honest criticism is hard to take, particularly from a relative, a friend, an acquaintance, or a stranger."  
- Franklin P. Jones

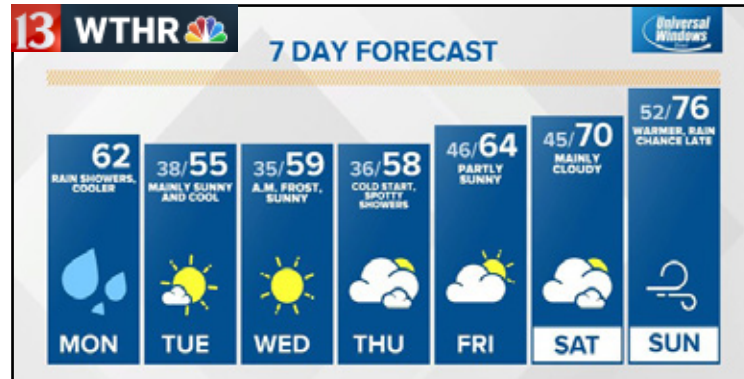
➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Never trust a tree.  
They're a little shady.

➔ OBITUARIES

None

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## Elston Memorial Home Now Available for Tours

The Elston Memorial Home at 400 East Wabash Ave. in Crawfordsville, owned and operated by the Dorothy Q. chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), is now available for scheduled tours.

These tours are available by appointment only. Tours are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students, with payment in cash only. The tours are for inside, on the ground floor only; there is an optional external architectural tour.

Those interested in scheduling a tour can do so through the Montgomery County Historical Society website, the

link for which is [www.lane-mchs.org/dorothy-q-chapter-of-nsdar](http://www.lane-mchs.org/dorothy-q-chapter-of-nsdar). Alternatively, tours can also be scheduled through the Montgomery County Visitor's Bureau website at [www.visitmoco.com/attractions/historic-chapter-house-the-elston-memorial-home/](http://www.visitmoco.com/attractions/historic-chapter-house-the-elston-memorial-home/). The Elston Memorial Home is not ADA accessible.

The Dorothy Q Chapter, NSDAR, purchased this home in 1926 from the Elston family who originally built it in 1882. Col. Isaac C. Elston, Jr. (1836-1925), returned to Crawfordsville in 1867 to take over the Elston bank from his recently deceased father, Major Isaac C.

Elston (1794-1867). The Colonel and his wife, Sarah Mills Elston wished for a more up to date home. They had 6 children, 5 girls and 1 boy. The Colonel had been looking for an organization to take over his home who would look after it and use it for a good purpose. He accepted the Dorothy Q offer, and upon his passing, his son, I. C. Elston, III., 'Ike' (1873-1964), followed through on the sale. The Dorothy Q Chapter formed The Elston Memorial Home Foundation which holds the title.

The home is located next door to historic Lane Place, the home of Sen-

ator Henry and Johanna Lane.

It shares a driveway accessed from Pike Street, across from the City Building.

In 2023, the Chapter will be 125 years old, but the chapter house turned 140 years old this year. Many of the furnishings are original to the Elston Family, and the house is significant for its historic association with a family prominent in the development of Crawfordsville. The house is architecturally significant as a superb example of the eastern stick style, and for the excellence of its craftsmanship, detailing, and high degree of integrity.

## Licensed to Death



**SLIM RANGLES**  
Home Country

"Well that about tears it!" said Steve, twitching his walrus moustache. "How do they expect a guy to get by when they tell him what to do and to send money and re-up every dang thing in your billfold. It ain't right!"

We hadn't seen our favorite cowboy so worked up over something since the boss made him shoe the neighbor lady's mule. He still limps now and then when the weather turns cold.

Steve had been sipping coffee and slitting envelopes as he combined caffeine and mail. As usual.

"Are you going to ask him?" said Doc, turning to Herb.

"You're closer to him than I am, Doc. I might have to raise my voice. Weakens a guy."

Doc grinned. "Okay, Steve, what's the problem?"

"Licenses. Every dang time you turn around some

guy behind a counter tells you you have to buy a license. Runs a guy straight into the poorhouse. It does.

"Why, you have to have a license for your pickup, and for your dog, and I'll bet if a guy got married, he'd need a license for that, too."

"You got that right," said Dud.

"Them HAM radio guys gotta have a license, too," Steve said. "Once you buy a license, they give you all them numbers and letters, so your buddies in Thailand know it's you. I'm tired of it. We need a simpler way to live."

"Okay, Steve," Doc said, "What do you suggest we do?"

Steve grinned. "Everybody get a horse. You don't need a license for the horse. You can get on him and ride him everywhere you go. Works out just fine, in my thinking."

Doc smiled. "I have to go to a conference in Boston, Steve. Any suggestions?"

"Well, Doc," Steve said. "I believe if I were you, I'd saddle up and leave now."

*- Brought to you by the horses and other animals from their forever home at Masleña Rescue. Help feed one or two at [www.maslenarf.org](http://www.maslenarf.org).*

## New Market Elementary Honor Rolls

**Kindergarten Character Counts (Caring):** Hadley Cornelius, Isabelle Cregger, Zoey Jones

**1st Grade Character Counts (Caring):** Kynlee Cleary, Audri Cohee, Beckett Jones

**High Honor Roll:** Tyberius Anglin, Levi Badillo, Syllis Barnett, Alden Bray, Peyton Doss, Hudson McCandless, Audrey Porter, Charlotte Stull Roran Alesi, Audri Cohee, Lucille Fishero, Karleigh Johnson, Henry Jones, Elyse Langevin, Mallory Morphew-High, Nora Stetler, Oliver Vice, Derrick Ward, Eli Brown, Sawyer Cohee, Sutton Cohee, Oliver Cook, Avelyn Gleason, Stella Hughes, Beckett Jones, Addie Lindsay, Henley Surface, Gage Van Dorn

**A/B Honor Roll:** Cale Cunningham, Maxine Hartman, Reyna Hernandez, Liam Howard, Carley Meseraull, Amariah Pyle, Conner Sexton, Kaison Steiner, Zane Turner, Isla Beach, Klohe Campbell, Briley Malone, Calvin McCandless, Creed Newkirk, Ellie Poole, Josh Rosenbaum, Nolan Rothrock, Jackson Surber, Paislie Barnes, Vera Carrell, Ace Charles, Lux Highland, Lakevies Powell, Colton Watson

**2nd Grade Character Counts (Caring):** Riley Thompson, Coree Perez, Bella Leonard

**High Honor Roll:** Branch Blakley, Brogan Blakley, Noah Carr, Marlaina Halstead, Elizabeth Parker, Mackenzie Bullock, Baine Franklin, McCoy Gomez, Autumn Hunt, Stella Livingston, Coree Perez, Holly Priddy Quinn Badertscher, Dot Cotten, Cayson Hester, Hunter King, Toby Lacy, Maribelle Marine, Avalyn Simpson, Evy Stephens, Libby Stull

**A/B Honor Roll:** Addasyn Barnes, Gwen Norman, Jackson Parrish, Clayton Ray, Isaiah Smith, Riley Thompson, Eli Van Dorn, Klaeton Caudill, Alexis Howard, Alex Langevin, Julien Ogle, Adelle Shannon, Koltan Collins, McLaren Mason, Dylan Simpson

**3rd Grade Character Counts (Caring):** Rachel Reimondo, Elouise McGaughey, Aiyanna Haslam

**High Honor Roll:** Hilary McCandless, August Ashment, Mila Barsotti, Ryan Gilliland, Jolene Kappel, Anna Lindsey, Elouise McGaughey and Sully Roark, Kaitlyn Burkhardt, Aaleeah Carrell, Adalyn Caswell, Karys Charles, Ruger Foster, Zayden Gross, Karter

**Maddock, Hope Smith A/B Honor Roll:** River Eller, Thomas Fishero, Oviene Fowler, Adalyn Hood, Colby Kessler, Presley Lesko, Charlie Moore, Rachel Reimondo, Harrison Simmons, Wyatt Wilkinson, Abigail Badillo, William Boots, Jett Cummins, Tori Frazier, Joslynn Gray, Kinzie Price, Remy Stetler, Tregan Sutton, and Addilynn Wood, Hunter Bonebrake, Phoebe Buckler, Kellan Dittmer, Ryder Fruits, Aiyanna Haslam, Raylan Hester, Jason Lairson, Lainey Sheldon

**4th Grade Character Counts (Caring):** Andrea Allen, Jane Jones, Ailise Bradshaw

**High Honor Roll:** Grant Albertson, Marilyn Prado, McKinzie Stoner, Abigail Thomas, Eli Endicott, Bolten Hagenow, Luke Light, Carter Harshbarger, Ryder Kessler, Taylor Sering, Kenzie Turner

**A/B Honor Roll:** Brolin Burris, Maddox Clark, Molly Cregger, Maci Epps, River Goodin, Izaiah Hunter, Emily Needham, Sequoya Roark, Ayden Thomas, Alexa Whitlow, Addison Anglin, Arabella Jackson, Carter Kessler, Emery Light, Tracy Long, Charles Maddock, Oliver Pattengale, Keiarra

**Archer, Hudson Beach, Ailise Bradshaw, Abigail Brown, Harper Cornelius, Cole Fullenwider, Lea Gregg, Lorelei Hoskins, Kailyn Howard, Ryder Newkirk, Jagger Rector, David Rhodes, Judah Smith, Shawn Smoot, Gunnar Williams**

**5th Grade Character Counts (Caring):** Emma Plemons, Tyler Carrell, Gunner Johnson

**High Honor Roll:** Andrew Badertscher, Elijah Badillo, Hayleigh Boots, Chance Brock, Jamie Buckler, Kasen Bushong, Cassidy Dittmer, Hailey Douglas, Eli Hannum, Kirra Hopkins, Eliana Korhorn, Kai Lewin, Silas Lewis, Emily Mohan, Emma Plemons, Lanie Ramsey, Caydence Ray, Kember Redman, Emily Simpson, Skyler Strickland, Jimmy Stumph, Jaron Swick, Danika Ward, Gabriel Becerril, Briellah Halstead

**A/B Honor Roll:** Dwayne Catuby, Easton Phipps, Clay Sering, Bentley Chapman, Hunter Chieppo, Ryan Ebert, Ryannah Faulk, Avery Langevin, Brayden Parker, Emma Stephens, Brody Tolliver, Cheyenne Bachmann, Reese Bullock, Gabby Church, Colton Kendricks, Paxton Moore, Austin Parrish, Gabe Schindler

### Letters

## Reader is Touched by Butch's Column

Dear Editor,

Upon reading Butch Dale's touching column about the passing of family pet Eiko I was reminded of the following penned by author Suzanne Clothier:

"There is a cycle of love and death that shapes the lives of those who choose to travel in the company of animals. It is a cycle unlike any other. To those who have never lived through its turnings or walked its rocky path, our willingness to give our hearts with full knowledge that they will be broken

seems incomprehensible. Only we know how small a price we pay for what we receive; our grief, no matter how powerful it may be, is an insufficient measure of the joy we have been given."

I hope the Dale family will take comfort in knowing they gave Eiko a good home and years of love. It has been said Heaven is where we are reunited with pets we have loved and lost. Have faith that Eiko will be waiting for you.

Jack Hess  
Fishers

## Master Gardeners Club to Host Spring Plant Sale on May 7th

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In addition, the 4-H exhibit hall will be set up with demonstration booths, a kid's activity corner, a plant exchange table (bring one-take one); Door

prizes/drawings, and the Master Gardeners will be on hand to help you with your gardening questions.

Community Growers of Montgomery County, Beekopers of Montgomery County, Friends of Sugar Creek and Crawfordsville District Public Library Resource Department will be in attendance with information about their organizations.

Taking care of your food and drink needs will be Fat Bottom Donuts food truck. This is a great way to start the Mother's Day weekend and the Master Gardeners Club looks forward to seeing you there.

### Meeting Notes

#### Montgomery County Plan Commission

Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday April 27th, 2022 at 4 p.m.

Montgomery County Government Center Community Room  
1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN

47933

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of March 2022 meeting minutes
3. New Business:
  - a. MP2201 – Public Hearing – Minor Subdivision Plat, Rick Ewoldt Property.
  - b. DPR2022-1 – Banjo Corporation
4. Other Business:
5. Adjournment

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11-2 & 5-10



# NCHS Grant Helps Ivy Tech Lafayette Expand Nursing Program and Accept More Students



North Central Health Services (NCHS) has announced a \$2 million Community Benefit Partnership grant to Ivy Tech Community College Lafayette for the expansion of the nursing program. The grant was made public at an announcement made on April 25 on the Ivy Tech Lafayette campus.

“Ivy Tech has a significant impact on our region’s healthcare workforce. Most of their graduates stay and work in this area,” said Stephanie Long, Chief Executive Officer of NCHS. “Ivy Tech is perfectly positioned to respond to the growing shortage of registered nurses.”

The grant will help Ivy Tech accept and graduate more nursing students from the program, impacting the growing need for nurses at area hospitals and healthcare facilities. One of Ivy Tech’s challenges

is the limitations placed on the number of students that can be accepted into the nursing program by accreditation requirements and space on campus.

“We have good facilities and faculty here,” said Dr. Sandy Fights, Dean of the School of Nursing. “But we are at capacity for the number of students that we can accept in the associate science of nursing (ASN) program. The grant will allow us to move forward to increase that capacity.”

The grant funds will be used to construct a second, dedicated nursing simulation lab on the campus. The new simulation lab will be equipped with the same state-of-the-art technologies and human patient simulators as the current multi-use lab. In a simulation lab, nursing instructors program a patient simulator for a variety of health conditions and emergencies. Students

practice clinical judgement in a safe environment. The use of simulations in nursing schools allows students to gain experience in situations that are unavailable in clinical settings, allowing students to make clinical decisions and see the results of their decisions.

The grant will also support additional faculty and support staff positions, including a simulation coordinator who will help maintain and manage the quality and usage of the labs and an assistant who will onboard and track students throughout the nursing program.

“We are so thankful for the support that NCHS is providing to our program. We will be able to accept more students into the ASN program and prepare them to enter the workforce at a time when there is a shortage of nurses,” said Dr. Fights.

Ivy Tech Lafayette’s nursing program prepares students to apply for the NCLEX-RN licensure exam to become a registered nurse. The ASN provides opportunities for graduates to transfer to a four-year university where they can earn a bachelor of science degree in nursing and continue towards a master’s degree. The school of nursing also prepares students to apply for the NCLEX-PN licensure exam to become a licensed practical nurse. The LPN provides the student with the opportunity to return to the program and complete the transition pathway to obtain RN licensure. More information is avail-

able at [www.ivytech.edu/nursing](http://www.ivytech.edu/nursing).

“We have several ways that a student can enter our nursing program,” said Dr. Fights. “They can be accepted into the program directly. We have transition pathways for LPNs, medical assistants, and paramedics. We recently added a transition program for military medic personnel.”

Ivy Tech plans to open the new simulation lab in August 2023.

North Central Health Services (NCHS) is committed to providing health care and promoting healthy communities to benefit the citizens of Benton, Carroll, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Warren, and White counties. Since 1999, NCHS has awarded over \$81 million in grant funding to more than 250 organizations. Beyond its Community Benefit Capital Grants program, NCHS initiates strategic partnerships like the Ivy Tech Community College Nursing Expansion initiative with coalitions, funders, nonprofits, and other entities to directly address the most critical community health needs identified by the NCHS and River Bend Hospital Community Health Needs Assessment. These NCHS-initiated Community Benefit Partnerships fund the launch, expansion, or strengthening of programs and services that improve health outcomes and develop healthy communities.

For more information, visit [nchsi.com](http://nchsi.com)

# Ninth-Annual Purdue Day of Giving Scheduled for Wednesday, April 27th

The 24-hour online, social media-driven fundraising effort will feature systemwide participation through the West Lafayette, Fort Wayne and Purdue Northwest campuses as well as Purdue Global, the online university tailored to working adults. County Extension offices will also participate, allowing each county in Indiana to raise funds for Extension programming. New participants for 2022 include the Krach Institute for Tech Diplomacy at Purdue, the Office of Engagement, The Data Mine and the Purdue Military Research Institute.

Purdue students, alumni, faculty and staff; parents; retirees; and friends are encouraged to give back on Wednesday to provide opportunities and transform lives at the university. Participation in 30 hourly and six #IGave challenges can make each gift go even farther, and any donation can help the donor’s favorite unit (campus, college, school, program or student organization) claim the top spots on the donation and participation leaderboards for additional bonus funds.

A student celebration, scheduled for 2 - 8 p.m. in the France A. Cordova Recreational Sports Center parking lot, will feature a Ferris wheel, yard games, a photo booth, food trucks and more. Purdue students who make a gift on Wednesday will gain access to the Ferris wheel’s fast-pass line.

From its \$7.5 million total in 2014, Purdue Day of

Giving has seen consistent growth. Last year’s event raised a record \$52.5 million—topping the previous year’s \$42.2 million—with 25,219 gifts received from donors around the world.

To donate on Wednesday, visit [dayofgiving.purdue.edu](http://dayofgiving.purdue.edu) or call 800-319-2199 (toll-free). For more information and the full list of challenges, visit [dayofgiving.purdue.edu/leaderboards](http://dayofgiving.purdue.edu/leaderboards).

Learn more about Purdue Day of Giving through the “This Is Purdue” podcast at [stories.purdue.edu/podcast/purdue-day-of-giving](http://stories.purdue.edu/podcast/purdue-day-of-giving).

Join the conversation, spread the word and check out the social chatter about #PurdueDayofGiving across social media.

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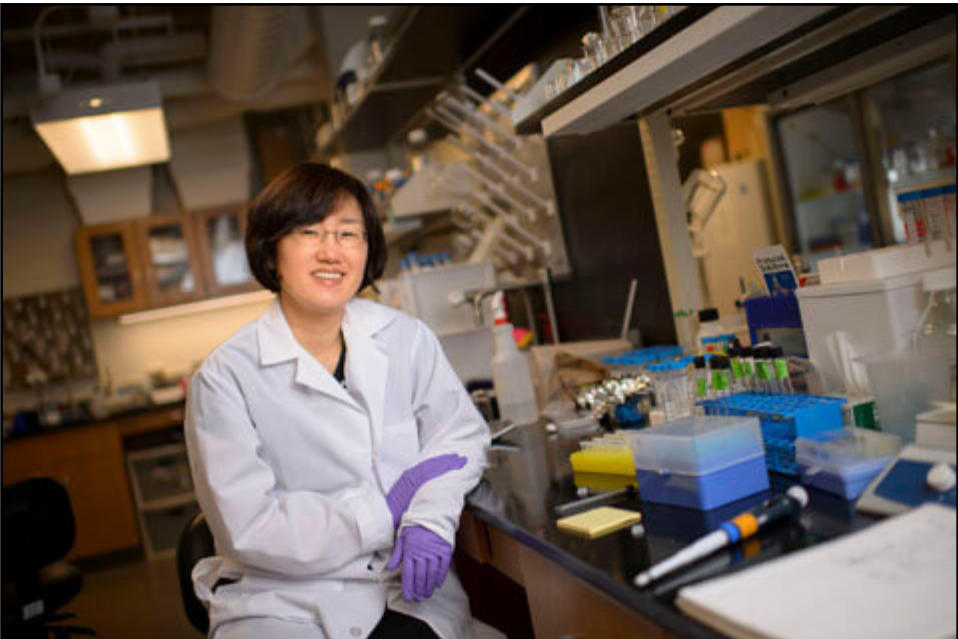


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**Yoon Yeo of Purdue University's College of Pharmacy and College of Engineering leads a team developing biocompatible nanoparticles that treat sepsis systemically through intravenous injection.**

## Purdue Researchers Develop New Patent-Pending IV Injection Treatment for Sepsis

Purdue University researchers in the College of Pharmacy and College of Engineering are developing a patent-pending treatment that could impact millions of American lives each year.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that at least 1.7 million American adults develop sepsis annually; almost 270,000 die as a result. One in three patients who die in a hospital has sepsis. Sepsis occurs when the body's immune response to an infection or injury goes unchecked. Chemicals or proteins released into the blood lead to leaky blood vessels, inflammation and widespread blood clots. These conditions lead to impaired blood flow, which can cause organ damage and death.

Yoon Yeo leads a Purdue team developing biocompatible nanoparticles that treat sepsis systemically through intravenous injection. Yeo is a professor and the associate department head of industrial and physical pharmacy in the College of Pharmacy. She also is a professor in the Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering. The research was published in the Aug. 2021 issue of the peer-reviewed Science Advances.

Yeo said Polymyxin B, a traditional antibiotic, can inactivate endotoxins that cause a specific type of sepsis, but it may be too toxic for systemic application. For sepsis therapy, it mostly has been tested in extracorporeal blood

cleaning, which is cumbersome and time consuming.

"Our nanoparticle formulations reduce dose-limiting toxicity of Polymyxin B without losing its ability to inactivate endotoxins," Yeo said.

In mouse models of sepsis, 100% treated with the Purdue nanoparticle were protected from excessive inflammation and survived.

"This technology holds promise as a safe, convenient option for patients and physicians," Yeo said.

Yeo disclosed the nanoparticles to the Purdue Research Foundation Office of Technology Commercialization, which has applied for patents from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and European Patent Office to protect the intellectual property. For information on licensing opportunities, contact Joe Kasper of OTC at [jrkasper@prf.org](mailto:jrkasper@prf.org) about 2019-YEO-68355.

The Purdue Research Foundation Office of Technology Commercialization operates one of the most comprehensive technology transfer programs among leading research universities in the U.S. Services provided by this office support the economic development initiatives of Purdue University and benefit the university's academic activities through commercializing, licensing and protecting Purdue intellectual property. The office is housed in the Convergence Center for Innovation and Collaboration in Discovery Park District

at Purdue, adjacent to the Purdue campus. In fiscal year 2021, the office reported 159 deals finalized with 236 technologies signed, 394 disclosures received and 187 issued U.S. patents. The office is managed by the Purdue Research Foundation, which received the 2019 Innovation and Economic Prosperity Universities Award for Place from the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. In 2020, IPWatchdog Institute ranked Purdue third nationally in startup creation and in the top 20 for patents. The Purdue Research Foundation is a private, nonprofit foundation created to advance the mission of Purdue University. Contact [otcip@prf.org](mailto:otcip@prf.org) for more information.

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## Victims' Rights Awareness Week Puts Focus On Survivors, Families



National Crime Victims' Rights Week, observed April 24 - 30 this year, is a time when communities across the nation join together in recognition and support of survivors. As commemorative vigils and events are held across the state, the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute is ramping up efforts to spread awareness about its Victim Compensation Program and other resources that exist to assist those impacted by violent crime.

"Much of the work we do at the agency is dedicated to supporting crime victims and the organizations that advocate on their behalf," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "Ultimately, we wish these resources weren't needed, but it's important for people to know they exist in the unfortunate event that they become a victim of a crime."

Established in 1978, the state's Victim Compensation Program works to make victims and their families whole by covering certain expenses incurred as a result of a violent crime. Compensation, which typically comes in the form of reimbursement to providers, can be used to help with items such as medical bills, funeral costs and counseling services, in certain circumstances.

For instance, the crime must have occurred within the past two years, resulted in physical injury and be

reported to law enforcement within 72 hours. If eligible, claimants can be reimbursed up to \$15,000 in cases involving bodily injury. If the criminal act resulted in loss of life, the family of the victim may be eligible for an additional \$5,000 to recoup funeral and burial expenses.

In March, the Indiana General Assembly passed legislation, authored by State Rep. Sharon Negele (R-Attica), that expands the list of expenses eligible for compensation. Starting on July 1, the program will be able to reimburse costs associated with crime scene cleanup and the replacement of windows or door locks – a request that's often made, according to the agency.

The new law also provides flexibility and removes a common barrier to sexual assault victims receiving compensation. Currently, claimants are required to report the crime and cooperate with law enforcement as an eligibility requirement. Once in effect, the law will allow victims who have had a forensic exam conducted to be eligible for compensation, whether they choose to involve the police or not.

"Crime can take a serious toll on innocent victims who are often left to deal with the emotional, physical and even financial aftermath," Negele said. "Victims and their families are not alone, and we wanted to do more for them. That's why this new law expands important resources and creates further opportunities for reimbursement to help those who may be struggling."

In addition to the Victim

Compensation Program, ICJI also oversees the Indiana Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System. Survivors who are interested in tracking the status of their sexual assault kits can do so by visiting [on.in.gov/TrackMyKit](http://on.in.gov/TrackMyKit) and then entering their sexual assault kit serial number and assigned pin. The website is simple, secure and confidential, and the results are available within seconds.

Along with providing direct support to victims, ICJI also administers several state and federal grant programs to assist organizations in their efforts to provide services and support to victims and prevent violent crime.

For a list of those programs and other CJJ resources, like a brochure of sexual assault victims' rights, visit [www.cji.in.gov/victim-services](http://www.cji.in.gov/victim-services). For victim-centered resources on topics ranging from domestic violence to human trafficking, visit [HopeAnd-HelpIN.org](http://HopeAnd-HelpIN.org).

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) is the state planning agency for criminal justice, juvenile justice, traffic safety and victim services. ICJI is designated as the state administering agency for distribution of federal funds and as the state Statistical Analysis Center for research. ICJI is responsible for coordinating and collaborating with local, state and federal entities to identify, assess, plan, resource and evaluate new and emerging issues facing the criminal justice and public safety spectrum. Visit [www.cji.in.gov](http://www.cji.in.gov) to learn more about the agency.

## Inland Stream Trout Season Opens Saturday, April 30th



To find a stocked stream near you, see the second page of the trout stocking plan at [bit.ly/36XmSgi](http://bit.ly/36XmSgi).

One body of water that is absent from this year's April stocking list is the tailwater of Brookville Lake in Franklin County. Scheduled maintenance by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is delaying rainbow trout stockings there until fall.

Trout will bite on a variety of artificial baits such as spinners and flies, but natural baits such as worms and bee moths tend to be the most popular.

The bag limit for trout in inland waters, other than Lake Michigan and its tributaries, is five per day with a minimum size of 7 inches. No more than one of these can be a brown trout. Additionally, any harvested brown trout caught below the Brookville tailwater must be 18 inches or larger. There is no closed season for taking trout from inland lakes.

To fish for trout, anglers 18 and older need an Indiana fishing license and a trout/salmon stamp. Both can be bought at [on.IN.gov/INhuntfish](http://on.IN.gov/INhuntfish).

# The Paper Gives Back



**The Paper of Montgomery County is joining the Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club in their fundraising efforts to purchase a special trike for a three-year old Crawfordsville boy named Kyson Shidler. Kyson was born with spina bifida, a birth defect where the spine and spinal cord don't form properly. In order to help maximize their fundraising, the Kiwanis have offered to match any community donations.**



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# Arts Commission, Department of Education Partner to Offer Arts Integration Learning Opportunity



The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced today that it is partnering with the Indiana Department of Education to offer two Arts Integration Learning Labs for K-12 educators and teaching artists. Arts integration is the work of skillfully combining arts learning with other learning goals. The Learning Labs are designed to empower teaching artists and classroom educators to partner together on meaningful arts integration experiences for their students. This partnership follows the Partnering Arts, Communities, and Education (PACE) program, a research program conducted by the IAC from 2015 to 2021, which explored the impact of a long-term artist residency in elementary classrooms. Research

findings from the PACE program demonstrated clear growth and a positive impact on the learning outcomes and engagement of young people involved in the program. The Arts Integration Learning Labs will utilize the learnings from the PACE program to expand educators' and artists' tools in creative teaching strategies. The in-person, hands-on trainings will feature dual tracks for classroom educators and teaching artists to learn content specifically tailored to them, as well as opportunities for the two groups to come together to network with and learn from one another. Following the Learning Labs, educators will be eligible to apply for up to \$3,000 in fellowship funding to put their learning into practice in their own classrooms. "Activating the learnings from the PACE program for a broader cohort of classroom educators and teaching artists has been the goal since we launched the program in 2015," said Miah Michaelsen, IAC Executive Director. "The PACE program clearly

demonstrates the impact that a focused quality education infused with arts provides for learners over time. We are grateful for the partnership of the Department of Education in broadening access to arts integration for classroom educators, teaching artists, and students." The two Arts Integration Learning Lab full-day trainings will occur on Wednesday, July 13th in Muncie, IN and Friday, July 15th at the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center in Jasper, IN. Each training is free to attend with limited spots available. This opportunity is open to all Indiana classroom educators, though the design of the content will be especially beneficial for K-8 non-arts educators and teaching artists who have some previous experience in working with youth. To participate, apply online at <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=ur-ZIQmKE0-wxBi-0WTPYjYDqyra41nLLg-1cLq7r-BQJUNDA1UI-hWTE82Sk42NThIV-VFNSEVBTVhY-SiQIQCN0PWcu>.

# Celebrate Visit Indiana Week with the Indiana State Nature and Culinary Trails Passports



Visit Indiana Week is May 1-7, in conjunction with National Travel & Tourism Week. This week aims to educate the public about the importance and impact of travel and tourism. The Office of Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, the Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC), Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Indiana Foodways Alliance (IFA) are inviting people to explore the state. "Over 25,000 people have signed up for the passports," Lt. Gov. Crouch said. "DNR is offering free gate admission to all DNR properties on Sunday, May 1. It's also a free fishing day without



a permit." All week during Visit Indiana Week, visitors will be eligible for prizes when they check in using the Indiana State Nature Passport. At the end of the week, one person will win the grand prize, a 2022 State Parks Pass, a \$50 gift card for camping and a subscription to Outdoor Indiana magazine. Visitors who donate to the DNR Foundation throughout the month will also earn a free check-in. Indiana is home to incredible frozen treats, from monster sundaes to an array of bountiful flavors. And throughout the month of May, anyone who checks in via the I Scream for Ice Cream Trail™ is eligible to win a



gift card from one of the trail stops courtesy of Indiana Foodways Alliance. "From farms that produce unique flavors and local businesses specializing in ice cream, hundreds of flavors are waiting to be sampled," said Elaine Bedel, IDDC's Secretary and CEO. For more information on the Indiana Culinary Trails Passport or Indiana State Nature Passport, go to [VisitIndiana.com/Explore](http://VisitIndiana.com/Explore) or scan the QR code. To follow Visit Indiana on social media: Facebook, Twitter or Instagram. *\*The passport does not replace the entrance fee for a state property. \*\*All prizes are available while supplies last.*

# Make a Powerful Impact by Giving Blood This Spring

The American Red Cross, Pro Football Hall of Famer Jerry Rice and Suburban Propane have joined together to encourage communities to commit to a simple act with a powerful impact – giving blood or platelets for patients in need. This spring, it's critically important the Red Cross maintains a readily available blood supply for those who rely on transfusions for treatment. Since donated blood has a limited shelf life, supplies must be constantly replenished to ensure a sufficient inventory of blood products. With no substitution for blood and no way to manufacture it, volunteer donors are the only source of blood products for patients with sickle cell disease, car accident victims and parents experiencing difficult childbirths. As a blood donor himself, Jerry Rice urges individuals to roll up a sleeve and take pride in the life-saving impact they're making. "Here's your chance to make a difference," said Rice. "You never know who you might be helping. It could be a friend or family member who needs blood – and that's why it's so important." As a thank-you, Suburban Propane is fueling a lifetime of road-tripping memories with a special opportunity for donors who answer the call to give power to patients. Those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma April 19-May 19, 2022, will be automatically entered to win a travel trailer camper that sleeps eight. Plus, those who come to give will also receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice, all courtesy of Suburban Propane.\*

people to donate blood and give the gift of life." The Red Cross is testing all donations for COVID-19 antibodies for a limited time. Results may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus after vaccination or past exposure, regardless of whether they developed symptoms. Plasma from routine blood, platelet and plasma donations that have high levels of COVID-19 antibodies may be used as convalescent plasma to meet potential future needs of COVID-19 patients with a weakened immune system. The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose infection, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who have been asked to quarantine or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation until they are symptom-free for 10 days and feeling well and healthy. At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive antibody testing results and sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org). The Red Cross follows a high standard of safety and infection control. The Red Cross will continue to socially distance wherever possible at blood drives, donation centers and facilities. While donors are no longer required to wear a face mask, individuals may choose to continue to wear a mask for any reason. The Red Cross will also adhere to more stringent face mask requirements per state and/or local guidance, or at the request of blood drive sponsors. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at a drive. Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements. Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or use the Blood Donor App. The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or [CruzRojaAmericana.org](http://CruzRojaAmericana.org), or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross).

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**Accepting the award from The Institute for Extraordinary Banking are (from left to right) CEO of The Emmerich Group, Inc. Roxanne Emmerich, HHSB President and CEO Brad Monts, HHSB Assistant Vice Presidency of Retail Services Cody Hargis and HHSB Chief Lending Officer Trent Smaltz.**

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For more information or to arrange an interview via phone or in-person, please contact Lacey Rogers at 765.323.4833 or Brad Monts at 765.942.2000 or visit [www.myhhsb.com](http://www.myhhsb.com).

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- Attica received \$224,579.47;
- Boone County received \$320,189.37;
- Covington received \$178,523.96;
- Crawfordsville received \$195,418.65;
- Fountain County received \$1 million;
- Jamestown received \$170,239.50;
- Lebanon received \$315,300;
- Parke County received \$717,972.22;
- Rockville received \$201,073.49;
- Veedersburg received \$628,662.78;
- Vermillion County received \$613,297.50;
- Warren County received \$665,720.62; and
- West Lebanon received \$79,244.42.

Maintaining Indiana's roads and bridges is an important part of sustaining a strong state and a thriving economy. I'm pleased to see so many communities in our district receive this funding, as it will have a direct impact on our local infrastructure.

To learn more about the CCMG and view the full list of communities receiving matching funds, visit <https://www.in.gov/indot/doing-business-with-indot/local-public-agency-programs/community-crossing-matching-grant-program/>.

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Broadband Grants Awarded Locally  
Hoosiers across the state

will see improvements to broadband access through the Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program. Our area is receiving a total of \$24.8 million, which will provide dependable internet service to those who need it most.

In Senate District 23, the following providers were awarded grants:

1. AT&T
  - AT&T received a grant to expand broadband access to 1,074 households and 134 businesses in Fountain, Montgomery, Parke, Putnam and Warren counties.
2. Bloomingdale Home Telephone Company
  - Bloomingdale Home Telephone Company received a grant to expand broadband access to 33 households in Parke County.
3. Clay County RTC
  - Clay County RTC received three grants to expand broadband access to 137 households and 143 businesses in Montgomery and Putnam counties.
4. Comcast
  - Comcast received a grant to expand broadband access to 1,177 households and 81 businesses in Montgomery County.
5. Joink
  - Joink received two grants to expand broadband access to serve 118 households and 29 businesses in Vermillion and Parke counties.
6. Spectrum Mid-America

• Spectrum Mid-America received five grants to expand broadband access to 2,307 households and 120 businesses in Boone, Fountain and Montgomery counties.

7.Swayzee Telephone Company

• Swayzee Telephone Company received a grant to expand broadband access to 233 households and 86 businesses in Boone and Clinton counties.

8. Tipmont REMC

• Tipmont REMC received a grant to expand broadband access to 61 households and 21 businesses in Fountain and Montgomery counties.

Local businesses and Hoosiers rely on broadband access to comfortably work, live and pursue education in Indiana. I am pleased to see many companies expand their reach and I hope these projects help communities within Senate District 23 further develop our local business environment and quality of life.

To learn more about the program and view the full list of recipients, visit <https://www.in.gov/ocra/nlc/home/2022-round-3-awards/>.

- *Sen. Phil Boots represents Montgomery, Fountain, Parke, Vermillion and Warren counties and a portion of Boone County. He is one of the shareholders of The Paper of Montgomery County.*

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**MARLOWE** From Page A1

he was here, Ed showed little inclination to moving on. He seemed to really like our community, even though nothing in our surrounds would make you think that he would be drawn to us.

Ed seemed happy here. Through the weeks, Ed and I carved out a strong interpersonal relationship. We greeted each other each morning. Most days, I’d invite Ed to join me for lunch on my back deck. Without fail, day in and day out, Ed stopped outside the window of my home office, just to poke his head against the pane to say hello.

Well, he didn’t really “say” hello, I guess. He communicated nonverbally. He used a series of body displays and gestures, yet it wasn’t difficult to figure out what Ed wanted to convey.

Trust me, I wanted to talk with Ed. I wanted desperately to know what was on his mind. However, as much as I searched, I could never find anyone offering a “Peacock as a second language” course.

That’s right, Ed is a peacock. Was a peacock.

On Easter morning, neighbors found in their

back yard, evidence of a Herculean struggle for life or death. Green and gold feathers, adorned with the traditional eye-spot pattern lay strewn around the battlefield, and when they discovered a pile of beautiful indigo feathers — the feathers that festooned Ed’s elongated neck — it was obvious that Ed was no more.

Rest in pieces, my friend.

Further exploration indicates that Ed was outfoxed by, well ... by a fox.

We do have a female fox in the neighborhood, and she’s raising a skulk of kits. True, she’s the biggest fox I’ve ever seen — easily the size of my neighbor’s Dalmatian. Yet, I never thought she’d go after Ed.

Ed was too big, I thought. Too flamboyant. His crowned head towered over the hood of my car, and I’m not sure I could get my arms around Ed’s corpulent body, even if I had tried. And I didn’t try. Ed was certainly not a cuddler. He stayed aloof, brandishing human hand-sized talons to ward off those of us

who ventured too close.

Yet, Ed never bothered anyone. Well, we do have one neighbor who hoped somehow Ed would go away. I grant you, having Ed around your yard could be quite messy. It was a lot like owning a feathered St. Bernard.

Nevertheless, to most, Ed evoked joy not irritation.

There is something spiritual about having a peacock. He arrived on Thanksgiving, during a year when I wasn’t particularly grateful. He departed on Easter, when I needed reminding of the meaning of new life.

Early Christians, in fact, considered the peacock to be the symbol of the resurrection. Many Asians consider it the symbol of rejuvenation.

I called the peacock Ed, because the only other person that I knew with a peacock was a farmer named Ed. Ironically, Ed — the farmer — passed away one week before Ed — the bird — showed up in my driveway. Makes one think, doesn’t it?

I really loved telling people that I had a peacock, not that he was

ever mine. He belonged to all of us, maybe to even something greater than us.

The children in the neighborhood called the peacock “Blue,” because of his bright blue feathers. His death has been particularly hard on the kids. For most, this is their first experience. Together, we stood around Ed’s grave in an impromptu funeral ceremony.

The children wanted it. I’m glad they did. It helps us all understand life.

The kids placed spring flowers of violets and cherry blossoms on the soft dirt, and they asked me to say a few words. I’ve done a few eulogies through the years, but never for a peacock. I decided to end the service with a familiar hymn.

All things bright and beautiful

All creatures great and small

All things wise and wonderful

'Twas God that made them all

- *John O. Marlowe is an award-winning columnist for Sagamore News Media.*

**BUTCH** From Page A1

TV westerns in the 1950s and longed for the day when Dad would surprise me with my very own horse or pony...a "fun" animal. But when crop prices and farm profits are low, and your father is working extra jobs just to make ends meet for a family of five kids, then dreams just become wishful thinking. My cousin, John Wells, who lived across the road from our house, had a black and white pony named "Star," so at least we were able to ride him once in a while when my aunt and uncle had a family cookout.

In the summer of 1959, at the age of ten, I accompanied Dad in the old Dodge pickup to several farms to help him measure farm ground for the USDA "set-aside" program. While he was speaking with a farmer in the northern part of Sugar Creek township, I spotted a cute little girl, wearing a cowboy hat and riding a white pony. To make a long story short, that little girl started school at Darlington that fall...and six years later she married her high school hunk...me!

My wife was an only child, and her parents were horse lovers, and they also raised purebred swine. She showed pigs in 4-H and all around...even at the International Livestock Show in Chicago, and she also always had a

pony, donkey, or horse as a pet. She loved her pet pigs and her horses...and she has always loved to be around those animals. After I finished Purdue and we purchased our first house, located on five acres in the country, we bought a beautiful Appaloosa horse, named "Appy," for her to ride. She fed and groomed that horse, while I became the master of horse manure removal! I could pet Appy, but it always seemed to shy away from me, so I never tried to ride her.

Then one afternoon, while I was mowing the yard, I noticed that Appy was grazing next to the yard fence. That gave me an idea. I turned off the mower and slowly climbed over the fence where Appy was standing perfectly still. As I eased onto to the horse's back, I knew that I would finally be able to ride her...WRONG! I wasn't on that sweet, gentle horse one second...when she bucked me off! We owned Appy until she passed away at a ripe old age...and with four kids coming along...and then all four going to college...never could afford to buy another one.

However, all four of our children did raise pigs, which they showed at the 4-H fair here in the county and at the Indiana State Fair, and my wife



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

**Butch's wife Connie**

enjoyed helping them with that fun activity. I have surmised that this love for pigs and horses must be a genetic trait, as my daughter's two children raise pigs and show them in 4-H...and another granddaughter loves horses...so much so that my son bought her a quarter-horse last year. The two grandkids who show pigs have been very successful at the fairs, and my granddaughter who has the horse is taking riding lessons and wants to be a barrel racer someday.

I think it's great that kids love animals and take care of them. It teaches them responsibility and instills a work ethic that will last a lifetime. We love to watch Ava ride her horse...and Drew and Macee show their pigs. And believe it or not, they talk to those animals...and I really think the horse and the pigs understand what they are saying! My wife is the same way...she just has the ability to make a "connection" with her favorite farm animals.



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**Butch's wife Connie**

Farm girls are like that. Maybe it's that extra empathy that women seem to possess. Our youngest granddaughter, who is three years old, already raises chickens and rabbits...and she talks to them, too! As for me, I'm still the expert on manure removal.

We live in the house where my wife grew up, and she told me that if she passes away before I do, then I am supposed to dig a hole out near the horse and pig barn...and bury her there. Folks, she is serious!

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**VFW** From Page A1



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**Accepting the VFW's state-of-the-art popcorn machine are (from left to right) John Arthur, Wabash CFO Kendra Cooks, Chef Jason Anderson, Wabash President Scott Feller, Jason Black, Bon Appetit Director Mary Jo Johnston, and Gary Bell.**

Anderson and Sous Chef Liesel Townsend, Bon Appetit has catered many events at the Brian Bowman Post, including as Black said, “some on very short notice.” The VFW leaders also praised Jason Rush, Travis Felix and Susan Janssen, who have all been involved in Bon Appetit’s work at the VFW.

“Every single one of these amazing individuals has shown their support and unwavering dedication, while providing incredible service to us during our efforts to support the veterans, their

families, and our community,” Black said.

The new popcorn machine will be used at the College’s on-campus pub, Wally’s, during much of the year, but will pop double-duty in the W. Club Lounge at Little Giant Stadium during football season.

“We’re grateful for this amazing donation,” Johnston said. “It will make a great addition to Wally’s and the W. Club. Now that things are getting back to normal, we hope the community will return to Wally’s as a gathering space on our campus.”

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