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TODAY'S VERSE

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with thy might.

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Alexandria Truelsen smiles happily for The Paper while enrolling breastfeeding mothers into the WIC program. Thank you for your smile, Alexandria!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Witham is offering a Certified Nurse's Aide (C.N.A.) class from May 31, 2022 through June 24, 2022. This is the Indiana State Department of Health 105 hour Nurse Aide Training Program which includes at a minimum of 75 hours of clinical and 30 hours of classroom study. Certified Nurse's Aide students will learn a range of skills including basic nursing skills, communication, basic body systems and how they work, residents rights and environment, activities of daily living, skin care and how to prevent pressure ulcers, diseases and other disorders. For registration details on Witham's C.N.A. Training program please contact Teresa Snyder at 765-485-8300. Registration closes May 1, 2022.

2 Halloween is still about six months away but that isn't stopping English Heritage, a British conservation group known as English Heritage, from attempting to break the record for the largest number of people wearing vampire costumes. The Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] reports the gathering will take place on May 26 at Whitby Abbey in North Yorkshire, England, which appropriately enough is said to have been Bram Stoker's inspiration for his Dracula novel published in 1897. And so, they are hoping to attract 1,897 appropriately dressed attendees to mark the 125th anniversary of the book's publication even though they need just 1,040 visitors to break the Guinness World Record. The record is currently held by an American organization in Doswell, VA, which had 1,039 Dracula wannabes in attendance.

3 Indiana Audubon is hosting its annual spring birding gathering at the Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary, outside Connersville on Saturday, April 30. The event includes a multitude of speakers, field hikes, and youth activities. Join us for a celebration of spring! Registration for this one-day event is \$40.00 and includes breakfast and a box lunch. Youth under 12 years old receive free admission but registration is required. Registration can be found on the events page at www.indianaaudubon.org/events. For more information about the spring gathering, call (765) 205-1255. Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary is located at 3499 S Bird Sanctuary Rd, Connersville. To learn more about the Indiana Audubon Society and to search for programs near you, visit them on the web at www.indianaaudubon.org.

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Gary and Butch in 1954

Butch Says, "Oh, No... It's Heart Attack Time"



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

Now, now, now... before you jump to conclusions... No, it wasn't me, and your dedicat-

ed publisher and writer, Tim Timmons, did not have another one... it was my little brother, Gary. And when I say "little," I am referring to the fact that he just turned 70 years old last month, while I hit 73 last October. On the morning of April 13th, Gary's wife heard a loud noise in their bedroom, and dis-

covered Gary unconscious and laying on the floor. She called 911, and the Crawfordsville paramedics arrived in short order, treating him and then transporting him to the local hospital. The doctors at Franciscan determined that he had suffered a heart attack and he was then transported to St. Elizabeth in Lafayette. I spoke with him that afternoon on the phone. He sounded great, and thought that they would likely have to put in a stent, but they were going to run a few more tests that afternoon.

The next morning my sister

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North Montgomery School Board Member Receives Award from Indiana School Boards Association

Mrs. Karin Odle, school board member for the North Montgomery Community School Corporation, has received the Distinguished governance award from the Indiana School Boards Association (ISBA).

ISBA's Exemplary Governance Awards (EGA) program celebrates school boards and school board members for demonstrating an outstanding

commitment to continuous improvement and professional learning through active participation in ISBA or ISBA-recognized trainings, seminars, and conferences.

This year's 179 school board member honorees were formally recognized at ISBA's Spring Regional Meetings. The recipients include 82 Commendable

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A Fungus Amongus

It is spring time in Indiana and that can mean only one thing mushroom hunting season. It has been a little cold for mushroom hunting this spring, but soon they will be out in plenty in our wooded areas of Montgomery County. Morels are fun to go out and find but they are also yummy to eat.

Morel Mushrooms are a low calorie, low fat vegetable that can add a little variety to your plate. While they are low in calories and fat they are a good source of Potassium, Iron and Vitamin D and a moderate amount of protein. Potassium is important for muscle contraction making it vital for a healthy heart. Iron can help prevent anemia and ensures oxygen is being carried to all parts of our bodies. Lastly, Vitamin D helps our bodies absorb calcium for strong bones. With limited amounts of daylight in the winter Vitamin D deficiency is becoming more prevalent. Morels can help boost Vitamin



MONICA NAGELE
Purdue Extension Office



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The Daily Almanac

- Sunrise/Sunset**
RISE: 6:50 a.m.
SET: 8:40 p.m.
- High/Low Temperatures**
High: 60 °F
Low: 45 °F
- Wacky Holiday Today**
- National Arbor Day
 - National Hairball Awareness Day
 - Viral Video Day
- What Happened On This Day**
- 1975 Hubert van Es takes the famous picture of a helicopter airlift from a Saigon rooftop
 - 1992 Deadly riots erupt in Los Angeles
- Births On This Day**
- 1899 Duke Ellington American pianist, composer, bandleader
 - 1958 Michelle Pfeiffer American actress, singer
- Deaths On This Day**
- 1980 Alfred Hitchcock English director, producer
 - 2006 John Kenneth Galbraith Canadian/American economist

Holocaust Survivor Speaks to Southmont Students

By Joe LaRue, joe@the-times24-7.com
Standing behind the podium in Southmont High School's auditorium, packed to the brim with high school and junior high school students, Holocaust survivor Frank Grunwald spent an hour on Thursday recounting the unimaginably horrific events of his childhood. But it was an hour that those students will never forget.

Thursday was Yom HaSho-

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Are you a "shoveler?" - put down your fork in between bites of food and chew your food thoroughly. 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.



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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE
Want TO GO?

Visit Indiana Week is May 1-7 and DNR is offering free gate admission to all properties on Sunday, May 1. 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 Natural Resources Foundation throughout the month will also earn a free check-in.

TODAY'S QUOTE
"People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day."
- Winnie the Pooh

TODAY'S JOKE
"What kind of car does an egg drive?"
"A yolkswagen."

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➔ **OBITUARIES**

Betty L. Royer McBee

August 14, 1928 - April 27, 2022

Betty (French) Royer McBee, age 93, died Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born August 14, 1928 in rural Crawfordsville, the daughter of the late Earl French Sr. and Mary Gooding French.

Mrs. McBee was a cheerleader at Linden High School, graduating in 1946. She married John Royer and raised a family of five children. Their love was shortened with his death in 1965. She later enjoyed 25 years of marriage with Walter 'Sonny' McBee before his death in 2018. Mrs. McBee worked 27 years for Tipmont REMC, retiring in 1993.

She enjoyed her activities with American Legion Axillary and Darlington Methodist Church. She played bridge, euchre and bingo, traveled and watched horse racing for horses raised on the farm. She rooted for basketball and football games at Darlington High School, Purdue, IU and the Colts. Mrs. McBee's best times were enjoying children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Survivors include her five children Patti (Roger) Johnson, Dick (Candy) Royer, Pam Thomas, Penny (Steve) Pitcock and David Royer; three step-children Dean (Beth Goodlet) McBee, Lori (John) Greavu and John Keffer; two sisters Linda Thompson and Rosemary Lyonsk; 14 grandchildren Janee (Mark) Money, Julie (Barry) Scales, Joshua (Cyndi) Bell, Aaron (Jill) Royer, Brian (Jenn) Royer, JJ (Vanessa) Bell, Breanna (Tyler Cline) Royer, Shawn Pitcock, Paige Pitcock, Bodie Royer, KC (Chisolm) Kinder, Chandler Fields, Mackenzi Mitchell, Christian Greavu and Colt (Katy) Keffer; 12 great-grandchildren Jarron, Kaiden, Calin, Charli, Benjamin, Alexander, Bay, Cassius, Colton, Sydney and Aspy; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by son-in-law Gene Thomas; sister Dorothy Stockdale; brother Earl French, Jr.; and step-daughter Terri Keffer.

Visitation is scheduled to be at Burkhart Funeral Home, 201 West Wabash Avenue, Crawfordsville Monday, May 2 at 12 p.m. and last until the funeral service, which is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. with burial afterward at Greenlawn Cemetery in Darlington.

The family would like to extend its gratitude to Dr. Mathison and his staff, Susan Hampton RN, Paramedic Medicine Program and Brian McCoy and Southern Care Hospice, especially Nurse Paige for providing such loving care to Betty and to the Burkhart family for their support and guidance.

Memorial donations may be made to Darlington American Legion Auxiliary Post 302, PO Box 314 Darlington, or Linden Methodist Church PO Box 38, Linden.

Mariah Evelyn Julio

July 26th, 1949 - April 23, 2022

Mariah Evelyn Julio, 76, Crawfordsville, IN, passed away unexpectedly from a coronary in her home on April 23, 2022.

She was born on July 26, 1949 to Albert and Elsie Mae Zentko in Brazil Indiana.

Ms. Julio graduated from Schultzy High School in Terre Haute, Indiana and received her nursing degree from St. Anthony School of Nursing, Terre Haute.

She was a long time nurse at Community Hospital in Anderson, Indiana before beginning work as a patient advocate at Anthem Insurance Company.

She was an adventurer and was never happier than when she was traveling. As winter eased, Ms. Julio had recently been recharged by a few day trips. Her dream and plan was to travel the world once she no longer needed to care for her beloved cat, Gidget. While she did not recognize that goal, family and friends take joy in knowing that the vistas she is experiencing now with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in heaven, are much more wonderful than any of this earth's.

In retirement, Ms. Julio pursued many interests. She began to paint using acrylics and watercolor and became involved as an artist at the Athens Art Gallery in Crawfordsville. She participated in several art shows and enjoyed learning new techniques.

An avid reader, Ms. Julio often spoke of her happy childhood memories of taking a book and an apple and finding a shady spot under a tree to spend the afternoon. She continued her love of the written word by writing and publishing materials for both adults and children. Her work was published in Writer's Digest, Chicken Soup for the Soul, Inspiration for Nurses and various magazines such as Woman's World, Good Old Days, Reminiscence and Country. She was also involved with several Writers Groups that helped her hone and use her skills that all may improve. Ms. Julio loved opportunities to promote reading. For those who wish to honor her memory, you are invited to make a memorial donation to the Ladoga-Clark Twp. Public Library, Box 248, Ladoga, IN, 47954, where her sister, Debbie is Library Director.

Survivors include her three sisters Linda (Lee) Burnside, Debbie Clapp and Kim (Dyke) Largent, all from Crawfordsville, IN; two stepchildren Vince (Melissa) Roddy, Illinois and Jeff (Qinugan) Roddy, Alaska; six beloved grandchildren; two nephews Aaron (Sara) Clapp, of Darlington and Brandon Largent of Navajo, California.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother George Zentko; and brother-in-law Mark Clapp.

A memorial service is scheduled to be held Tuesday, May 3 at 11 a.m. at Burkhart Funeral Home, led by Father Michael Bower. Visitation is scheduled to begin an hour prior to the service.

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



DICK WOLFSIE
Life in a Nutshell

You're probably familiar with the newest TV remote control technology. No longer do you have to "enter" the channel on the device: in many cases you can simply say what channel you want into the remote and voila! There it is on the screen. Of course, most times you will be asked to repeat yourself, because the high-tech gadget failed to understand you. As Mary Ellen noted, quite aptly, "I might as well ask you to switch channels, Dick. You can't hear me half the time, either."

And why are functions only on the remote, and

not on the giant TV itself? Why jam all those buttons onto something the size of a stapler? They could have put them on the set, as well. Absent-minded as I am, I have never lost a TV screen...and then found it in my sock drawer.

I try to look on the bright side. If I didn't have to tear my couch apart at least twice a month and dive into the dark side beneath those cushions to look for the remote, I wouldn't have \$235.89 worth of change in a cookie jar and I'd still be wondering what happened to my wedding ring, my extra set of keys and 17 ball-point pens.

No one can argue that a remote control is third only to movable type and the Squatty Potty for the world's greatest inventions. I became so paranoid about losing the remote that I wrapped a long piece of dental floss around it and then tied the line to the leg of the coffee table. I never lost the remote...and I

remembered to floss 45 percent more often. And only once did I get caught on the floss and sprain my ankle.

One company may have solved the disappearing remote problem. They will soon introduce a new flat-screen television that obeys commands based on hand and body movements. This technology is called gesture recognition. (It's a concept we are all familiar with when we cut someone off on 465.) "The TV has a camera and will recognize you if you are in front of it," says the manufacturer. This intrigued me, because I've been in front of a camera for 40 years, and I'm still having a heck of a time being recognized.

The premise is that you can wiggle your fingers, point up or down or make various other motions and the TV will respond. It's like sign language—no remote needed. Let's say my wife and I are about to retire for the evening. As she watches me flex

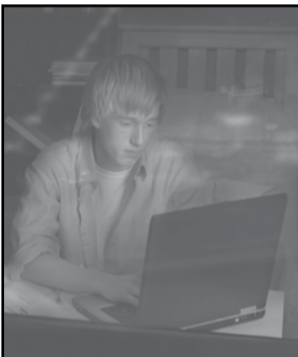
my fingers and rotate my palms, she wonders if I'm about to give her a romantic massage. "Ooh, Dick, are you trying to turn me on?"

"No, I'm trying to turn on Stephen Colbert. What's the sign for CBS?"

Advances will not stop with the TV remote. One day all this technology will also be introduced in the kitchen. With the proper hand signals, we'll be able to operate the convection oven, the stove, the microwave, and the air fryer.

Truth is, I don't do any food preparation, so these hands-free innovations will have little effect on me. When it comes to cooking, I have no interest in lifting a finger.

- 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.



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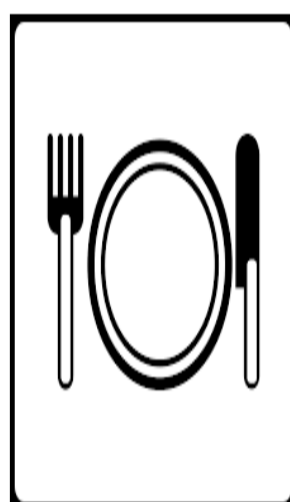
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The Southmont floriculture team at the State Floriculture Judging Contest. Picture are (from left to right, back row) Cole Rhoads, Gary Mosbaugh, Kelsey Thompson, Levi Brush and Gabriel Little. (From left to right, front row) Caden Sixberry, Natalie Rhoads, Amarah Shannon, Helen Butcher and Daniel Simpson.

Southmont Floriculture Team Takes Home 1st Place, 15th Year in a Row

The Southmont FFA Floriculture judging team competed in the State Floriculture Judging Contest on April 23rd, 2022. The team of Levi Brush, Cole Rhoads, Gabriel Little and Caden Sixberry placed 1st in the contest for the 15th year in a row giving the school its 26th state title in Floriculture Judging. There were 13 teams and 46 individuals competing this year. The contest was held at the Central Nine Career Center located in Greenwood, Indiana. Each member of the state champion team will receive a \$500 scholarship

given by the Southmont FFA Chapter.

The Southmont team had the top five individuals in the contest. Individually Levi Brush placed 1st, Cole Rhoads placed 2nd, Gabriel Little placed 3rd, Caden Sixberry placed 4th, and Kelsey Thompson placed 5th. This year Southmont also had a junior high team competing at the state level and they placed first. There were seven teams and twenty-five individuals competing in this year's junior contest. Individually Amarah Shannon placed 1st, Natalie Rhoads placed

2nd, Helen Butcher place 3rd, and Daniel Simpson placed 5th.

This year's floriculture contest was very competitive and tested the contestant's knowledge and skills. The activities in the competition included a general knowledge exam, identifying 15 plants disorders from a list of 28, a problem solving exam, identifying 40 floriculture plants from a list of 125, and complete a job interview. These members also had to make a floral arrangement, complete a one on one selling activity, and conduct a team activity.

Walnut Elementary Honor Roll

2021 - 2022

5th Six Weeks

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

Second Grade – All A's –Maverick Cagle, Mikenna Vannice, Reagan Webb, and Eva Yates.

Regular – Lilah Eppley, Keely Hardin, Addyson Krieger, Iain Miller, Lillian Moore, Makenna Nekolite, Aurora Noggle, Addison Potts, Henry Rosen, and Tatum Weaver.

Third Grade – All A's –Catherine Barry, Walker Cleek, Jackson Duke, Haven Estelle, Jeffrey Hopkins, Carter Scott, William Whetstone, and Oliver Woods. **Regular** – Summer Binch, Autumn Blythe, Clayton Davis, Kady Dowell, Adalyn England, Hadley Hedge, John Kalua, Kaleb Kerkhoff, Hailey Nelson,

Kaydenn Weaver, Brantly Williams, and Brylee Winningham.

Fourth Grade – All A's –Easton Kelsey and Hallie Rhoads. **Regular** – Ezra Booth, Braycen High, Jayce Meece, Isabella Roberts, Ryken Skelton, Kobyn Stadler, and Braylin Taylor.

Fifth Grade – All A's – Emma Benge, Parker McCaffrey, and Jordan Snarud. **Regular** – Willow Abney, Murphy Cokel, Colton Fox, Sophia Gard, Easton Hutson, Emery James, Tyson Kelsey, Jack Sarver, Macie Shaw, and Amelia Woods.

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The Long, Fabled History of the Den of Defensive Ends

In these cynical times, from politicians who think lying is no big deal to college basketball transfers being publicly offered \$800,000 and a car to sign with a new school, it was nice to see that tradition still means something.

George Karlaftis shed a tear in a video produced by Purdue Athletics Communications when informed during a Zoom call with another Boilermaker All-American that he was the newest member of the Den of Defensive Ends.

"It's cool to see your career culminated in being an All-American," said Ryan Kerrigan, who is Purdue's most recent first-round NFL draft pick and an All-American who has played with Washington and Philadelphia. "We've had a few good defensive ends come through Purdue and we're excited to see you carry the torch now."

Karlaftis is now the 13th member of the Den and the second from West Lafayette High School. Chike Okefor, who enjoyed a long NFL career, was one of Karlaftis' mentors in high school.

"Chike is the one who taught me how to play the game," Karlaftis said. "To be able to see my name next to greats like (Kerrigan) and Drew Brees and Rod Woodson, just to name a few, it's an honor to say the least."

Karlaftis became emotional while revealing that it was a dream of his to earn membership in the Den.

"That was one of my goals when I came in here, and that's incredible," he said. "The tradition of defensive ends and defensive linemen at Purdue is elite and rivals any other college. It's an honor to be mentioned in the same conversation as all these guys. ... An elite fraternity



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

that's for sure."

Playing in 27 games over his Purdue career, Karlaftis earned All-Big Ten honors following all three seasons as a Boilermaker. He was a second team honoree as a freshman and sophomore before becoming a consensus first team selection in 2021, collecting first-team All-America honors as well.

While Purdue football is best known as the Cradle of Quarterbacks, former athletics department official Tom Schott coined the Den of Defensive Ends in 2004.

Starting back in the late 1940s to the mid-1950s with future NFL players Leo Sugar and Lamar Lundy, the Den of Defensive Ends gained the bulk of its membership during the Joe Tiller era. Since 1999, 10 Purdue defensive ends have gone in the NFL draft, with Anthony Spencer (2007) joining Kerrigan as a first-round selection.

Here's a chronological look at the Den of Defensive Ends.

Leo Sugar (1949-51) – A consensus All-American and first-team All-Big Ten selection in 1951, Sugar played nine seasons in the NFL with the Chicago/St. Louis Cardinals, Philadelphia and Detroit. He earned Pro Bowl berths in 1958 and 1960. Sugar, who died in 2020, was inducted into the Purdue Intercollegiate Athletics



Photo courtesy of Purdue Athletic Communications

George Karlaftis, Purdue Defensive End from 2019-2021, in action against the Iowa Hawkeyes

Hall of Fame in 2006.

Lamar Lundy (1954-56) – The Richmond native was the first African-American to receive a football scholarship at Purdue. A giant in his time (6-7, 250 pounds), Lundy lettered three seasons in basketball as well as football. He is the only Boilermaker to be named Most Valuable Player in basketball and football in the same season (1956). Lundy chose a career with the Los Angeles Rams over the NBA, joining forces with Deacon Jones, Merlin Olsen and Roosevelt Grier to form the "Fearsome Foursome," to this day regarded as one of the most dominant defensive lines in NFL history. Lundy was inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame in 1975, the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1990 and the Purdue Hall of Fame in 1996. Lundy died in 2007.

Keena Turner (1976-79) – Turner thrived under College Football Hall of Fame coach Jim Young in the "Junk Defense" created by assistant Leon Burtnett, earning two first-team All-Big Ten selections.

"I was fortunate to benefit from it, which had me in the rush sometimes and dropping back in coverage at times," Turner told the Lafayette Journal & Cou-

rier's Tom Kubat in 2008.

With Turner leading the way, the Boilermakers went 19-4-1 in his final two seasons capping off with the school's only 10-win season in 1979. Turner played 11 seasons with the San Francisco 49ers and earned four Super Bowl rings. He was inducted into the Purdue Hall of Fame in 2006 and earned his degree in 2021 alongside youngest daughter Ella.

Chike Okefor (1994=96, 1998) – Like Karlaftis, Okefor came to Purdue after leading West Lafayette to a state championship. He spent Joe Tiller's first season at Purdue under suspension but when he returned in 1998, Okefor teamed up with Rosevelt Colvin to form a powerful 1-2 pass rush. Okefor went on to play 11 seasons in the NFL with San Francisco, Seattle and Arizona.

Rosevelt Colvin (1995-98) – A three-year starter, Colvin still holds the Purdue records for sacks in a season (15 in 1998) and career (35). The two-time first-team All-Big Ten selection earned two Super Bowl rings with the New England Patriots. Colvin's 10-year NFL career included stops in Chicago and Houston. His daughter, Raven, plays volleyball at Purdue. Myl-

es, a junior at Heritage Christian, has committed to play basketball for the Boilermakers.

Akin Ayodele (1999-2001) – Ayodele had a strong debut season at Purdue after transferring from Coffeyville Community College, recording 11 sacks and 19 tackles for loss. He recorded nine sacks as a junior and a senior, earning first-team All-Big Ten honors in 2001. Ayodele spent nine seasons in the NFL with Jacksonville, Dallas, Miami and Buffalo.

Sean Phillips (2000-2003) – The converted tight end started 49 consecutive games. Phillips recorded 14.5 sacks as a senior, earning first-team All-Big Ten and second-team All-American honors. His 33.5 career sacks rank second to Colvin in school history. Phillips recorded 81.5 sacks in an 11-year NFL career that was spent mostly with San Diego.

Anthony Spencer (2003-06) – As senior, Spencer was second in the nation with 26.5 tackles for loss and paced the Big Ten with five forced fumbles. He earned first-team All-Big Ten honors and departed Purdue with 21 career sacks. Spencer was a first-round pick by Dallas in 2007 and spent all but one of his nine NFL seasons with the Cowboys.

Ray Edwards (2003-05) – Purdue outreached Tennessee for Edwards' services and during his three seasons Edwards recorded 16 sacks while dividing time with fellow Den members Cliff Avril and Rob Ninkovich. He collected 33 sacks in a seven-year NFL career with Minnesota and Atlanta.

Rob Ninkovich (2004-05) – One of the best junior college transfers

to suit up for Purdue, Ninkovich's eight sacks as a junior ranked second in the Big Ten. Eight more sacks came as a senior. Eight seemed to be Ninkovich's lucky number as a Boilermaker. That number also was his career sack total against Indiana. Cast aside by New Orleans and Miami, Ninkovich found his niche in New England with 46 career sacks and two Super Bowl titles in an 11-year NFL career.

Cliff Avril (2004-07) – The Jacksonville, Fla., native was almost unstoppable as a junior and a senior, recording 30 of his career 35.5 tackles for loss and 12.5 of his 13 career sacks. Those numbers helped him earn a third-round draft pick from Detroit. Once Avril escaped to Seattle in 2013, his pro career took off with a Pro Bowl berth in 2016 and a Super Bowl XLVIII victory. He retired in 2017 with 74 career sacks and 30 forced fumbles.

Ryan Kerrigan (2007-10) – Purdue's first unanimous All-American since Mark Herrmann and Dave Young in 1980, Kerrigan graduated with a Big Ten and FBS record 14 fumbles forced. Kerrigan matched Sean Phillips' 33.5 career sacks. He was the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year and the Big Ten Defensive Lineman of the Year in 2010. Selected 16th overall by Washington in the 2011 NFL Draft, Kerrigan started every game until injury sidelined him in 2019. His 95.5 sacks rank first in Washington team history.

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Three thousand students and staff members took part in the Purdue Day of Giving on-campus celebration.

Purdue Day of Giving 2022 Raises Record \$68.2 Million

The ninth annual Purdue Day of Giving, held Wednesday, April 27, invited donors to power the university's next giant leap, and they responded with a resounding \$68.2 million in contributions, outstripping last year's \$52.5 million and setting a record for most dollars raised for higher education through a single-day campaign.

The 24-hour online, social media-driven event inspired a record 26,726 gifts and brought Purdue Day of Giving's cumulative total, since 2014, to \$309.7 million. (See YouTube thank-you video.) "When the Purdue family comes together, amazing things happen," said Purdue President Mitch Daniels. "So I'm thrilled – but not surprised – by this record-setting outpouring of generosity. We are grateful to everyone who donated for supporting our persistent pursuit of the next giant leap."

The fundraising event featured participating units across the West Lafayette, Fort Wayne and Purdue Northwest campuses and Purdue Global, the online university tailored to working adults. Local county Extension offices also participated, allowing each county in Indiana to raise funds for Extension programming. New participants for 2022 included the Krach Institute for Tech Diplomacy at Purdue, the Office of Engagement and the Purdue Military Research Institute.

Through 30 hourly challenges and six #IGave challenges, 74 academic and nonacademic programs competed for cash prizes. In addition, 259 student organizations participated in a giving challenge specifically for them, and students and staff took part in an on-campus carnival that featured a 60-foot-tall Ferris wheel, yard games,

a photo booth, food trucks and more.

Gifts ranged from \$10 to \$6 million, supporting a range of programs and academic initiatives. Among the gifts made:

- \$6 million from Jim and Jeannie Chaney to the College of Pharmacy.
- \$2 million from Beth Brooke, divided among the School of Management, the LGBTQ Center and Intercollegiate Athletics, in honor of Sharon Versyp as the winningest women's basketball coach in Purdue history.
- \$1.5 million from an anonymous donor to fund undergraduate scholarships and a professor of practice position in the Davidson School of Chemical Engineering.
- \$1 million from Brian and Irene Binash: \$500,000 for the Stewart Center renovation and \$500,000 to create a matching-gift opportunity for the Emerging Leaders Scholars program.
- A \$25,000 pledge commitment from Jackie Bayer in support of The Jacqueline Maynard Bayer Scholarship in Liberal Arts in Honor of James R. and Marilynn Bottomley Dammon Endowment.
- \$20,000 from Chris Esquire to endow, in honor of his mother, the S.J. Esquire Memorial Scholarship for a student in Purdue Global's cybersecurity degree program.
- \$111 from Alina Alexeenko to the Ukrainian Student Association.
- \$10 from Molly Grotjan, a senior in agribusiness, to the College of Agriculture.

"For eight out of the past nine years, Purdue has set the record for dollars raised through a higher education day of giving," said Matt Folk, president and CEO of the Purdue for Life Foundation and vice president of university development and alumni engagement for Purdue University.

"We are very grateful to the thousands of students, alumni, friends, faculty and staff of Purdue who support this university so generously. The dollars raised through this event have helped keep frozen tuition in place for 11 years and students in the classroom throughout a pandemic. Through Purdue Day of Giving, the Purdue family is granting opportunity and building for the future, together. As an alumnus, I am so proud of our Purdue family."

To view the Purdue Day of Giving thank-you video and hourly-challenge and full-day-challenge winners, visit DayofGiving.Purdue.edu.

The Purdue for Life Foundation helps friends and alumni of Purdue University stay connected, get involved and give back. Created in March 2020, the foundation deepens alumni ties to Purdue, drives and coordinates all alumni-related activities across the Purdue family's postgraduation lives and works with alumni and friends to garner support for the University.

Purdue University is a top public research institution developing practical solutions to today's toughest challenges. Ranked in each of the last four years as one of the 10 Most Innovative universities in the United States by U.S. News & World Report, Purdue delivers world-changing research and out-of-this-world discovery. Committed to hands-on and online, real-world learning, Purdue offers a transformative education to all. Committed to affordability and accessibility, Purdue has frozen tuition and most fees at 2012-13 levels, enabling more students than ever to graduate debt-free. See how Purdue never stops in the persistent pursuit of the next giant leap at <https://stories.purdue.edu>.

Rokita Files Suit Against Black Lives Matter GNF

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita filed a lawsuit this week against the Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation as a part of his ongoing investigation. This legal action seeks compliance with an investigative demand previously served on BLM as part of the same investigation. Specifically, the Office of the Attorney General filed a Petition to Enforce a Civil Investigative Demand, which seeks an order requiring BLM to respond to a Civil Investigative Demand issued to the organization in February.

"Protecting Indiana consumers from this house of cards is critical," Rokita said. "There are concerning patterns of behavior from this organization, and we will do what it takes—including this lawsuit—to get to the bottom of it."

In February, Rokita

opened an investigation into BLM's use of funds donated by Hoosiers. In a 2020 report published by BLM, the organization stated it raised over \$90 million in 2020, while it distributed approximately \$21.7 million to 30 local organizations and affiliated chapters, including an affiliated chapter in South Bend. However, an IRS filing by BLM for the first half of 2020 listed the organization had \$0 in revenue, expenses, and assets held by BLM for the time period.

Rokita issued a Civil Investigative Demand to BLM in order to determine if the organization's actions constitute a violation of either the Indiana Deceptive Consumer Sales Act or the Indiana Non-profit Corporation Act. The Civil Investigative Demand seeks information and documents held by the entity relevant to

the ongoing investigation to ensure transparency to donors and guarantee funds donated by Indiana residents are used for their intended purpose and not for the personal benefit of BLM directors.

Under Indiana law, failure to comply with the civil investigative demand could result in sanctions against the entity, including barring the entity from any future fundraising in Indiana, among other possible remedies.

"There are many Indiana stakeholders and donors who have been impacted by these allegations," Rokita said. "This lawsuit will allow for a court to swiftly and efficiently resolve the state's request for information."

Hoosier donors who believe they have been impacted are encouraged to file a consumer complaint at www.indianaconsumer.com.

Indiana Shows Strong Conservation, Water Quality Improvement Trends

The Indiana Conservation Partnership (ICP) announced its 2021 soil health and water quality accomplishments. The ICP works with Hoosier landowners to provide technical or financial assistance for the implementation of conservation projects. In 2021, landowners supported by the ICP installed more than 31,500 new conservation practices.

"Agriculture is big business in Indiana! Those words have always stood true, from the formation of our state to today," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Secretary of Agriculture for the State of Indiana. "I commend each of our Hoosier farmers and landowners who year after year break conservation records and ensure agriculture will continue to be a driving force in our state for many generations."

The Indiana Conservation Partnership report showed that over the last year landowners helped prevent nearly one million tons of sediment, over 1.9 million pounds of nitrogen and 991,446 pounds of phosphorus from entering Indiana waterways. Cover crops and no-till practices implemented with ICP's assistance sequestered an estimated 42,000 tons of soil organic carbon, which is the equivalent to the carbon emissions of more than 30,000 cars.

While the term conservation practices can mean many things, in Indiana, some of our most common conservation best management practices are cover crops, nutrient management, residue and tillage

management, conservation cover, early successional habitat development/management and grassed waterways.

Over the last several years, data shows Hoosier farmers and landowners strive to improve their conservation of soil and increase water quality year over year. The list below shows Indiana's living cover acres and best management practices installed since 2016, listed by year, living cover acres and practices installed, in that order.

- 2016
 - 1,180,000
 - 17,970
- 2017
 - 1,020,000
 - 19,295
- 2018
 - 1,080,000
 - 22,338
- 2019
 - 950,000
 - 26,436
- 2020
 - 1,590,000*
 - 32,229
- 2021
 - Data on living cover acres for 2021 is currently being collected and will be released in summer 2022
 - 31,505

"Despite the ongoing challenges we are facing with extreme weather patterns, a growing population and natural resource concerns, our farmers were still able to implement an impressive 31,000+ conservation practices throughout Indiana with the assistance of our conservation team," said Indiana Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist Jerry Ray-

nor. "It's partnerships like this that are the driving force behind great stewardship efforts. We look forward to continuing our collaborative conservation efforts and strengthening our commitment to the environment to best serve the needs of our producers."

ISDA Director Bruce Kettler is proud of the achievements of our Hoosier farmers and landowners.

"The conservation practices installed each year are outstanding, but soil conservation and water quality initiatives of this magnitude wouldn't be possible without the landowners and farmers who assist and allow these practices to be implemented," said Kettler.

To find more information on soil and water conservation in Indiana, soil and carbon sequestration, soil conservation trends, Indiana's work in our three water basins or partnerships between other states in the full report, visit isda.in.gov.

**As conservation work has changed over time, the conservation survey has been modified to better measure current conservation goals. At its inception the transect was designed to measure tillage and residue cover. In 2011 the survey efforts were expanded to include collecting data on cover crops. In 2014, a second fall survey was started as a specific effort to measure cover crops. In 2020, the timing and collection categories were adjusted to further fit the effort to measure cover crops.*

Sen. Braun Joins Bill to Stop President Biden from Transferring Student Loan Debt onto all Americans

Today, U.S. Sens. Mike Braun, John Thune, Richard Burr, Bill Cassidy and Roger Marshall introduced the Stop Reckless Student Loan Actions Act, legislation that would end President Biden's untargeted suspension of repayments on qualifying federal student loans, following 24 months of non-payment and six executive actions extending the payment pause. The bill would still allow the president to temporarily suspend repayment for low- and middle-income borrowers in future national emergencies and would prohibit the president from cancelling outstanding federal student loan obligations due to a national emergency.

"The majority of Americans do not have college degrees," said Braun. "Why should they be forced to pick up the tab for college degrees in the name of pandemic relief? This transfer of wealth is not a move to 'advance equity,' but rather a taxpayer handout to appease far-left activists."

"As Americans continue to return to the workforce more than two years since the pandemic began, it is time for borrowers to resume repayment of student debt obligations," said Thune. "Taxpayers and working families should not be responsible for continuing to bear the costs associated with this suspension of repayment. This common-sense legislation would protect taxpayers and prevent President Biden from suspending federal student loan repayments in perpetuity. Any future suspension of federal student loan repayments should be

left to Congress, not the Biden administration."

"The Biden Administration continues to call for a return to normalcy from the pandemic, while simultaneously extending emergency relief programs like the student loan repayment freeze," said Burr. "They can't have it both ways. Resuming student loan repayments is long overdue, especially in today's strong job market. That's why I'm proud to work with my colleagues on this important bill, which will end the repayment moratorium that has exacerbated the existing moral hazard against borrowers and cost taxpayers an estimated \$5 billion per month."

"If the administration wants to follow the science regarding COVID, we must also follow the facts," said Dr. Cassidy. "Unemployment is not at pandemic levels and a student loan repayment pause benefits those who are high income and able to pay their bills. The administration is spending without congressional approval. That should be considered unconstitutional."

"Early in the pandemic when millions were out of work it was understandable to provide temporary relief for borrowers," said Marshall. "Two years removed, this White House and Democrats in Congress continue to pursue the fiscally unsustainable policy of suspending payment, and ultimately canceling, student loan debt, nearly two trillion dollars owed to the federal government. Following the costly response to the pandemic, we must focus on implementing a fiscal

strategy that will address the unsustainable path we're on, not compound it."

"The moratorium on federal student loan repayments has cost American taxpayers over \$100 billion and will cost \$5 billion every month it remains in place," said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. "Continuing this reckless policy will make surging inflation worse, at a time that we have seen it hit a 40-year high. Less than 17 percent of U.S. adults have federal student loans, and that group is disproportionately wealthy, white, and highly educated. It is unsustainable and unfair for working families to fund this indefinite giveaway to progressive elites. Senators Thune, Burr, Braun, Cassidy, and Marshall should be commended for introducing legislation to end this moratorium and protect taxpayers in the future by narrowing the president's authority to defer loan repayments."

"The student debt repayment pause will add \$120 billion to the deficit through August, offer a massive handout to doctors and lawyers, and feed more inflation. It's time to end ongoing COVID relief, or at least fully offset any further extensions," said Maya MacGuineas, president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. "We applaud Senators Thune, Burr, Braun, Cassidy, and Marshall for introducing the Stop Reckless Student Loan Actions Act, which would put an end to the pause and limit a president's ability to unilaterally cancel student debt."

AWARD

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board members, 48 Advanced board members, 24 Distinguished board members, and 25 Exemplary board members.

"The Indiana School Boards Association is extremely proud to extend our congratulations to the award winners on this impressive accomplishment," said ISBA Executive Director Terry Spradlin. "On behalf of ISBA, I commend them for their dedication to the children and school communities they represent and for actively engaging with the Association's programs and services."

"As leaders of our local school systems, it is imperative that we avail ourselves of the best professional development we can to better serve our

communities," said ISBA President Tom Simpson. "I commend our EGA winners who have made the commitment to the ongoing improvement of their competence and knowledge. School governance is a diverse and complex job, and these dedicated board members are leading the way as models of school board service. Congratulations to all!"

Superintendent, Dr. Colleen Moran, says "Mrs. Odle is always looking for ways for North Montgomery to improve, and she is quick to serve as mentor to new board members."

In addition to the individual accolades, school boards qualify for awards based on the collective EGA status of their

individual members and the completion of certain additional criteria. There are 88 school boards that earned recognition through the EGA program this year.

ISBA provides a full range of professional development and training opportunities to help board members govern effectively. At dozens of events throughout the year, ISBA informs and educates board members about best practices, legislative issues, policy development, and school law.

For more information about the EGA program requirements and to see the full list of individual and board awards for 2021, please visit <https://www.isba-ind.org/ega-awards.html>.

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☪ SURVIVOR *From Page A1*



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The packed auditorium at Southmont High School on Thursday, where Frank Grunwald shared the story of his survival of the Holocaust. On stage, Frank tells the assembled students about his pre-war life in Prague, the Czech capital, where his father was a physician and Frank first discovered his love of art.

the war.

It is difficult to describe one's expectations going into a presentation like this, but whatever those expectations are, they will inevitably fall far short when faced with Mr. Grunwald's story, in his own words.

Frank was 6 years old when the Nazi's marched into Czechoslovakia in March of 1939. He recalled his early years, living with his mother, father and brother in the apartment building in Prague his grandparents owned. His grandparents lived on the fifth floor and Frank's on the second. His father was a physician.

In the years since his immigration to the United States in 1951, Frank has become known for his love of art and music. That love burgeoned when he was a young boy, he recalled, and he, "remembered sneaking into his father's office to steal insurance forms to draw and sketch on because I never had enough drawing paper," he told the assembled students.

But the joys and trivialities of life the Czech capital vanished with the arrival of the Nazis. "The German invasion caught us completely by surprise," he said. "My brother and I we were walking one day and ran into a German gun emplacement with one gun and one German soldier. He picked me up and put me in the seat where he had been sitting. And that was how we found out Germany invaded."

Despite the innocuous nature of his first encounter with a German soldier, Frank made clear that drastic changes happened practically overnight. All over Prague, anti-Semitic propaganda went up within days and signs barring Jews from restaurants, theaters and businesses were omnipresent.

Frank spoke at length of his apparent lack of Jewishness; his parents were not practicing Jews, and he and his brother were not raised Jewish. "My mother gave us a religious upbringing, but it wasn't Jewish," he said. "It was more of a universal religious raising. She taught us how to respect others, to treat others the way we wanted to be treated."

But the Germans in Prague had no regard for such distinctions. Within months of the occupation, Frank's father had lost his job, Frank and his brother

had been kicked out of school and the family had lost their apartment, ending up in a crowded, cramped apartment on the other side of the city.

In 1942, the family was ordered to report to a train station for 'relocation;' they were shipped to the notorious Theresienstadt Ghetto in Terezin, a town in western-Czechoslovakia. Upon arrival, Frank and his brother were separated from their parents and moved to an old school converted into barracks. There, they received minimal education, space was crowded and they were packed hundreds to a room.

While in Terezin, Frank came to the realization that the ghetto was not their destination; instead, it was a holding place, from which they would be moved further. He recalled the moment he found out, saying, "A young boy living in my room at the school came in upset. When we asked why, he told his grandmother was in a coma."

"She had tried to kill herself," he said, "because she found out that she had been scheduled to be deported to a camp. And that was when I realized what this place was."

In December of 1943, the Grunwalds were ordered to the train station in Terezin. Their time for deportation to a camp had come. But Frank's family was not told where they were going.

"They put us in a train, in December, and we traveled for two days with no food or water," he said. "When we finally stopped and they opened the doors, it was nighttime. We were greeted with floodlights, barking dogs and guards shouting at us 'Get out! Get out!'" They had no idea where they were.

They had been sent to Auschwitz, the infamous Nazi death camp in Poland alone responsible for the deaths of over 1 million people.

But as Frank described it, the trainload of new arrivals that he was part of were some of the lucky ones. "Instead of immediately being put through selection, we were loaded into trucks and taken to the Czech family camp."

The selection Frank referred to was a process new arrivals at the camp typically went through. One by one, every new arrival stood in a line and underwent inspection. Those sent to the right



Photo courtesy of Southmont High School

Frank Grunwald speaks to a packed auditorium at Southmont High School on Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day.

were herded to one of the many sub-camps to be put to work; those sent to the left were sent to the gas chambers to be killed immediately.

But at this point, word had begun to spread through European countries of what was taking place in these camps. In order to dispel rumors, Frank, his family and their fellow new arrivals from Terezin were forced into a separate sub-camp for six months. There, Frank said, "we were forced to work, take photographs and send postcards to family or friends that said only positive things."

On July 6, 1944, however, the ruse was up for Frank and his compatriots. They were taken back to the arrival point and put through selection. Initially, Frank recalled, he and his brother, four years older and born with a congenital leg defect, had been sent to the right. "I was standing in a group of 200 or 300 boys, on the right, and I looked over and saw a group of 95 or 96 boys standing to the left."

But a kapo, a prisoner assigned to oversee other prisoners, who had been in charge of the camp Frank and his family had previously been living, intervened. Kapos were usually non-Jewish German or Austrian prisoners, often in camps for crimes or being politically opposed to the Nazis, and were in place so that the camp guards did not have to directly deal with the Jews.

This kapo, named Willie Brachmann, had picked Frank to be his messenger and errand-boy. When he saw Frank on the right side of the selection table, Frank recalled, "He came over, grabbed me roughly, and pushed me over to the left side."

"I looked back over and saw my brother still on the right, and I was on the left, and I knew what was going to happen. And he was led away with my mother."

Five days later, Frank's mother and brother were gassed.

At this point in the presentation, Frank, who was narrating along to images on a series of PowerPoint slides, stopped on a grainy picture of an old letter written in Czech. He told the story of it, and throughout his recounting, you could hear a pin drop.

The letter was from his mother. She had written it in the minutes before her and Frank's brother were

taken to the gas chamber to be killed. It was addressed to Frank's father. He read out some of the excerpts, but the full text of the letter is as follows:

"You, my one and only, my dearest. We are locked in in our block, waiting for the dark. Margetha Braun and I went to Willy's, who did not leave us with a moment of doubt. With Jenda we at first thought of hiding, which we did, but then we dropped the idea on the assumption it would be hopeless. The infamous trucks have arrived and we are waiting for it to begin. I took five bromides, after this exhausting and unnerving day I am somewhat dazed but completely calm. My dear Jenda is also admirable.

You, my one and only, my dearest, do not blame yourself in the least; it was our fate. We did what we could do. Remain in good health and remember my words that time heals everything—if not completely, then at least in some measure. Take care of that little golden boy—and don't spoil him with all your love.

May you both remain in very good health, my two dear golden ones. I will be thinking about little Walter—do you remember how I once said his passing would ease our way? And then, I will be thinking only of you and Míša (Frank's birth name).

Live well; we have to get on board. Into eternity,

Your Vilma"

In desperation, she gave the letter to a guard and asked him to deliver it. Frank recalled that, "he was not an SS soldier, just a regular military guard, so he must have had some compassion. He brought it to my father the next day."

Frank's father carried it throughout the year. After the war, Frank would not look at the letter for years. When his father died in 1967, Frank found it among his possessions, aged and yellow. He still hadn't read it, but finally took the opportunity to do so. For decades after, he kept the letter hidden from the world, including his wife Barbara, until finally, in 2015, he passed the letter along to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

In recalling his choice to give the letter to the museum, Frank said, "First, I was going to give them a copy of the letter, and I decided that the original needs to be preserved for



Photo courtesy of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum

Frank and his mother Vilma.

a long time and exposed to lots of people, which it would be in a museum." He went on to say, "I would be better off making a copy of it, keeping it for my family, and letting the original be available to the public."

In an interview with The Indianapolis Star in 2018, Judith Cohen, chief acquisition's curator for the Holocaust Memorial Museum, spoke of the uniqueness of the letter that Frank's mother Vilma wrote.

"I'm always reluctant to say it's the only such document ever created," Cohen said, "but to the best of our knowledge it is — it is the only one we have ever seen. Auschwitz, in the moments before gassing. In the extermination camps it was almost impossible to write material that was preserved."

The full interview can be read at <https://www.indystar.com/story/entertainment/2018/04/28/into-eternity-she-did-not-survive-holocaust-but-her-words-did/551071002/>.

In the months after the death of his mother and brother, Frank's father was deported out of Auschwitz. The two would not reunite until after the war. Frank, on the other hand, endured several long death marches. As the Russian Army advanced through Poland in the autumn and winter of 1944, Frank and his fellow Auschwitz inmates were sent on a death march to clear the camp and avoid discovery by the Russians.

For two days in the midst of winter in January of 1945, Frank and his inmates marched for miles through the cold, without food and water. Frank spoke of the second day, when he began hallucinating from exhaustion and starvation. "As we marched, in the ditch on the side of the road, all I could see were dead bodies. I was with some Polish dentists, and I said, 'I cannot go on, I am too tired.'"

But the Polish dentists forced him along, he said, and he made it to the train station. From there, they were sent some 200-plus miles to Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria. When they arrived, Frank said, "It was a disaster of a camp, extremely dangerous, full

of disease and starvation."

After six days in Mauthausen, Frank and his fellow prisoners were taken to a small sub-camp of Mauthausen called Melk, where they remained for three months. Then, in April of 1945, as British and American soldiers rapidly moved through Austria in the late stages of the war, Frank again was sent on a death march. They returned to Mauthausen, this time sleeping in tents with mud floors for four days.

After this, Frank endured his final death march, some 29 miles, from Mauthausen to Gunkirchen, another sub-camp of Mauthausen, where some 15,000 emaciated prisoners were left to die in the final days of the war. On May 4, 1945, just days before VE day, Gunkirchen was liberated by troops in the 71st Infantry Division and the segregated 761st Tank Battalion. Frank's horror had ended.

After the war, he spent some months in a holding facility. After one of the boys fled the facility and returned to Prague by train-hopping, he remarkably found Frank's father and informed him of his son's status. His father, Kurt, immediately traveled and gathered his son.

They spent several years in Prague before fleeing the communists in 1949. They spent two years in England before moving to New York City in 1951. There, Kurt became a general practitioner and Frank got a degree in Industrial Design from the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. After 45 years at GE and several other companies, Frank retired in 2002. He became a guest lecturer at Purdue and a speaker on his experiences in the Holocaust. He is married to Barbara Grunwald, and they have two children and currently reside in Indianapolis.

Frank spoke about how much those events are still with him, saying, "It's there all the time; unfortunately it never leaves me."

"I heard someone, one of the Polish prisoners say, recently actually in an interview, that 'once you live in Auschwitz, then after that you have two lives. One life is Auschwitz and one life is your other life. And that is very true.'"

☪ BUTCH *From Page A1*

called to inform me that Gary had four blocked arteries and needed to undergo open heart surgery...the next day! It was just hard for me to fathom that. Gary had told me that he had no symptoms other than mild indigestion at times. He exercised regularly, and often played golf three or four times a week with his high school buddy, Rich Douglas. He had gained a few pounds since he retired a couple of years ago, but certainly was not overweight. Well, we all prayed that the surgery would go well, and there would be no complications...and our prayers were answered. The surgery was successful, and my little brother came home three days later... and is recovering nicely... Thank the Lord!

All of this got me to thinking about our Dad. In the fall of 1990, my father called me to ask if I would play in a golf tournament with him and my two brothers, Gary and Mike. At that time, I was working 45 hours a week as a deputy sheriff

and also another 38 hours a week at my second job as the librarian at Darlington. I told Dad that I was barely able to get enough sleep, and might have to pass on the golf outing. But I could tell from his voice that he really wanted me to be there. He was very insistent, which was highly unusual for him. I finally agreed to join them, and we had a great time...even winning the tournament, albeit I had no sleep that day.

The next spring, Dad had a massive heart attack. The doctors told our family that he had evidently suffered a heart attack previously, but had not told anyone. That sounded like Dad, as he never went to a doctor in his life, never took a prescription, and never even took an aspirin. That is when I realized why he wanted us to play golf together that previous fall. He knew it might be the last time. Even though he had severe and irreversible heart damage, Dad lived another month. My sister, Sarah, and I were at his bedside at Methodist

Hospital when he passed away. Dad was only 66 years old. Before he passed away, Dad's eyes were closed, and he was only taking one breath per minute. And then he opened his eyes, looked straight up, and smiled... before exhaling one last time. I still believe Dad saw an angel coming to take him to Heaven. My mother had a stroke at age 74 and was confined to bed in a nursing home. She remained in great spirits though for the next four years, and I was shocked when Gary called and gave me the news. I wished I could have been there when she passed. They were both great parents, and we still miss them very much.

When a parent passes away, or a younger sibling has health problems, you start thinking more about your own health. I had my annual check-up in March. My blood pressure was 118/72... heartbeats 60 times a minute...weight 170 (same as in high school)...lungs clear...no sign of anything wrong. I told him I do my

push-ups every morning, get plenty of exercise working at our farm, and eat healthy. He told me all of that was good news. The bad news is that I am still 73 years old!

Well, we know Gary is going to get well soon and be back on the golf course in no time. He quit smoking several years ago, so that's good. I told him that...if he wanted me to...I would write up the following prescription: "To fully recover, it will be necessary for you to make love to your wife at least 3-4 four times a week for the next ten years." I figure that will get his heart pumping strong again, and after all, if you have a heart attack, you might as well have a "fun" recovery. Like the old saying goes, "There may be snow on the roof, but there's still a fire in the furnace!"

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D levels in early spring.

Many mushrooms don't need a whole lot of cleaning, however Morels with their sponge like texture tend to trap dirt, so it takes a little extra cleaning to prevent contamination. Only clean Morels right before use, they may absorb water causing them to mold. Shake off any debris before soaking the morels in a large bowl of cold water. Swish morels around. If water becomes extremely dirty rinse and refresh with new water. Soak the mushrooms for about 10 minutes. Once clean, put on clean kitchen towel and pat dry. Prepare using a recipe of your choice. If you are storing for later use remove dirt and debris but do not wash with water. Store under refrigeration.

Pair two in season vegetables together for a beautiful and tasty dish.

Morel Mushroom and

Asparagus Sauté

- 3 cups asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1 1/2 inch pieces.

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 shallot, thinly sliced
- 4 cups fresh morel mushrooms, halved lengthwise
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/4 tsp black pepper

Melt butter in a large nonstick skillet over medium high heat; Swirl to coat. Add shallot, sauté 1 minute, stirring constantly. Add morels, asparagus and 1/2 tsp salt; sauté 5 minutes or until mushrooms are lightly browned. Add oil and pepper; toss gently to coat. Cook 2 minutes or until asparagus is thoroughly heated.

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