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TODAY'S VERSE

Matthew 7:2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Michael Fry smiles while serving eggs and bacon at Alice's Restaurant. Thank you for your smile, Mike!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Each year, Indiana offers four Free Fishing Days to provide Indiana residents the opportunity to cast a line without the need for a fishing license. The next opportunity is June 4-5. Free Fishing Days are a great chance to try fishing for the first time, reactivate your fishing hobby, or simply spend time by the water with a fishing buddy. Check out the Where to Fish page to view the many free public access fishing spots throughout Indiana. If this will be your first time fishing, check out DNR's fishing tips and videos on their website.

2 Remember that spring wild turkey season continues through May 15. To participate, hunters need a valid turkey hunting license and game bird habitat stamp. Each hunter can take one bearded or male turkey during the spring season. Find the Where to Hunt Map, regulations, spring harvest data, processing videos, and more online at <https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/hunting-and-trapping/wild-turkey-hunting-biology-and-management/>.

3 One can only imagine what a sip of the most expensive bottle of single malt scotch whiskey would taste like, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. All you need is a couple of million dollars to find out. The auctioneers at Lyon & Turnbull in Edinburgh, Scotland say they expect that the Macallan Distillery's record-breaking, nearly six-foot tall, 82.16 gallon bottle of its 32-year-old Intrepid brand single-malt scotch might fetch nearly \$2 million at auction.



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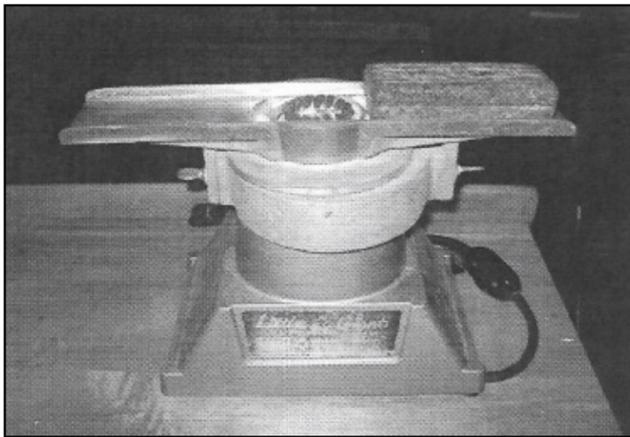
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Fourth grade teacher Ms. Audrey Cox (left) and the old eraser cleaner (right).



Photos courtesy of Butch Dale

Butch Says Many Memories are Here at the Library



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

Several people visit our library museum each month. Many of the visitors grew up in this community and attended school here, but now live elsewhere. The museum is a collection of memorabilia that I have collected or pur-

chased during the past 33 years, along with items that have been donated. Many of the items are from Darlington school, such as school desks, clothing, photos, yearbooks, etc., but there are also many items representing the town's history, such as the first telephone, the old Sunshine Theater movie projector, items from the drug store, the old barber chair, and hundreds of other things!

Sometimes it's just one thing that stirs a person's memory and reminds them of their youth. One of the pieces of memorabilia that fits in that category is the Weber-Costello "Little Giant" electric eraser cleaner that came from the school. Now why on earth this item...you might ask? Well, one of the favorite things for

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HSPA Executive Director, General Counsel Amelia McClure Begins Tenure

Amelia Dieter McClure begins her tenure this week as executive director and general counsel for the Hoosier State Press Association. HSPA represents 142 daily and weekly paid-circulation newspapers across Indiana. The trade association was founded in 1933. It lobbies on behalf of the state's newspapers, provides legal information, training and other services to its members.

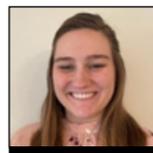
"I have big dreams and high

hopes for how this body can drive our profession, but I do not take the helm without recognizing the myriad challenges that lay ahead for all of us," McClure said in an email message this week to the state's newspaper publishers and editors.

McClure replaces Stephen Key who retired at the end of April after 29 years with the

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How to Plant a Tree



TRICIA HERR
Purdue Extension Office

It is spring time and with spring comes projects, often in the form of landscaping. If your landscaping ambitions are large this spring let's talk about the largest of them all, a tree. At the Master Gardeners Plant Sale this Saturday, May 7th, Nucor will be handing out free trees. The Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:41 a.m.
SET: 8:47 p.m.

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High/Low Temperatures
High: 70 °F
Low: 58 °F



Today is...

- International No Diet Day
- National Nurses Day
- National No Homework Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1937 The Hindenburg zeppelin filled with hydrogen goes up in flames
- 1954 Roger Bannister becomes the first person to run a mile in under 4 minutes
- 2004 The final episode of Friends is aired



Births On This Day

- 1856 Sigmund Freud Austrian neurologist
- 1961 George Clooney American actor, director, producer, screenwriter



Deaths On This Day

- 1862 Henry David Thoreau American writer, philosopher
- 1992 Marlene Dietrich German/American actress, singer

HONEST HOOSIER

Another month of May at the Speedway. I love the tradition and the connection we have with the famed oval!



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Kids need a minimum of 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily. 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.



OBITUARIES

Amanda Deckard Logsdon

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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Want TO GO?

Make sure to watch for the next clue in the 2022 Great Montgomery County Scavenger Hunt, designed to test your local knowledge and draw attention to the unique, beautiful and often strange history of our little slice of heaven. Answering questions correctly can earn you cash prizes too! Head to page A4 in today's edition for Clue #2, as well as Clue #1, and see if you have what it takes.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"When you have airplanes with precision weapons striking hospitals in Aleppo and slaughtering innocent men, women and children, you're committing a war crime. So we need more sanctions against Russia. We should not relax them."
Sen. John McCain, 2017

TODAY'S JOKE

What do you say if the Easter Bunny needs a ride?
Hop in!



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OBITUARIES

Amanda Deckard Logsdon

March 12, 1974 - May 4, 2022

Amanda Deckard Logsdon of Waynetown passed away Wednesday evening. She was 48.

She was born March 12, 1974 in Crawfordsville, the daughter of Bernie Deckard and Janet Deckard.

Mrs. Logsdon graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1992. She married Susan Logsdon.

She enjoyed woodworking, camping, kayaking, and working in her shop. She loved her truck. But most of all, Mrs. Logsdon loved her family, especially her grandkids.

Survivors include her spouse, Susan Logsdon; mother Jan Deckard; daughter Ashley Powell; son Chayce Miller; four step-children Derek Logsdon, Josh Logsdon, Mary Logsdon and Cheyenne Williams; eight grandchildren Lilly, Ivy, Weston, Bryson, Daniel, Matthew, Everleigh and Georgie; two brothers Troy Deckard and Jeff Deckard; and sister Melissa Willis.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents and her dad, Bernie Deckard.

A memorial gathering is scheduled to be held Sunday, May 8th from 2 to 4 p.m. at Burkhart Funeral Home, 201 W. Wabash Avenue. Her family is then scheduled to hold a service remembering Amanda at 4 p.m.

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



Ceres Solutions Co-Op Donation Will Benefit 4-H Youth Programs

As farmers and staff members of Ceres Solutions Cooperative are busy investing time and effort getting the 2022 crop planted and serviced, another group of Ceres Solutions employees took time to make an investment of a different kind... the financial kind.

Ceres Solutions' central office staff, represented here by CEO Jeff Troike, recently presented a donation totaling \$7,000 to Indiana 4-H Foundation for the benefit of programming that reaches students all across the Ceres Solutions trade area. The funds were generated through a Ceres donation and a matching grant from Ceres' partner, Land O'Lakes

Foundation. The checks were received by 4-H Foundation Executive Director Shelly Bingle, and are already earmarked to support an exciting 4-H Round Up experience for middle school children, the Junior Leader Conference in Indianapolis, and the Scholarship Luncheon in the fall.

"Our partners at Land O'Lakes and the customers who do business with us make these donations possible," says Troike. "It is especially rewarding to be able to invest in scholarships and 4-H programs that specifically benefit rural children."

In addition to this \$7,000 investment, more than \$66,000 in charitable donations is being

distributed to dozens of county 4-H youth program leaders within Indiana and Michigan, thanks again to Ceres Solutions and a matching investment from Land O'Lakes. The donations are greatly appreciated at the county level by extension staff who use the funds to purchase supplies and support programming. In addition to financial donations, Ceres Solutions team members donate fair week supplies and manpower hours to help area 4-H kids enjoy a safe and successful fair season.

"Fair season will be here before we know it. After two challenging years, we stand beside all our county extension staff

who are looking forward to returning to the traditional fair experience that helps develop so many youth into tomorrow's future leaders," said Laurel Mann of Ceres Solutions, who helped coordinate the donations.

Ceres Solutions Cooperative, based in Crawfordsville, Indiana, serves more than 35 counties in Indiana and Michigan. Every year, the company strives to make a positive financial impact in each local community. For more information about Ceres Solutions Cooperative, visit www.ceres.coop. You might also follow the company on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Meeting Notes

Southmont Schools Board of Trustees

Regular School Board Meeting Agenda
Corporation Board Room

Monday, May 9, 2022 - 6 p.m.

Executive Session

The Board of School Trustees will meet in Executive Session on Monday, May 9, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m. in the corporation board room to discuss job performance evaluation of individual employees, pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1.

Work Session

The Board of School Trustees will meet in a Work Session on Monday, May 9, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. in the corporation board room for a Demographic Study Presentation with Dr. Jerome McKibben.

Public Meeting

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Welcome and Recognition of Visitors.

IV. Revisions to Agenda

- Jennifer Long - Sme-kens Literacy Training stipend - \$500.00.

- Nicole Hazlett - Sme-kens Literacy Training stipend - \$500.00

- Tammy McGaughey - Smekens Literacy Training stipend - \$500.00.

- Kristin Paris - Or-ton-Gillingham Coaching NMES stipend - \$2000.00.

V. Public Comments (Agend Items Only):

VI. Consent Agenda:

(minutes, monthly

claims, field trips/facilities usage, contributions/gifts and personnel)

- Minutes from previous meetings

- Claims/Payrolls

- Personnel:

• Tim Saylor - Request to extend the personal leave to care for his wife until the end of the school year.

• Dawn Samuelson - Cancel Teacher's Contract - Elementary Special Education Teacher - New Market - effective May 26, 2022.

• Kandora Hargis - Non-Renewal of Tem-

porary Teacher Contract - Title One Teacher - New Market - effective May 26, 2022.

• Kayla Maddock - Cancel Teacher's Contract - Kindergarten Teacher - New Market - effective end of the 2021-2022 school year.

• Kayla Maddock - Title One Teacher - New Market - beginning 2022-2023 school year.

• Sydney Scherry - Elementary Teacher - New Market - beginning 2022-2023 school year.

• Stephanie Timmons - Elementary Teacher - New Market - beginning 2022-2023 school year.

• Autumn Ramsey - Elementary Teacher - New Market - beginning 2022-2023 school year.

• Isabella McIntyre - Elementary Teacher - New Market - beginning 2022-2023 school year.

• Lori McKinney - Director of Early Learning Programs.

• Approve resignation of Megan Harshbarger - Business Teacher - High School - effective June 1, 2022.

• Clay Buck - PE & Health Teacher - Southmont Jr. High - beginning the 2022-2023 school year.

• Tim Flagg - Transfer from 7th & 8th grade Social Studies/Computer Science to 7th grade ELA Teacher - beginning the 2022-2023 school year.

• Casie Allen - Transfer from 2nd grade to Elementary PE Teacher - New Market.

• Dana Hunt - Transfer from 3rd grade to Special Education Teacher - New Market.

• Approve resignation of Tessa Birdsong, Preschool Instructor - New Market - effective immediately.

• Mercedes McCormick - Maternity Leave Request - Jr. & Sr. High School Nurse - effective July 29th through September 12, 2022.

• Michelle Justus - Corporation Deputy Treasurer.

• Approve resignation of Sophie Reimondo - Jr. High Art Club Sponsor - effective immediately.

• James Gary - JH Track Assistant Coach - Volunteer.

• Tony Gonczarow - Holocaust Education stipend - \$50.00.

• Jacklyn Baxter - Holocaust Education stipend - \$50.00.

• Erin Jones - Holocaust Education stipend - \$50.00.

• Jerry Long - Holocaust Education stipend - \$50.00.

• Jamie McCormick - Holocaust Education stipend - \$50.00

• Deryk Bengel - Holocaust Education stipend - \$50.00.

• Cindy Armbruster - Holocaust Education stipend - \$50.00.

• Tina Swisher - 5th quarter stipend - \$420.00.

• Wendy Black - 5th quarter stipend - \$90.00.

• Amy France - 5th quarter stipend - \$90.00.

• Erin Jones - 5th quarter stipend - \$30.00.

• Lesley Lashley - 5th quarter stipend - \$150.00.

• Marci Welliever - 5th quarter stipend - \$270.00

• Jennifer Long - Smekens Literacy Training stipend - \$500.00.

• Nicole Hazlett - Smekens Literacy Training stipend - \$500.00.

• Tammy McGaughey - Smekens Literacy Training stipend - \$500.00.

• Kristin Paris - Or-ton-Gillingham Coaching NMES stipend - \$2000.00.

• Inventory list from the barn at Ladoga to be declared surplus and disposed of accordingly.

• Inventory list - CTE Class Vehicles to be declared surplus and disposed of accordingly.

VII. Items for Action:
1. Resolution - 2022: Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures.

VIII. Report from Superintendent

IX. Report from Director of Business

X. Reports from the Principals and Directors

XI. Public Comments (All Items)

XII. Items for Discussion by the Board

XIII. Adjournment

Annual Franciscan Health Race for Kids to be Held June 4th, Online Registration Due May 31st



Franciscan Health Lafayette East is hosting its annual 5K run/walk*, Race for Kids, on Saturday, June 4, 2022. A virtual** race option will also be available Saturday, June 4, through Sunday, June 5.

The Race for Kids itinerary will include the following:

8 a.m. - Registration Opens

8 - 11 a.m. - Safe Kids Greater Lafayette Activity Station; Fire Truck Tours; Canvas Art Pictures

Franciscan Physician Network Pediatrics West Lafayette and Franciscan Physician Network Family Medicine West Lafayette will be in attendance

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. - Meet and Greet with Purdue Pete!

8:45 a.m. - NICU Reunion, a reunion of patients, families and caregivers of the NICU

9 a.m. - Butterfly Release, a time for families to honor and remember a lost baby or child

9:15 a.m. - Kid's Dash, a non-competitive 50-yard dash. Free to children of all ages and abilities

9:30 a.m. - 5K Run/Walk starts - \$30 (kids under 10 are free)

Those who would like to participate are asked to

register online by Tuesday, May 31, by visiting RaceForKids5K.itsyourrace.com. The in-person event will take place at the end of St. Francis Way by the 3920 office building at Franciscan Health Lafayette East - 1701 S. Creasy Lane, Lafayette, IN.

The race is aimed at raising awareness and funds for the Franciscan Health Lafayette East Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and their Pediatric Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy departments. All proceeds will help purchase equipment and supplies needed to provide a continuum of care for not only the tiny babies in their NICU, but also the children with developmental delays who work hard each week in their therapy appointments.

Franciscan Health's goal is to enhance a child's ability to learn, improve their physical function and support their need for independence.

"We're excited to offer this annual race along with family friendly activities to the Greater Lafayette community," said Jen Eberly, director of development at Franciscan Health Foundation

Western Indiana. "The event has become a tradition for NICU families and helps raise funds which allows us to continue to give babies and children the best possible care at our facilities."

Register today by visiting RaceForKids5k.itsyourrace.com.

For more information about the event, please call (765) 423-6810.

*All registration types include a race t-shirt and one butterfly for release. Virtual participants can also have a butterfly released in honor of a loved one.

**Franciscan has and will continue to carefully monitor all developments surrounding the pandemic. Their first priority is your health and the wellbeing of our communities. Therefore, they will be implementing safety procedures to ensure everyone's wellbeing. They will continue to follow CDC and local guidelines. However, if their local environment is not conducive for an in-person event in June, then all activities will move to the virtual platform, and all registered in-person participants will be transferred to the virtual option (no refunds will be offered since this is a fundraiser).

Obituary deadline

The Times publishes obituaries daily at www.thetimes24-7.com, and in its print product every day with the exception of Sundays and Tuesdays.

All obituaries must come from a funeral home.

A photo may be included and should be sent as a high-resolution JPEG.

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DICK WOLFSIE
Life in a Nutshell

On the Wolfsie refrigerator, next to a photo of me hugging Goofy at Disney World (I was a mere 57 years old at the time) is Mary Ellen's list of items to be purchased on her next trip to the supermarket. Needless to say, there is frequent updating, like if we consume the last of the mayonnaise or the dog got into the pantry and gobbled up all the raisin bran. Our beagle did that frequently. The good news is that it made him very regular.

Mary Ellen's list is a model for all Americans who want to eat healthy. There's skim milk, low-fat cottage cheese, broccoli, skinless chicken breasts, and granola. Here's the question: If that's pretty much what the list always looks like, how did all the other crapola we eat end up in our kitchen? Who smuggled in the chips, the hard salami,

the doughnuts and the creamed spinach soufflé—which contains an alarming 27 grams of fat? I am the culprit, of course, and that is why I avoid food shopping with my wife. When we do go together, I'm on a very short leash and the chances of getting any treats are zero, even if I beg. I wish my wife would treat me more like a dog. I deserve it.

We used to go to the store together all the time. She was confusing its significance with the aisle we walked down 40+ years ago. But there's a huge difference: After I said "I do" in 1980, Mary Ellen didn't say, "I don't think this is good for you," or "Are you sure this is what you really want?" and when we kissed during the service, she definitely didn't say: "You still have plenty of this back home."

I'm second-guessed about everything I put in the shopping cart. Here are some of Mary Ellen's favorite expressions:
No one still living eats white bread.

Yes, we do need baked beans, if you don't count the 24 cans on top of the pool table.

Why are you buying low-fat trail mix bars? You know you're not going to eat them.

Why are you buying

cheese puffs? You know you're going to eat them.

Mary Ellen has junk-food radar and more often than not, she'll locate my hidden cache with just a glance. I try to sneak things into the basket, but it's tough to hide a large Tombstone pizza under a can of peaches. Having to put an item back on the shelf is the most humiliating thing that can happen to a guy—at least in public.

Recently I ran into a friend at the grocery. "Hey, Dick, doing a little reverse shopping, are you? You must be here with the wife."

To avoid future embarrassment, I told Mary Ellen that this week I was going to go to the store alone. She said that was fine, and Saturday morning she handed me a sheet of paper.

"Thank you, Mary Ellen, but I don't need a shopping list."

"Oh, it's not a shopping list. It's a permission slip."

- 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.

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.

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PREVIOUS CLUE

WHERE WOULD THESE NAMES BE FOUND IN CRAWFORDSVILLE AND WHY WOULD THEY BE LISTED TOGETHER? ZEPHANIAH BALL; JAMES R. CARNAHAN; ISAAC C. ELSON; SAMUEL B. FERGUSON; SMITH S. FRY; THOMAS W. FRY; JOHN P. HAWKINS; JESSE L. HOLMAN; LYCURCUS RAILBACK; ROBERT SPILMAN; SAMUEL C. VANCE; WILLIAM C. WILSON; JOSEPH M. WISHARD; AND A LOT MORE.

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One Man's Ranking of Purdue Football's Previous First Round Draft Picks

George Karlaftis became the 24th Purdue football player taken during the first round of a professional football draft, going 30th overall to the Kansas City Chiefs last week.

His selection ended an 11-year first-round drought for the Boilermakers, whose last first-round pick was another All-American defensive end: Ryan Kerrigan.

Those 23 first-round selections include three Pro Football Hall of Fame members, seven Super Bowl/NFL champions and four members of the Cradle of Quarterbacks. Here's one man's ranking of the previous 23 first-round picks.

1. Rod Woodson – It takes a special talent to be named to the NFL's 75th anniversary team as an active player and remain there as a part of the 100th anniversary celebration in 2020.

There were four other active players selected to the NFL's 75th anniversary team in 1994. You may have heard of them: Jerry Rice, Joe Montana, Reggie White and Ronnie Lott.

Woodson went 10th to the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1987 NFL Draft, the only player among the top 10 picks who someday would be elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Playing cornerback and safety in the NFL, Woodson was the NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 1992. His 11 Pro Bowl selections are a record for a defensive back.

Woodson earned a Super Bowl ring with the Baltimore Ravens, one of four teams he played for during a 17-season career. He entered the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2009 with 71 interceptions, including an NFL record 12 for touchdowns. His 1,483 interception return yards were also an NFL record, since surpassed by Ed Reed.

2. Bob Griese – The late Bob Collins of the Indianapolis Star once opined that Griese lost the 1966 Heisman Trophy because consensus opinion was that the winner, Steve Spurrier of Florida, was the better pro prospect.

The San Francisco 49ers thought so anyway, trading three players to Atlanta to secure the No. 3 pick and Spurrier in the 1967 NFL Draft. Spurrier never beat out John Brodie in San Francisco, starting only 38 games in a 10-year career that ended with the winless Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1976.

Griese went one pick later to Miami, whose fans were dreaming of Spurrier leading their second-year franchise to glory. Instead it was Griese who guided the Dolphins to two Super Bowl victories and three consecutive AFC championships.

In Don Shula's run-first offense, Griese still threw for 25,092 yards and 192 touchdowns in 14 seasons.

Griese was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1990 and the College Football Hall of Fame in 1984.

3. Len Dawson – The fifth overall selection in the 1957 draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers, Dawson didn't blossom as a pro quarterback until reuniting with his Purdue quarterback coach Hank Stram with the AFL's Dallas Texans in 1962.

Dawson led the Texans to their first AFL championship that year and was named the AFL Player of the Year. The Texans moved to Kansas City in 1963 and won another AFL championship in 1966 and the final AFL title in 1969.

Dawson was the Most



KENNY WILLIAMS
Columnist

Valuable Player of Super Bowl IV, leading Stram and the Chiefs to a 23-7 upset of the Minnesota Vikings.

Lauded by Stram as "the most accurate passer in pro football," Dawson threw for 28,711 yards and 239 touchdowns in his 18-year career. He was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1987.

4. Dave Butz – The first of a record three Purdue players going in the first round of the 1973 draft, Butz went fifth overall to the St. Louis Cardinals.

Typical of decades of poor management, the Cardinals lost Butz to free agency after two seasons when a mistake was discovered in his rookie contract. It cost Washington and coach George Allen two first-round picks and a second to sign Butz. For the next 14 years, the 6-foot-8, 300-pound Butz played in three Super Bowls and recorded 59.5 career sacks. He retired as the oldest starting player in the NFL in 1988 at 38.

Butz was selected to the NFL's 1980s All-Decade Team and was chosen one of the 70 greatest players in Washington history.

5. Cecil Isbell – A legendary passer overlooked not just in Purdue football history but the NFL as well, Isbell was born too soon. Instead of a 10-15 year career like today's star quarterbacks, Isbell's pro career only lasted from 1938-1942.

The seventh overall selection by Green Bay in 1938, Isbell was so talented as a passer that he was named to the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 1930s with just two seasons under Isbell's belt. Isbell was even better in the 1940s, earning All Pro honors in 1941 and 1942 after leading the NFL in passing each season. The Associated Press' first All-Pro Team in 1940 included Isbell.

As a rookie, Isbell was fourth in the NFL in rushing and fifth in passing. In 1939, Isbell helped the Packers win the league championship. By 1942 Isbell had become the first player in NFL history to surpass 2,000 passing yards and set a record with 24 touchdown passes.

Isbell retired following the 1942 season at age 27 to take the backfield coach's job at Purdue. He left with a streak of 23 games with a touchdown pass. That mark stood until Johnny Unitas broke it in 1958. Brett Favre broke his Packers record in 2003.

Isbell died in 1985 at age 69.

6. Otis Armstrong – Taken ninth overall by Denver in 1973, Armstrong led the NFL in rushing with 1,407 yards in 1974. He rushed for 1,008 yards in 1976 and the next season helped the Broncos reach Super Bowl XII.

Armstrong rushed for 4,453 yards and 25 touchdowns before his career was cut short by a neck injury in 1980. He was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 2012 and died at the age of 70 in 2021.

7. Jim Everett – Purdue has had three players taken third in the NFL Draft and the most successful was Everett, who earned Pro Bowl honors with the Los Angeles Rams.

The Rams acquired

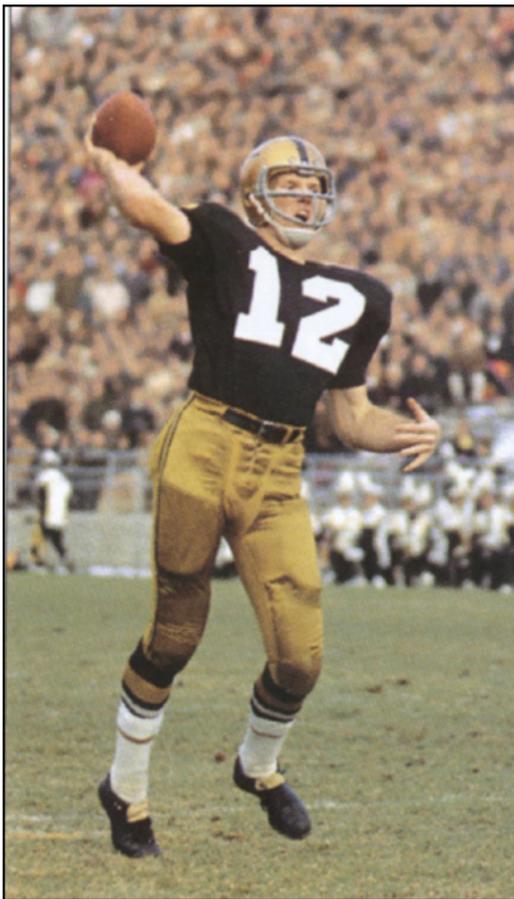


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Bob Griese was drafted fourth overall by the Miami Dolphins in the 1967 NFL Draft. He went on to lead the Dolphins to two Super Bowl victories and three consecutive AFC Championship games. He was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1990.

Everett from the Houston Oilers, who already had future Hall of Famer Warren Moon at quarterback. Two first-round picks and a Pro Bowl guard was among the cost for the Rams.

Everett guided the Rams to three playoff berths, going all the way to the 1989 NFC title game. In 12 seasons that also included stops in New Orleans and San Diego, Everett passed for 34,837 yards and 203 touchdowns. He led the NFL with 31 TD passes in 1988 and 29 in 1989.

"I'm most proud that I had the guts, determination, to live out a dream," Everett told therams.com in 2021.

8. Johnny Drake – Purdue's first NFL No. 1 draft pick was the first ever choice of the expansion Cleveland Rams with the 10th overall selection in 1937. The Rams went 1-10 in 1937 but in his second season Drake earned the first of three consecutive NFL All-Star berths and was a first-team All-Pro in 1940.

Drake led the NFL with nine touchdowns each in the 1939 and 1940 seasons. He retired in 1941 with 1,700 yards on 525 carries with 24 touchdowns. Drake died in 1973 one day shy of his 57th birthday.

9. Abe Gibron – Long before he became coach of the Chicago Bears in the 1970s, Gibron was such a highly regarded lineman that he was taken in a secret draft.

Today it's impossible to think any professional draft could maintain secrecy but the league executing that plan – the All-America Football Conference – was fighting for survival against the juggernaut the NFL had become by 1949.

The Buffalo Bills, not today's Bills which were founded in 1960, took Gibron in the first round with the sixth overall pick. He earned AAFC Rookie Lineman of the Year honors.

Alas the secret draft would be the last for the AAFC, which disbanded following the 1949 season. Before the dissolution, Gibron ended up joining the kings of the AAFC, the Cleveland Browns, Paul Brown's team, along with the San Francisco 49ers and the first Baltimore Colts merged with the NFL in 1950.

With Gibron in the starting lineup, the Browns won NFL titles in 1950, 1954 and 1955. He earned two All-Pro selections and four Pro

Bowl berths. Gibron died in 1997 at 72.

10. Mike Pruitt – Another Cleveland Browns legend, Pruitt quickly showed why he went seventh in the 1976 NFL Draft.

Four times in five seasons starting in 1978, Pruitt rushed for more than 1,000 yards. Injury prevented him from making it five seasons in a row.

Pruitt earned Pro Bowl honors in 1979 and 1980. When Pruitt departed for Buffalo in 1985, his 6,450 yards only trailed Hall of Famers Jim Brown and Leroy Kelly in Browns history.

11. Ryan Kerrigan – Washington got an \$8.72 million bargain when it selected Kerrigan 16th in the 2011 draft.

For the next eight seasons, Kerrigan started every game at outside linebacker. He intercepted a pass and returned it for a touchdown in his debut, the first of three times he would return an interception for a score during his career.

Kerrigan left Washington after the 2020 season for Philadelphia, taking with him the franchise record for sacks (95.5).

12. Darryl Stingley – Picked 19th overall by the New England Patriots in 1973, he had 110 receptions for 1,883 yards and 14 touchdowns over five seasons.

Stingley's career was ended by a paralyzing hit from Oakland Raiders safety Jack Tatum during a preseason game in 1978. Stingley died in 2007 at the age of 55 of heart disease and pneumonia, both complications of his quadriplegia.

His grandson, LSU standout cornerback Derek Stingley Jr., was drafted third overall last week by the Houston Texans.

13. Anthony Spencer – The Fort Wayne native became an instant starter at outside linebacker after being taken 26th in the 2007 NFL Draft by the Dallas Cowboys.

His best season came in 2009, with a career-best 67 tackles and six sacks. Spencer had an almost identical season in 2011 with 66 tackles and six sacks.

Spencer reached the Pro Bowl in 2012 before injuries eventually led to his retirement in 2015. He finished with 33 sacks and 384 tackles.

14. Tom Bettis – Green Bay before Vince Lombardi was the Jacksonville Jaguars of their time when the Packers drafted Bettis fifth



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Rod Woodson was drafted 10th overall by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1987 NFL Draft. His sterling career included a Super Bowl win with the Baltimore Ravens in 2001, a record 11 Pro-Bowl selections, 1993 NFL Defensive Player of the year and election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2009. His 12 touchdowns from interceptions are an NFL record, and his 32 fumble recoveries are a record for defensive players. He was named to the NFL's 75th Anniversary team while still active and was subsequently named to the NFL's 100th Anniversary team in 2020.

overall in 1955.

Bettis became a starting linebacker and held on to the job until future Hall of Famer Ray Nitschke took over late in the 1960 season. Bettis earned an NFL championship with the Packers in 1961 before being traded to Pittsburgh. Bettis added a second NFL title with the Chicago Bears in 1963 and a third as an assistant coach to Purdue graduate Hank Stram with the Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl IV.

Bettis died at the age of 81 in 2015.

15. Don Brumm – Taken 13th overall by the St. Louis Cardinals in 1963, Brumm played 10 seasons in the NFL as a defensive end.

He was selected to the 1968 Pro Bowl after recording nine of his 41 career sacks.

16. Leroy Keyes – The greatest player in Purdue football history never really got a chance to shine in the NFL thanks to injury.

As the third overall pick in the 1969 draft by Philadelphia, Keyes played running back, cornerback and safety. In 1971, Keyes (6) and fellow Eagles safety Bill Bradley (11) combined for 17 interceptions.

Keyes spent the final season of his five-year NFL career in Kansas City. A College Football Hall of Fame selection in 1990, Keyes died at the age of 74 in 2021.

17. Mike Phipps – The Cleveland Browns traded future Hall of Fame wide receiver Paul Warfield to Miami for the rights to Phipps, who was drafted third overall in the 1970 draft.

That move immediately got Phipps off on the wrong side of an opinionated Browns fan base and things never improved. Phipps became the Browns' starting quarterback in 1972 and guided Cleveland to a playoff berth. A separated shoulder in 1976 led to his trade to the Chicago Bears in 1977 for a first-round pick, who turned out to be another future Pro Football Hall of Famer: Ozzie Newsome.

Like so many Bears quarterbacks after Sid Luckman, Phipps never excelled in Chicago and the arrival of Jim McMahon in 1982 spelled the end of his career.

Phipps was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 2006.

18. Dustin Keller – The New York Jets made the Lafayette Jeff graduate the 30th overall pick of the 2008 draft. Luckily for Keller, his first quarterback in the

NFL was Brett Favre and the two hooked up for 48 receptions, 535 yards and three touchdowns.

Keller led the Jets in receptions in 2010 (55) and 2011 (65). Signing with the Miami Dolphins in 2013, Keller's career ended with a serious knee injury suffered in a preseason game against the Houston Texans.

19. John Charles – The Rose Bowl MVP went 21st overall to the Boston Patriots in the 1967 NFL Draft. The defensive back played eight seasons in the league including a stop in Minnesota, where he was sent as compensation for the Patriots signing quarterback Joe Kapp in 1970. Charles spent his final four seasons in Houston, where he died in 2019 at the age of 76.

Leroy Keyes remembered Charles as a hard hitting defensive back who "if he had a chance to bring some heat, he would do it with no hesitation. He was a leader, but he led by example as opposed to leading by a loud voice."

20. Larry Burton – An Olympic 200-meter sprinter in 1972 and former world record-holder in the 60-yard dash (5.9 seconds), Burton converted his All American season in 1974 into being selected seventh overall in the 1975 draft by New Orleans.

Burton spent five seasons in the NFL with the Saints and San Diego Chargers, compiling 804 yards and seven touchdowns.

21. Jerry Shay – An All-American defensive tackle, Shay was drafted seventh overall by the Minnesota Vikings in 1966 and fourth overall by the AFL Denver Broncos.

In addition to two seasons in Minnesota, Shay also played two seasons for Atlanta and two for the New York Giants. His best seasons were in 1968 with the Falcons when he recorded 6.5 sacks and in 1970 with the Giants when Shay collected six sacks.

22. Karl Singer – The third overall pick in the 1966 AFL Draft, the offensive tackle spent three seasons with the Boston Patriots.

23. Ken Novak – An All-American defensive tackle in 1975, Novak went 20th overall to the Baltimore Colts in 1976. He played two seasons with the Colts.

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

CollegeChoice 529 Plans Launches Faces of 529 Day Contest, May 29th



Kelly Mitchell

Treasurer of State Kelly Mitchell is announcing the CollegeChoice Faces of 529 Day Contest to celebrate National College Savings Plan Day on May 29. CollegeChoice 529 will award one winner with a \$529 CollegeChoice account contribution for sharing a photo with a caption of who they are saving for during the month of May.

To enter the contest, a participant must upload a photo of their beneficiary with a caption and complete the form at www.collegechoicedirect.com/529day by 11:59 p.m. on May 29. One individual will be randomly selected from all eligible entries to win a \$529 CollegeChoice 529 account deposit.

"Faces of 529 Day is an opportunity to put the focus on our beneficiaries of all ages," said program Executive Director Marissa Rowe. "Each year, we receive great photos and captions, and we cannot

wait to award the \$529 account deposit to a family. Not a photographer? Don't worry – the winner is selected at random."

CollegeChoice 529 provides families with flexibility and choice when it comes to saving for education after high school. Funds can be used at any eligible school or qualified apprenticeship program, both in- and out-of-state. Accounts grow tax-deferred and distributions are tax-free as long as the money is withdrawn to pay for qualified education expenses like tuition, books, computers, equipment, and fees.

Indiana taxpayers may also be eligible for an annual state income tax credit of 20 percent of contributions to their CollegeChoice 529 accounts, worth up to \$1,000 each year (\$500 for married couples filing separately).

For full contest rules and to enter, visit www.collegechoicedirect.com/529day. For more information about CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plans, visit www.collegechoicedirect.com/plans.

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Indiana taxpayers are eligible for a state income tax credit of 20% of contributions to a CollegeChoice 529 account, up to \$1,000 credit per year (\$500 for married couples filing separately). This credit may be subject to recapture from the account owner (not the contributor) in certain circumstances, such as rollovers to another state's 529 plan, federal nonqualified withdrawals, withdrawals used to pay elementary or secondary school tuition for a school outside of Indiana, or qualified education loan repayments as described in the applicable Disclosure Booklet.

Grants Available for Recycling Markets, Manufacturing Capacity and Job Creation



The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) today announced the availability of grant funding for recycling projects from the Recycling Market Development Program. Eligible candidates may seek a grant ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000. Proposals are accepted now through June 15, 2022.

Public and private businesses, local government,

solid waste management districts, and nonprofit organizations located and doing business in Indiana are eligible to submit proposals for funding. Proposals must show a need, an increase in recyclable material collection or consumption, a reduction in municipal solid waste shipped for final disposal, or improved partnerships with communities, including economic impacts and increased public awareness of recycling opportunities through tangible outreach and education efforts.

Projects should demonstrate sustainability and an understanding of the changing economy for recyclers and look at where monies can be used most effectively to increase statewide recycling.

Final funding determinations will be made this fall. To apply, visit idem.IN.gov/recycle/2358. For additional in-

formation, please contact 800-988-7901 or RMDP-Grants@idem.IN.gov.

The Recycling Market Development Program operates under the Recycling Market Development Board as established by IC 4-23-5.5. The grant money for the program comes from the Recycling Promotion and Assistance Fund, an account generated by a per-ton fee on solid waste disposed at Indiana landfills. The fund supports source reduction, reuse, recycling and composting to prevent solid waste from permanent disposal.

IDEM (idem.IN.gov) implements federal and state regulations regarding the environment. Through compliance assistance, incentive programs and educational outreach, the agency encourages and aids businesses and citizens in protecting Hoosiers and our environment.

Senate Votes to Support Sens. Young and Hassan's Bipartisan Provision to Strengthen Research, Development



Todd Young



Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.)

On Wednesday, the U.S. Senate voted on priorities for the upcoming conference committee on the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act, a bill led by Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.). In an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote of 90 to 5, the Senate passed a bipartisan motion offered by Senators Young and Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.) to promote American research and development.

The motion supports expanding the research

and development tax credit for small businesses and preserving the ability of innovative U.S. companies to fully deduct R&D investments.

In remarks on the Senate floor, Senator Young said, "We cannot compete with China without robust domestic R&D. A company investing \$100 in R&D in China this year would get a \$200 deduction. In America? That company investing \$100 would only get to deduct \$10 this year. We must not lose out on

innovation and production to China."

Senator Hassan also spoke on the Senate floor and said, "The research and development tax credit gives critical support to the small businesses and start-ups that power our economy. By strengthening the R&D tax credit for startups and preserving other tax incentives for research here in America, we can outcompete countries like China."

Wednesday evening's motion follows Senators Young and Hassan's ongoing efforts to support research and development. They previously introduced the bipartisan American Innovation and Jobs Act to restore incentives for long-term R&D investment by ensuring that companies can continue to fully deduct R&D expenses each year. The bill would also double the refundable R&D tax credit and expand it to more startups and small businesses.

IndyCar Ministry Planning 'Month of Ministry' Events

The calendar has flipped to the Month of May, and you can feel the excitement building in Indy. With the Indianapolis 500 Presented by Gainbridge less than one month away and the GMR Grand Prix of Indianapolis next week, the Month of May is buzzing for the INDYCAR community. Behind the scenes, IndyCar Ministry continues to serve those within the IndyCar community through prayer, counseling, encouragement and much more during this special time. This May, they've created a new initiative dubbed the 'Month of Ministry' which will be alive and present.

"We are obviously really excited about the Month of May in Indy but also for the Month of Ministry," explained Chaplain Jason Holt. "Beginning Sunday, May 8, we will be doing a prayer initiative focused on the various members, departments, and positions within the IndyCar community. Not only will this raise awareness of who they serve but this also invite others to be a part of making an impact within the community."

"We have a big month of racing ahead of us, and a big month for the IndyCar Ministry," added Chaplain Chuck Lessick. "We are working hard to bring you some videos and content from behind the scenes. Talk to drivers and crew and get their take on IndyCar, their faith, their families and what they do inside the sport. It is going to be a great month."

As part of the "Month of Ministry," ICM is working towards engaging people through their giving. The Ministry is solely funded through donations from those within the motorsports community and is a 501(c)3 accredited organization. By inviting people to join in through financial partnership will enable IndyCar Ministry to be at every event and continue to serve those in our racing community, in spite of the increased travel costs they are facing.

During the AMR Grand Prix, IndyCar Ministry will have a major presence in the Road to Indy program as well as their normal initiatives. As a naming partner in the Indy Pro 2000 Presented

by Cooper Tires rounds five, six and seven, IndyCar Ministry logos will be present on all competitors' cars throughout the event weekend.

Lessick continued, "By partnering with Andersen Promotions and the Road to Indy, we receive pace car rides, gentleman start your engines and the opportunity to wave the green flag for the weekend's festivities. We will be putting those items up in an online auction with all proceeds going directly to the expenses of IndyCar Ministry."

IndyCar Ministry would also like you to visit Garage #19 throughout the Indianapolis 500 festivities. With a show car on display as well as services being offered throughout the month, Garage #19 will be the place to be for IndyCar Ministry.

Stay tuned to their social media channels for more on the 'Month of Ministry', how to get involved and how to donate.

IndyCar Ministry is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Corporation and is funded entirely by your donations.

WHIN Receives \$400,000 Gift from West Central Region of IU Health to Improve Rural Broadband Access

The Wabash Heartland Innovation Network (WHIN) has received \$400,000 from the West Central Region of Indiana University Health toward WHIN's future. The gift recognizes WHIN's leadership role in accelerating broadband access in its ten-county region.

"WHIN deeply appreciates IU Health's support," says WHIN CEO Johnny Park. "Our unique role in helping make innovative wireless broadband technology and network design available to underserved rural communities quickly, while our counties continue to work toward more fiber deployment, will help IU Health serve its patients better now."

WHIN recently announced a pilot project in Warren County to demonstrate the performance of next-generation wireless technology in difficult terrain. WHIN plans similar projects in each county in the region to show how advanced technology can fill gaps quickly and affordably. Residents and businesses will benefit as WHIN makes its technology available to service providers to include in their offerings to customers.

According to Greg Jarman, Vice President for Broadband Relationships at WHIN, the deployments represent a significant advancement in the services networks can provide.

"The advanced technology WHIN is deploying has next-generation capacity to meet needs like eLearning and telehealth that go beyond high-speed internet," says Jarman. "It can eventually allow users to connect directly with private networks at school corporations, in health care systems, and in other sensitive applications."

"The COVID-19 pandemic increased the urgency of what was already a recognized need for more and better telehealth services in our region," according to Art Vasquez, president of the West Central Region of IU Health, which includes facilities in Lafayette, Frankfort and Monticello. "Over the past two years, the number of IU Health patients utilizing telehealth services has increased by 6,704% throughout the state of Indiana."

For WHIN and IU Health, the future of healthcare is more than good networks. It includes

smart devices that can help physicians diagnose and treat patients at home.

"WHIN's overarching goal is to make our region a center for the Internet of Things economy," says Park. "We look forward to working with IU Health to explore how IoT-enabled telehealth can deliver cost-effective and high-quality care to people wherever they are."

Shannon Oates, MD, FACE, specializes in endocrinology and metabolism for IU Health Arnett. She also oversees IU Health Arnett's Hospital at Home program.

"Advancing technology has the potential to keep more patients out of the hospital and even out of doctors' offices," says Oates. "But it is very important that everyone has access to those services. WHIN is helping our region break down those barriers."

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students to do back in those days was to be selected to wash the blackboard and then take the chalk erasers down to the furnace room to be cleaned. With a flip of the switch, the silver colored machine started whirring, as students ran the erasers across the top, with dust flying outside via an attached pipe. Because the furnace room was so nice and warm in the winter, many of us made sure the erasers were cleaned "extra good" by perhaps staying just a wee bit too long. And of course, our favorite school custodian was there to tell us stories and, if we were lucky, buy us a bottle of Coke from the 5-cent Coca-Cola machine next to his desk. I can tell you that every former student who sees that old eraser cleaning machine instantly has a smile on their face.

When you see things that remind you of your childhood, your mind becomes flooded with memories. We "baby-boomers" of Mont-

gomery County are quite fortunate to have grown up in the 1950s and early 1960s, and we have lots of good memories. The small towns had thriving businesses which were family owned. There were activities going on, sponsored by these businesses or social groups and churches, during each season of the year. The school was the center of activity, and with the small classes that existed in those days, all of the students were able to participate in sports, clubs, and various school activities. Very few kids got into trouble, and although there were certainly a few instances of underage drinking, there were certainly no drugs around. Kids got high on life! The majority of children attended church or Sunday school, and also showed up for Vacation Bible school in the summer. Both farm kids and town kids had chores to do, and many took extra jobs helping neighbors or business

owners to earn spending money. Children respected their parents and their elders.

In each community, sure, there were one or two old "soreheads" around, but everyone got along, were friendly, and helped each other. People actually communicated face-to-face...not by E-mail, Twitter, and Facebook. Stories, jokes, and the latest happenings were told at gathering places, and although politics were discussed, it never got out of hand like it does today. Families visited with relatives and neighbors. There were cookouts, church gatherings, and school events for everyone...young and old. Farmers and townspeople joined in to help out anyone who needed it because of health problems, injuries, or tough times. Yes, people CARED about each other.

When you see those things that remind you of your childhood days, it's also a little sad, too,

because as a poet once said, "Down the lanes of boyhood let me go once more, Let me tread the paths of youth that I have trod before...And yet we never can return when once we've journeyed on...Old age is ever wishing for the joys forever gone." But don't fret, those memories are still floating around in your mind...like the clouds on a sunny day. No, you can't live in the past. But once in a while, you can just close your eyes, think of your favorite memories...and smile. Each time I look at that old eraser cleaner, I think of my 4th grade teacher, Audrey Cox. It is 1958. I am sitting in the front row...holding my hand up high...and she picks me to clean the erasers...and I am happy!

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

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District is hosting a native plant sale, including native trees, thru May 16th on their website. With all these opportunities, I think it is best to discuss how to plant your new trees. It is a 12- step process according to Lindsey Purcell, the Urban Forestry Specialist at Purdue University.

1. Placement. When picking your placement, consider the trees full size. Will it be too close to a structure or utility? Consider the vertical and horizontal growth of the canopy and root system.

2. Dig the planting pit 1-1.5 times as wide as the root system. BEFORE DIGGING, call 811 to identify underground utility lines. Providing space when digging the planting pit for the roots to expand is crucial. Dig the hole no deeper than the depth of the main order root system. Shave or cut the outer inch of the roots on all sides and the bottom. This will remove the malformed roots and promote lateral rooting instead of circular. Find the root flare and make sure it is not below the soil line at final grade establishment. When handling the tree, always handle by the container or root ball, not the trunk!

3. Provide proper drainage. Check to be sure the soil type in the planting area has good drainage. If unsure of the soil type, you can fill the pit half full with water, if the water is gone after two hours, the drainage is good!

4. Prune the tree to remove and prevent problems. Remove dead, broken and damaged branches and any other nonbeneficial plant parts. Develop a strong branch structure, establishing a central leader system.

5. Set the tree in the hole with the root collar even or slightly above the existing grade. Planting too deep is the most common reason for mortality in a new tree. Be certain the root flare is visible above the soil line.

6. Remove all foreign materials from the root

ball. Remove wires, tags, twine, cords, containers and nonbiodegradable containment bags. If planting a balled and burlap tree, remove the upper 1/2 to 1/3 of the burlap is all that is needed.

7. Gently refill the hole with native soil. No additives! Settle the soil with water and lightly tamp to remove air pockets and insure good root/soil contact. Construct a small earth rim with excess soil around the planting pit to help hold water during supplemental irrigation.

8. Stake the tree, if necessary. It is not always recommended to construct a support system, and when it is necessary it should only be in place for up to one year.

9. Mulch the planting are around the tree. Two to three inches of mulch should suffice, don't smother the trunk.

10. Water the tree, but don't drown it. A thorough soaking is better than light frequent watering. One inch per week from rainfall or supplemental watering is a good rule of thumb.

11. Protect the tree from animals and humans. Plastic expanding wraps are ideal for protecting against deer and small animals. Make sure to keep the string trimmer and mower away from the trunk and bark.

12. Avoid fertilization during the first growing season. It can cause stress to the tree and delay establishment.

All this information was taken from "Tree Installation: Process and Practices" by Lindsey Pell.

If you have any questions or concerns about planting a new tree or accessing an issue or disease in an established tree on your property, give me a call and I would be happy to take a look.

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50 candidates. Since December 2021, she has served as HSPA's government relations counsel and worked with Key during the last legislative session.

When McClure was hired, Larry Hensley, HSPA Board president and general manager with Gannett newspapers, said the board was excited to have McClure join the HSPA team.

"Her vision and desire to lead our organization will provide our members the resources to succeed in the future, and her commitment to protect our rights will endear her to all journal-

ists in the state," Hensley said.

McClure comes to HSPA from Indiana University where she served as assistant director for government relations and compliance for two and a half years. Prior to her time at IU, she was manager of government relations for Hosparus Health and a practicing attorney. She lobbied the state legislature on behalf of the university and Hosparus Health, successfully shepherding a bill allowing Indiana to join an interstate nursing compact through its passage in 2019.

McClure said among

her first orders of business is to get to know members and listen to their thoughts. "This summer I am planning to visit you to see your newsrooms, learn your community and hear your needs," McClure said in the email to publishers and editors.

"The purpose of an association is to service its members and I cannot do that without knowing and understanding the unique circumstances that Indiana newspapers face," McClure said.

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