

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 19:14 *Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.*

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Lee Mitchell, owner of Mitchell's Produce smiles from his booth on a recent Saturday morning at the Farmers' Market.

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Your average five-year-old may be content to have mom or dad read him or her a story once in a while. But Bella-Jay Dark, who lives in the town of Weymouth, UK, not only reads her books, she writes them, as well, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Bella-Jay had her storybook, *The Lost Cat*, published by Ginger Fyre Press and it is available for purchase on Amazon. In addition to making her parents proud, Bella-Jay earned the Guinness Record title of youngest person to write and publish a book.

2 Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton would like to invite the public to the newly renovated Kathy Steele Park Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 4 - 5 p.m. to start conversations about any concerns, input, or suggestions that the public may have concerning the city. The Kathy Steele Park is located at 801 W. Main Street Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

3 TAF is excited to announce the return of the August Art Fair, an outdoor art sale held the front lawn of the Wells Community Cultural Center. This year's fair will be held on Friday, August 5, from 5 - 8 pm. Interested artists will need to submit an online application by 5 pm on July 15. Spots will be filled in the order applications are received. Accepted vendors will be able to reserve a 10' x 10' booth space at TAF on the evening of August 5 from 5 - 8 p.m. Artists will be responsible for running their own booth and processing their own sales. Artists will keep 100% of their sales. This opportunity is open only to TAF Individual Artist Members.

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Popular Green Issues Films Are Back



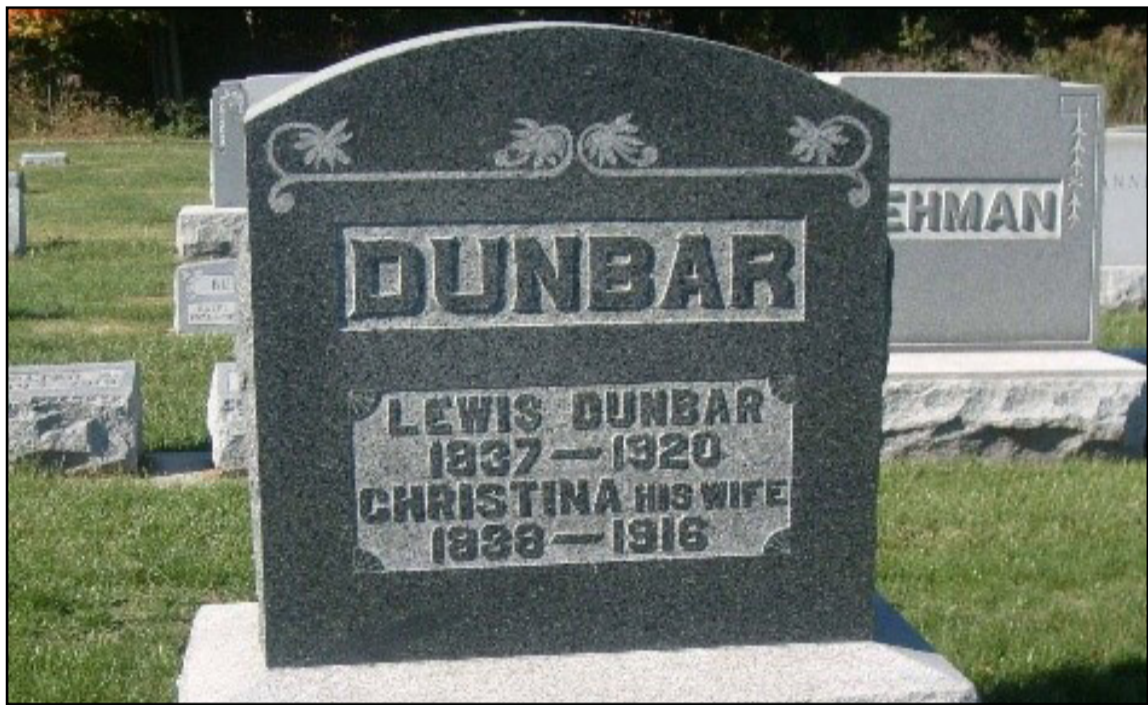
The League of Women Voters, open to men as well as women, is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the Montgomery County LWV, visit: www.lwvmt.com, or message to LWV, PO Box 101, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Green Issues film series, co-sponsored by Montgomery County League of Women Voters and Wabash College Library, return this summer with four engaging documentaries about issues affecting our natural world. Films show at 7 pm in Korb Classroom in the Fine Arts Center at Wabash College. They are free and open to the public. Parking can

be found just south of the Fine Arts Center (on the east side of Grant Street, just north of Jennison Street). The series begins on Tuesday, June 28 with *Kiss the Ground*. This documentary focuses on the many ways we can raise awareness about our degraded and vanishing soils and, most vitally, how we can rebuild and improve them. Although contemporary, industrial farming practices change the soil dramatically, there are simple, straight-forward things that individuals and growers can do to return soil to its former healthy state. Currently most fields under conventional cultivation (and so experiencing multiple tillings and amendments) have few microorganisms. Microorganisms are the barometer of soil

health. When soil can be used to sequester carbon rather than release it into the air, we benefit directly. The film illustrates several simple solutions being practiced. Composting, cover cropping, and other less familiar techniques are immediate and doable. They have the potential to change the trajectory in a positive way. "To cure our climate we need to cure our soil." Movie run time: 1 hour, 24 minutes. On Wednesday, July 13, viewers will see *Built to Burn*. Wildfires are getting worse in the United States, especially in the west. After decades of fire suppression, fuel has built up, fuel in the form of plants that die and dry out in the hotter, drier climate. Some

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#9 – Lewis "M" Dunbar



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

Lewis M. Dunbar, the ninth child of Lewis and Mary Ann "Polly" Powers Dunbar was born in Sugar Creek Township, residing in the area all

his life. He fascinates me, well, his middle initial does anyway. I tried and tried to find his father's middle name as he went by his first name and middle initial (Lewis M. Dunbar) as did his son, Lewis M. Nowhere could I discover the name just the initial then I went to FindAGrave for the son and it gives his middle name as Morton but no proof. In a Dunbar history I read, it says since he was Morton (again, I don't see the proof) he was referred to as Jr. a few times (granted, I had noticed that as well in two newspaper articles but that could also just distinguish the younger from the older so people reading the paper would know it was the older Lewis'

farmhouse that burned). Male M names throughout the Dunbars also include Marion and Martin, thus just not convinced Lewis senior or junior are Morton so still fascinated with what their middle names really are, whether they are the same or different M names. Although rereading this article, I could have just called him by his nickname, Lute but that doesn't sound like a minister to me and that he was and a very good one, too. At any rate, Lewis M. Dunbar was born April 22, 1837 and grew up in the Sugar Creek Township area. He and neighbor, Christina Bowers were

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The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset:
RISE: 6:19 a.m.
SET: 9:20 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures:
High: 86 °F
Low: 67 °F



Today is...:

- Widows' Day
- Typewriting Day
- Let It Go Day



What Happened On This Day:

- 1894 The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is founded
- 1961 The Antarctic Treaty comes into force
- 2016 The UK votes to leave the European Union



Births On This Day:

- 1912 Alan Turing English mathematician
- 1972 Selma Blair American actress

Deaths On This Day:

- 1995 Jonas Salk American biologist, physician
- 2011 Peter Falk American actor

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Basketball if finally ending and football isn't too far away. Amazing, when you think about it.



➔ OBITUARIES

NONE

➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you can't fall asleep within 20 minutes of going to bed, get out of bed, go to another room and do something boring until you get sleepy. 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.



The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank LARRY MCCANCE for subscribing!

➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE Churches! Listen up!

The Paper is offering any Montgomery County church a free ad to let folks know what time services are, sermon topics . . . or really, anything they want - something that is especially valuable as we all try to get people together in places of worship so that we can begin to find some common ground that unites us, instead of focusing on what divides us? If you represent a church and would like a free ad each week in our Faith section, just e-mail ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Work hard in silence, let your success be the noise."
Frank Ocean

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

If you are in a canoe that turns over, no worries. Just put it on your head. After all, it's cap-sized!



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7 DAY FORECAST

93 HUMID, SPOTTY P.M. STORMS	67/86 SLIMY, NOT AS HUMID	63/86 SUNNY	66/92 HAZY, NOT MORE HUMID	70/86 SPOTTY STORMS POSSIBLE	60/80 PLEASANT	55/80 PLEASANT
WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE

Cleanliness

One positive trait I acquired during the pandemic was ultra-cleanliness. I bathe lots more, and yesterday I washed my hands 19 times, not including the time I spilled sanitizer on my hairbrush. My knuckles look like walnuts...very clean walnuts.

Which leads me to ask: What really terrifies you? Have you noticed that what frightens you as an adult is different from what scared you as a child?

My first childhood fear was about an 18-foot python who escaped from our zoo. It never occurred to me that -- because it's three times the size of a man -- it could not hide easily behind our backyard rose bush. (The snake was later found just outside its zoo cage.)

In elementary school, tornado drills terrified me. Sadly, tornadoes in Texas are more common than ants (or uncles) at a family picnic.

In middle school, I was afraid of the guy I had to block in football practice. He outweighed me by 30 pounds. Then I tried to block him.

Ouch!!! I started whimpering, and I didn't stop until sophomore year.



Rix Quinn

In high school, I was too scared to ask a girl to dance at the prom. So, I danced by myself. And then I was afraid to go back to school on Monday.

In college I feared high-level math. So, I took a pre-college prep course called "Meet Mr. Arithmetic."

As I got older, I realized that I'll always fear something. But fear response can be a good thing, if we understand that some terrors are rational, while others are irrational.

So, fear of a virus is a good thing. But I later realized I should never fear dancing alone. When we have parties at our house, it encourages guests to leave early.

Got a story idea for Rix? E-mail him at rix@rixquinn.com.

ISBA To Host School Board Candidate Forums

The Indiana School Boards Association (ISBA) will host a series of School Board Candidate Forums starting July 11 for potential candidates thinking about running for their local school board.

Six forums will be held in-person at locations around the state, and one will be offered online. All seven sessions are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:45 p.m. (local time).

The candidate forums are designed to help potential school board candidates better understand the role, responsibilities, and legal parameters of school board service. Participants will leave equipped with basic knowledge of what to expect if elected. Additionally, participants have the opportunity to ask questions.

These forums will be conducted by Steve Horton, Director of Board Services, and Lisa Tanselle, General Counsel, or Julie Slavens, Senior Counsel/Director of Policy Services.

To register, visit <https://www.isba-ind.org/calendar-at-a-glance.html> and select which forum you would like to attend. Each registration is \$35.

The dates and locations are:

July 11 -
West Lafayette Jr./Sr. High School Library (Door 1)
1105 N Grant St.

West Lafayette, IN 47906

July 14 -
Merrillville High School Freshman Center Lecture Hall (Entrance J)
276 E. 68th Pl.
Merrillville, IN 46410

July 18 -
Northrop High School Bruin Room (Door 3)
7001 Coldwater Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

July 19 -
Virtual

July 21 -
Jasper High School LGI Room (Door 1)
1600 St. Charles St.
Jasper, IN 47546

July 25 -
Scottsburg High School Commons (Door 2)
500 South Gardner St.
Scottsburg, IN 47170

August 9 -
MSD of Pike Township's Central Elementary School (Main Entrance)
7001 Zionsville Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46268

For questions, please contact Haley Crnarich, ISBA Events & Promotions Specialist, at hcrnarich@isba-ind.org or 317-639-3590.

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.

Letters

There Are Two Sides To Everything

Dear Editor,
There are indeed two sides to everything and the country is more divided now than ever before. Here are the reasons why:

My side had the country energy independent where we exported more oil than we imported and gas was \$1.67 per gallon (on 1-20-21 in Warner Robins, GA.) Your side shut down the pipeline and stifled oil production with inane regulations, which has made us reliant on foreign oil and gas is now \$4.39 per gallon. My side was building a wall to protect our southern border. Your side stopped the wall and has allowed over 2 million unvaxed and unvetted illegal aliens into our country. My side agrees with the Bible and believes that life begins at conception. Your side believes that murdering a child up to and even including birth is not only acceptable, but every woman's right. My side thinks that parents have a right to know what their children are being

taught in school. Your side calls such parents "domestic terrorists" and has them arrested at school board meetings. My side agrees with the Bible that there are only two genders. Your side believes that kids as young as first grade have a right to decide which gender they want to be and has fired teachers for not going along with such folly. My side thinks that boys should participate in boys sports and girls in girls sports. Your side believes that if a 200 pound boy "identifies" as a girl, he should be allowed to play against girls half his weight and that nobody should criticize him for it. My side agrees with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that a person should be judged by the content of his character and not the color of his skin. Your side believes that all white people are racist based strictly on their color and insists on shoving Critical Race Theory down our collective throats. My side believes criminals should

be held accountable for their crimes. Your side cheered as BLM and Antifa burned down countless cities, destroyed billions of dollars of personal property and murdered innocent people. To add insult to injury, some folks on your side (Harris, Biden & Soros) paid the bail bonds of the criminals to keep them out of jail. My side "backs the blue." Your side wants to defund the police and punish them for simply doing their jobs. My side thinks that if you don't like guns, then you shouldn't buy one. Your side doesn't agree with the 2nd Amendment and demands that nobody be allowed to own a gun. My side believes in free enterprise. Your side doesn't think a business should be allowed to earn a profit. My side believes in fiscal conservatism. Your side believes in "tax and spend," so now the national debt is over \$30 trillion, which drives inflation to a 40-year high. Your side

blames Putin for our high inflation rate. My side believes that requiring an ID to vote ensures election integrity and might reduce voter fraud. Your side believes that such a requirement is discriminatory and racist, even though IDs are routinely required to buy booze, board a plane, see a doctor, buy a gun or enter your child's school. My side believes that kids who take out student loans should pay them back (like I did). Your side believes that student loans should be forgiven and that people who never even went to college should pay for them in the form of higher taxes. My side believes that the truth will set you free. Your side believes that a lie is as good as the truth if you can find somebody to believe it. ("If you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor" and "I did not have sexual relations with that woman," to name just two out of thousands.)

Ron Carmony
Warner Robins, GA

Holcomb Announces Commissioner Fred Payne To Step Down From The IN Dept. Of Workforce Development

Fred Payne has notified Governor Eric J. Holcomb that he is stepping down from his role as the commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) after more than four years.

The United Way of Central Indiana announced Wednesday morning that Payne will become its next president and chief executive officer.

"From the moment he stepped up to lead the Department of Workforce Development, Fred Payne put his wealth of knowledge, innovative approach and contagious optimism to work," said Gov. Holcomb. "Throughout the unforeseen challenges of the past few years, Fred has adeptly propelled this agency to provide

not only unemployment benefits, but training that has helped thousands of Hoosiers pursue training pathways that have led to careers and helped unleash their full potential."

Payne was appointed DWD commissioner in 2017. Prior to serving as commissioner, Payne served in multiple leadership roles at Honda Manufacturing of Indiana.

Under his leadership, DWD has:

- Started the state's Office of Work-Based Learning & Apprenticeship, which added more than 200 new apprenticeship programs, 25,000 new apprentices and more than 150 State Earn & Learn programs
- Helped more than 30,000 Hoosiers obtain a

high school equivalency, which has pushed Indiana's Adult Education program to be ranked No. 1 in the nation for three of the last four years in terms of average skills improvements

• Evolved the state's Next Level Jobs program to serve more than 1,400 employers and provide training to more than 37,000 Hoosiers. Since its inception, more than 15,800 people have enrolled in high quality certification programs

• Maintained a 95% graduation rate for high-risk high school students through the Jobs for America's Graduates program

• Delivered more than \$9.6 billion in unemployment insurance benefits

to more than 900,000 people throughout Indiana during the height of the COVID-19 epidemic

"My service under Gov. Holcomb has been one of the proudest moments of my professional career," said Payne. "I have had the privilege of working with talented professionals who have dedicated their time to helping Hoosiers gain economic mobility through job training, education, job connection and assisting those who need a financial bridge between employment. While the challenges facing workforce are complex, Indiana remains uniquely positioned to continue addressing them and moving forward."

Payne's last day as commissioner is July 8.

Blood Donors Are Needed Around Fourth Of July

As summer officially begins and people gather for holiday celebrations, the American Red Cross reminds communities that patients are counting now on the generosity of blood donors, especially around the Fourth of July.

The Red Cross sees about a 21% decline in blood donations during holiday weeks, including Independence Day. When blood donations drop, so does the blood supply, making it extremely challenging to ensure blood is available when hospitals need it.

By scheduling and keeping appointments in July, donors can help provide for those in immediate need of lifesaving care. To schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

As a thank-you for helping, all those who come to give June 30-July 10 will receive an exclusive Red Cross recycled cotton tote bag, while supplies last.

Health insights for donors

At a time when health

information has never been more important, the Red Cross is screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

Blood drive safety
The Red Cross follows a high standard of safety and infection control. The Red Cross will continue to socially distance wherever possible at blood drives, donation centers and

facilities. While donors are no longer required to wear a face mask, individuals may choose to continue to wear a mask for any reason. The Red Cross will also adhere to more stringent face mask requirements per state and/or local guidance, or at the request of blood drive sponsors. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at a drive.

How to donate blood
Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18

years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or Cruz-RojaAmericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.



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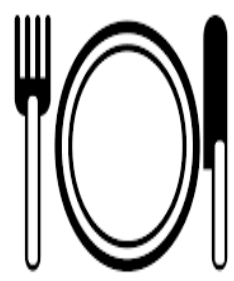
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plants in the west have evolved to require fires to burst their seeds for propagation—they are “built to burn.” This points to the need for solutions other than suppression. When Karen Gunther, our discussion leader for Built to Burn, was growing up in California, she notes that they “had three seasons: the wet season from November through March, the dry season from April through June, and the fire season from July through November.” Nowadays fire season is lengthening, and in some parts of the west is almost

year round. The film asks whether we humans can learn to live with these fires. It explores when it is appropriate to set fires intentionally, reducing fuel in a controlled manner, something that Native American peoples of the region have done for millennia. Move run time: 52 minutes. Later in July, after field and forest forays, viewers will travel to the ocean with the third film, Nausicaa: Staging the Ocean’s Biodiversity. It will be shown on Tuesday, July 26. Nausicaa is the largest public aquarium in Eu-

rope, located in northern France, and is a UNESCO Center of Excellence. It has undergone an extensive renovation and now provides a gigantic tank (2.6 million gallons) that technologically recreates nature itself, including cycles that replicate day and night and the seasons. The aquarium contains 1600 separate species and 60,000 individual animals. In addition to exposing humans to the oceans’ biodiversity, Nausicaa helps to regenerate endangered species that will be returned to the ocean from where

their species originally came. Movie run time: 52 minutes. The final film on this year’s series documents a personal odyssey through the Grand Canyon. On Wednesday, August 10, views will experience Into the Canyon. The filmmaker and a friend hike its 750-mile length. The film not only explores human endurance but also the ecology of the Grand Canyon and the threats that this enormous geological feature faces from climate change and human intervention. All eleven Native American

tribes with connections to the canyon strongly believe that the natural state should be preserved. Developers who wish to cash in on the international popularity of this extraordinary place want to build an easily accessible, “below-the-rim” experience for tourists. Miners press to extract uranium ore. The filmmaker/hiker explores these highly differing scenarios. Move run time: 1 hour, 24 minutes. Each Green Issues film will be followed by a discussion led by an informed League mem-

ber. Excellent discussion among audience members has been a key feature of these programs in the past. We hope you will join us for any or all of Green Issue Films, 2022.

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KAREN From Page A1

married Oct 19, 1856. The oldest of five children, she was the daughter of a prominent area couple, Abner Bowers and Charlotte Huffman, Abner being one of the early and long-time Dunkard ministers, coming to the Darlington area the year before the Dunbars arrived. His son-in-law, Lewis Dunbar followed in his footsteps as a Dunkard minister.

Christina and Lewis parented two daughters and four sons (by the way, a Silas M. and a Morton – now, that M. in Silas’ name wouldn’t I’d think stand for Morton if he already had a son Morton). One son, Albert S.W. Dunbar didn’t even see his second birthday (buried Union Cemetery at Clark’s Hill – thanks DD) born 7 Oct 1861 died 21 April 1863. Son Silas M. (born 17 Dec 1859) married Louisa Mae Cook and they were farmers (I think the original Dunbar property) until their last 21 years when they retired to Crawfordsville, making many friends in both places. They were devout members of the Church of Brethren (White Church) also referred to as Dunkards and parents to four children (Charles Lewis; Porter; Lucile and Earl – Morton of course). Silas’ death occurred after shoveling snow 17 Nov 1932, age 72 while Louisa lived almost 16 years more.

Charles Lewis (Charley) was born in Clinton County (near Colfax, although one of his marriages says born in Boone), grew up in Montgomery, was

a teamster for a lumber company in Frankfort for some time, lived in Owen County and is buried in Morgan. He was also the first Dunbar I saw as being described as tall. He had black hair and blue eyes in his WWI draft description. Having married twice, Ida Dain and Blanche Anderson he was the father of three children: Lewis, Dwight and Mary Evelyn. His brother, Porter Everett had an interesting story, being shot in the eye at age 15 while target practicing with a friend. The bullet “entered Dunbar’s forehead between the eyes and lodged beneath the right ear. If Dunbar recovers, it is feared he will lose the sight of one eye.” That he did as in his WWI draft registration, it is noted that his right eye was glass. He was a furniture salesman later on, married in 1923 to Georgia Little and I believe passed away when he was 94 (in Mexico). Another brother, Earl M (I know this time it is indeed Morton), died at age 67 in Orlando, Florida where he had spent his retirement years with second wife, Hazel Johnson. He was a college graduate, worked as a chemist in New Jersey and lived for quite some time in Grand Rapids, Michigan with first wife, Opal Truitt and their children, Betty, Dorothy, and another daughter is mentioned in his obituary but do not know her name. Silas and Louisa had the one daughter, Lucile Jesse born in Bowers and passed away in Anderson at the age of

81. She married William Huntsinger who was a long-time manager at Stokley-VanCamp. Don’t believe they had children.

Speaking of names my favorite from the Dunbar family (at least so far) is Lewis and Christina (Bowers) Dunbar’s daughter, Janiza born one day past when I’d be born 92 years and a day later (16 Dec 1857) in MoCo. At age 20, Janiza Alice Dunbar married William E. Strain and they were parents of four children, two passing as babies (Austin & Earl), Florence and Homer Birdell who was a dentist in Linden for some years. Sadly, she passed (28 Aug 1890) when Homer was just nine years old and is buried in Bowers. Their only daughter was Florence (b 5 April 1879) who married William Merton Tice. They lived in Clinton County where they farmed and had three daughters and a son (Geneva, Rovene, Mary Lois and William Norman). They are buried at Greenlawn in Darlington.

Oliver (Perry) Morton Dunbar was born April 10, 1864 and was a grocer (beginning with a huckster route) in Clinton County for quite a number of years. He married three times Mary Lane, Viola Holt, and Grace E Watson and fathered three sons Claude Lane, Alfred Parker and Carl. At one point, he was a laborer in a chair factory. Oliver Perry went by Morton all his life and passed away at age 76 (May 14, 1940) in Frankfort. He is buried

at Plain View Cemetery. The above Carl was a Pennsylvania Railroad engineer and his son, Carl, Jr. was a crack rifle shot in Cos C. I, K&L and went to the Pan American Expo at Dallas, Texas. He saw action with the 28th Division in Germany during WWII and was the Illinois Recruiting officer for the Ill National Guard. He made it to the rank of Sgt. Major. Carl Sr’s brother, Claude Lane was a brakeman for the Big Four Railroad. Alfred Parker Dunbar graduated from PU, was a WWI vet and worked at the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. for many years. He and Gertrude Gery had one daughter, Mary Catherine, I believe.

Martha Esther Dunbar was born mid-July in 1866 and married George Thomas Burk at age 17, passing at 94 years old in Decatur, Indiana buried in the Decatur Cemetery with her husband who owned an elevator in Decatur for many years. Their two sons, Barr Avon and Simeon (having lost another son) were in the grain business with their father and they had three daughters as well, Winifred, Mary Alice and Vivian.

Now, Charles Birdell, youngest child of Lewis M. and Christina (Bowers) Dunbar has my heart as he was one of the superintendents of the Montgomery County Poor Farm. He and his family were there in the early 1900s for 15 or so years. In the ‘10 census

it showed he was over 49 people, 31 males and 18 females, ranging from 24-91 years old, two others just into their 90s. He married Lillian Warren and they had two children, Frances and Fairy and he helped raise a stepdaughter. Fairy married Ernest Francis at age 18 and Frances married Arnold Houston in Darlington 3 June 1917 with her grandfather, Lewis Dunbar performing the marriage. Also, a grocery man, he operated one at Garfield for quite awhile, passing May 14, 1949 and is buried at Green Lawn.

Lewis M. loved talking about the early days in Sugar Creek Township and growing-up in the Darlington area. “He was a kind gentleman with full white beard and always dressed in the black of the Dunkard Community,” wrote his granddaughter Mary Dunbar Anderson. He spoke of ponds and when they were frozen in the winter they could travel quite a ways in the horse-drawn sleighs!” Snakes were plentiful as well as prairie chickens, wild geese, ducks and cranes. There was little time to go to school and the children were always busy helping their parents, planting, shearing sheep’s wool for clothes; whatever needed to be done. When they did attend school, they sat on a slab bench “made out of split logs with pegs for legs!” Along with the sheep, the Dunbars and others raised hogs and horses, corn and buck-

wheat. Horses in the area were quite prominent as there were several excellent horsemen.

Just a couple of years before the good Rev. Lewis passed away he desired to go visit son Silas and family at Crawfordsville. So, he started walking down the railroad from his home on Academy Street in Darlington toward their home, leaving at 1:23 arriving at his son’s at 20 minutes after 2:00, not tired or hot but feelin’ mighty fine and glad to see his family. At the time to return home, he was ready to do the same but at age 80, the family insisted they take him home. He also walked to his farm several times a week near Bower’s Station. His slogan was, “Keep busy and you need not get old!” Amen! He passed away a few days shy of his 83rd birthday and is buried in Green Lawn Cemetery at Darlington (thanks to Velma Dalton for the nice FindAGrave picture and memorial). So, here you have read #9 of the Dunbar Saga about a wonderful man with deep faith who helped others when he could and who passed good genes on to his family! Bless ya’ Lewis “M” Dunbar!!

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