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TODAY'S VERSE

Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Mary Moore offered one of The Paper's roving photographers a bright smile while selling homemade items at the Farmers' Market. Have you been there? It's in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville every Saturday morning until fall.

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 The America First Policy Institute is the latest group to jump on the bandwagon about rising gas prices. The conservative research institute sent out a quote from Rick Perry, former governor of Texas and a former energy secretary. He is now the chair of the Center for Energy and Environment at AFPI. "The Biden Administration's proposed gas tax suspension is yet another exercise in political theater," Perry said. "The American people don't need more gimmicks or finger-pointing. Instead, they need the Biden Administration to end its war on American energy. This is no time to play games with the economic outlook for American families."

2 Her name is Happy and she was allegedly being held against her wishes, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. But the New York Court of Appeals ruled that she has no right to a writ of habeas corpus in order to seek her freedom simply because Happy is an elephant who is being detained in the Bronx Zoo. The petition was filed by the Nonhuman Rights Project, which sought to release her after 50 years in "captivity" at the zoo so that she can spend her remaining years in an elephant sanctuary. Five judges ruled against Happy, but two objected saying that though she may be an elephant she had a right to "freedom."

3 The Indiana Department of Transportation announces the ramp from U.S. 52 southbound to I-65 southbound, near Lebanon, will close nightly on or after Monday, June 27 for ongoing work on the added travel lanes project. The closure will last from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. until the end of September, weather permitting. Crews will place a barrier wall on the ramp during the nightly closures. The official detour follows U.S. 52 southbound to State Road 47 east to I-65 southbound. This project was awarded to E & B Paving, LLC for \$83.7 million. It also includes bridge work on I-65 approximately 0.20 miles north of U.S. 52, along with a bridge removal approximately 1.23 miles north of S.R. 32. It also includes various culvert replacements and drainage work along I-65. The entire project is expected to be completed in May of 2023.

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Exploring Leadership And The Great Outdoors Through 4-H Camp

Nationwide, 4-H Camp has a long history within the 4-H program. The camping experience for Montgomery County 4-H is fortunate to be a part of this rich history and provides youth with a unique experience. We are part of the West Central Camp Association (WCCA), along with 20 other counties. Since August of 1931, Shakamak State Park has been the home of 4-H Camp for the WCCA. The first camp group was comprised of four hundred (400) boys and girls from five (5) surrounding counties and they used, at that time, the new Group Camp facilities. Ninety-one (91) years later, this partnership remains today.



ABBY MORGAN
Purdue Extension Office



Photo courtesy of Purdue Extension

This year, the Montgomery County 4-H program had thirty-six (36) campers and five (5) Camp Counselors. One (1) of our Camp Counselors, Riley Sanders, was also fortunate to serve as a Junior Directors.

Each year, the WCCA continue to meet at the Group Camp for two and a half weeks, reaching over 1,000 campers. Counties in the WCCA group together and take turns using the Group Camp. Montgomery County camps with Boone,

Hendricks, and Tipton counties each year.

4-H Camp is one of my favorite programs within the 4-H program. It is also a favorite amongst our 4-H members as

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Butch Investigates Late Night Shenanigans



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

When I joined the Sheriff's Department as a deputy, I soon found out that police officers must respond to many types of situations. Yes, there are the usual calls to accidents, domestic disturbances, assaults, traffic complaints, thefts, etc. and I can't count the number of times I had to herd in horses, cattle, goats, and other livestock that

were on the roadways. One time I chased a donkey up and down State Road 47 south for over an hour before I was able to get it back in its pasture... and yes, I did call it a few unmentionable names during that episode!

But some of the most interesting calls we received were for "suspicious vehicles." You never knew what to expect! During my first month as a deputy sheriff, a lady called in at midnight about a car parked on the roadway near her house. The car had its blinker lights on, so she and I both assumed the driver was having car trouble. I arrived in a few minutes and pulled up alongside the car and aimed my spotlight into the front seat section. I could see no one inside, so I started to exit my patrol car to search the interior and get a plate number....when up popped a

face through the driver's side window. It was a mild-mannered student who had been in my U.S. History class at North Montgomery that past spring. He was laying across the front seat, and I could hear someone else giggling.

"Well, hello, Robert." His face turned as red as a beet, and he nervously replied, "Hi, M-M-M-Mr. Dale!" I leaned up slightly and shined my light, and...OOPS! I had interrupted Robert and his female companion in the middle of their primal mating instincts! And no, I am not referring to dancing the tango. "What's the trouble, Robert, did your car die on you?" I inquired, trying to keep a straight face. He bent down and acted like he was looking under the dash, and stated matter-of-factly, "No, Mr. Dale,

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HONEST HOOSIER

Happy birthday Howard Samuel Wilcox, or as most people know him, Howdy. The Crawfordsville native was born on this date in 1889 and led the last 98 laps of the 1919 Indianapolis 500! (By the way, his son founded the Little 500 of IU fame!)



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Grandma's advice not to put anything smaller than your elbow in your ear was right - that includes Q-tips. 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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Deloris Ann Cotton

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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE
Want To Go?

The Linden Depot Museum staff is busy preparing for the second annual Midwest Railroad Fair to be held Saturday, August 13 9 - 5 p.m. The admission price of \$6 for adults and \$1 each for children includes the fair and all museum attractions. They are looking forward to a large turn out and hope you are able to be a part of it. The museum is located at 520 N. Main Street, Linden, IN 47955.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"If you believe it'll work out, you'll see opportunities. If you don't believe it'll work out, you'll see obstacles."
Wayne Dyer

TODAY'S JOKE

Did you hear about the perfume that didn't smell? It was total non-scents!

The Daily Almanac

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What Happened On This Day

- 1717 The world's first Masonic Grand Lodge is established
- 1901 Pablo Picasso opens his first exhibition
- 1948 The Berlin Blockade begins



Births On This Day

- 1895 Jack Dempsey American boxer
- 1987 Lionel Messi Argentine footballer

Deaths On This Day

- 1908 Grover Cleveland 22nd President of the U.S.
- 1987 Jackie Gleason American actor, singer

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➔ **OBITUARIES**

Deloris Ann Cotton

April 22, 1943 - June 21, 2022

Deloris Ann Cotton, 79, Crawfordsville, passed away peacefully on June 21, 2022, at Franciscan Health Lafayette East.

She was born in Crawfordsville, Ind., on April 22, 1943, the daughter of Cyril T. and Virginia F. Mahaska.

She married Donald H. Cotton on Oct. 11, 1985, and he survives.

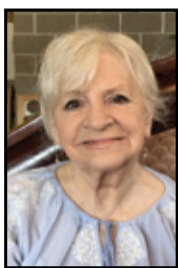
She had worked for Crown Cork and Seal, as well as the Moose Lodge for many years. She and her husband, Donald, loved going to flea markets and had an Antique business for several years.

Survivors include her sister, Pamela Dickerson of Dayton, Ind; her daughters, Victoria Brown of Waveland, Ind., Michelle (David) O'Hair of Martinsville, Ind. and Jennifer (Mark) Nicholson of Mansfield, Ga.; her stepsons, Thomas Cotton of Mississippi, Ronald Cotton of Crawfordsville, Ind. and Timothy Cotton of New Market, Ind. Also surviving are several loving nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved her family dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, William Phillips; a stepson, John Cotton; her sister Janet Hoskins; and brothers, Cyril Jr., Charles and James Mahaska.

Cremation was chosen with a memorial service at 4 p.m. at Oak Hill Cemetery North (Cremation Garden). Friends may call 3:30 - 4 p.m. at the cemetery with burial to follow.

Online condolences may be left at <http://www.huntandson.com>



My Marriage Is In Jeopardy ...

For decades, Mary Ellen and I have been fans of the show Jeopardy. Every night at 7:30 we watch to see how long it takes for us to feel really stupid. I often say, I used to know that but I forgot, which is pretty much the same thing as not knowing the answer...I mean the question.

After Alex Trebek died a couple of years ago, the show's producers ran old episodes featuring the legendary host. I'm not sure why I found that so unsettling. They do the same with all old game shows. Hollywood Squares has had more than 800 different personalities in the boxes. While I watch those re-runs, I have to do google searches to see which of the brilliant comedians are still with us. What about putting some notation under each celebrity's name to save me the time and trouble? For example:

Paul Lynde (died 1982, age 55)
Rose Marie (died 2017, age 94)
Wally Cox (died 1972, age 48)



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

Joan Rivers (died 2014, age 81)

No, that would depress me even more. Bad idea.

At 7 p.m., during or just after our dinner, and before Jeopardy, we usually watch Wheel of Fortune, despite neither of us being very good at it. Here's one that stumped us a few nights ago:

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Mary Ellen guessed "This hand was made for you and me." I said: "This hand was made for you and me." The right answer, of course, was "This LAND was made for you and me." I mean, how embarrassing! We

decided to stop having wine with dinner.

During COVID, Jeopardy fever spilled over into our daily lives, since we had nothing better to do. Typically, around 6 p.m., Mary Ellen would say something like...

"Sauteed chicken with green beans and sweet potatoes."

Then I'd reply,

"What's for dinner?"

How much more fun can a couple have than that? (Now, remember, we are both in our seventies.)

Even when we had little arguments, our obsession with Jeopardy was evident. Mary Ellen would say to me in a broadcaster's voice: "He leaves all the kitchen cabinet doors open, forgets to close the fridge door and also leaves the garage door up."

"Who is Dick Wolfsie?" Saying it out loud made me feel like I had been tricked into pleading guilty to these crimes. But I'm a very competitive person. I wanted to win.

My wife is a stick-

ler for game rules. For example, while driving, I once said, "I think we're lost." I was quickly corrected by Mary Ellen. "Please put that in the form of a question."

"What does Dick Wolfsie say when the GPS isn't working?"

As we celebrated our 42nd anniversary last week, we reminisced about our decision to get married way back when. Mary Ellen said: "When her husband-to-be had this nutty idea to be a TV personality, she unselfishly quit her good job in Chicago and went with him to Indianapolis."

"Who was Mary Ellen Swegles?" I said without a moment's thought.

"That is correct," said my wife. "That's exactly the question I was looking for."

- 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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Reflecting On The Life Of Caleb Swanigan, Plus News And Notes With Kenny

The Allen County (Indiana) coroner declared former Purdue All-American Caleb Swanigan died Monday night of natural causes.

I'll add two contributing factors to Swanigan's death at the age of 25: heredity and environment.

There's not much any of us can do about our family's health history. Swanigan entered life with a big strike one in his column. His father, Carl Swanigan Sr., was an extremely large man at 6-8 and a reported 500 pounds when he died in 2013 at the age of 50 from diabetes complications.

Reports at the time of Caleb Swanigan's arrest in Whitley County in December 2020 for possession of 3.4 pounds of marijuana indicated Swanigan was far above his playing weight of 260 pounds.

Now here's where environment comes in. When in a disciplined program, whether it was with his adopted father Roosevelt Barnes or under the guidance of Purdue athletic trainers, Swanigan was a role model for what hard work can do. It seemed like hardly a day went by during his two years in West Lafayette that he wasn't riding an exercise bicycle or performing some other exercises to compete with his enor-



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

mous appetite.

But once COVID-19 spread in 2020 to the point that the NBA wanted its players confined to a bubble in Orlando, Fla., Swanigan opted out of joining his Portland teammates for personal reasons. For anyone paying attention, that should have been a warning sign.

You also have to wonder about the influences in Swanigan's life once he was away from Barnes and Purdue. The NBA lifestyle, by all reports, can be full of temptations for a young man who for the first time in his life had significant wealth. Growing up homeless like Swanigan did as a child, having money in your pocket is like turning a 7-year-old loose in a toy store. You want it all and you want it now, not worrying about tomorrow.

Swanigan will be remembered for winning Mr. Basketball in 2015 after leading Homestead to its first state basketball championship. Purdue

fans will remember one of the greatest scorers and rebounders to wear the Gold and Black since Glenn Robinson more than 20 years earlier.

"The Purdue basketball family is deeply saddened and devastated at the loss of Caleb Swanigan," Purdue head coach Matt Painter said in a statement released by Purdue Athletic Communications. "Caleb was a very thoughtful individual and a gentle soul who excelled both on and off the court. He made a huge difference in everyone's lives that he touched and he will be greatly missed." During his NBA career, Swanigan worked extensively with Portland-area youth and FoodCorps to promote healthy eating habits in schools and eliminate child hunger.

His was a story that should have had a happy ending, not just an ending.

Big Ten basketball schedule

The talent drain from the 2021-22 Big Ten basketball season makes analyzing last week's announcement of single play and home-and-away conference opponents difficult.

Only three of the 17 players named first-, second- or third-team All-Big Ten by the coaches and media are returning for 2022-23: centers Hunter Dickenson of

Michigan, Zach Edey of Purdue and Trayce Jackson-Davis of Indiana. All three were second-team selections a year ago.

At first glance, Indiana appears to have gotten a favorable single-play draw with games at Maryland, Minnesota and Penn State. Getting the only matchups against Ohio State and Wisconsin in Assembly Hall also is a positive. I'm guessing the Hoosiers would have liked to play two games against Nebraska instead of the lone matchup with the Cornhuskers at home. But there shouldn't be any complaining coming out of the IU athletic department about this schedule.

Purdue has to go to Michigan and Wisconsin for its only games with the perennial Big Ten contenders. The Boiler-makers also get just one game with Northwestern, at Evanston. Purdue does have an edge, though, with its single-play home games. Illinois, Iowa and Rutgers have been tough opponents in recent seasons for Purdue away from Mackey Arena.

Purdue will have a young team in 2022-23, and that schedule may be beneficial. A seven-member freshman class (including two red-shirts) and Utah transfer guard David Jenkins Jr. will likely lead to some growing pains during the non-conference sched-

ule. Edey and forward Mason Gillis are the only returning starters, Guards Ethan Morton and Brandon Newman, along with forward/center Caleb Furst, also return.

For the first time since the 1968-69 season, the Boiler-makers will have two Indiana Mr. Basketball winners on the roster: Furst (2021) and Braden Smith (2022). Furst will wear No. 1 this season, while Smith has been assigned No. 3.

Former Carmel star Brian Waddell has taken his father Matt's No. 11, a number vacated by Isaiah Thompson's transfer to Florida Gulf Coast.

Hall of Fame election? This could be the year former Purdue All-American Taylor Stubblefield gains election to the College Football Hall of Fame.

Stubblefield and another former Boilermaker receiver, Larry Burton, are on the 2023 ballot released by the National Football Foundation and the Hall of Fame earlier this month. Eighty players are on the Football Bowl Subdivision ballot, which includes former Indiana stars Antwaan Randle-El and Vaughn Dunbar, Heisman Trophy winners Reggie Bush of USC and Tim Tebow (Florida), tight end Tony Gonzalez of California and linebacker Ray Lewis (Miami). Former Indianapolis Colts stars Mar-

vin Harrison (Syracuse), Dallas Clark (Iowa) and Dwight Freeney (Syracuse) are also up for election.

The 2023 class will be announced in January.

Stubblefield was a consensus All-American in 2004 after setting the NCAA record for career receptions (316). Including bowl games, which until 2002 weren't included in official NCAA statistics, Stubblefield caught 325 passes for 3,629 yards and 21 touchdowns. At the time, only former teammate John Standeford had more receiving yards (3,788) in Purdue and Big Ten history.

Burton once shared the world record in the 60-meter dash and owned the 200-meter world record. He finished fourth in the 200 at the 1972 Olympics. Burton led Purdue in receiving yards in 1973 and 1974, earning All-America honors as a senior.

Purdue has had 11 former players and five former coaches enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame. Rod Woodson (1983-86) was the most recent Boilermaker to be inducted, back in 2016.

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

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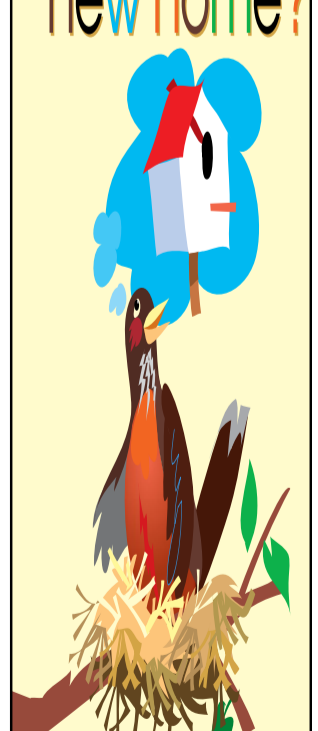
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Department Commemorates 50 Years Of Protecting And Advancing The Rights Of All Students

Earlier this week, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Title IX – the landmark civil rights law that has opened doors for generations of women and girls – the U.S. Department of Education released for public comment proposed changes to the regulations that help elementary and secondary schools and colleges and universities implement this vital legislation. The proposed amendments will restore crucial protections for students who are victims of sexual harassment, assault, and sex-based discrimination – a critical safety net for survivors that was weakened under previous regulations. The proposed regulations will advance educational equity and opportunity for women and girls across the country to ensure that every student in America, from kindergarten through a doctorate degree, can achieve her dreams.

“Over the last 50 years, Title IX has paved the way for millions of girls and women to access equal opportunity in our nation’s schools and has been instrumental in combating sexual assault and sexual violence in educational settings,” said U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. “As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of this landmark law, our proposed changes will allow us to continue that progress and ensure all our nation’s students – no matter where they live, who they are, or whom they love – can learn, grow, and thrive in school. We welcome public comment on these critical regulations so we can further the Biden-Harris Administration’s mission of creating educational environments free from sex discrimination and sexual violence.”

The proposed regulations will advance Title IX’s goal of ensuring that no person experiences sex discrimination, sex-based harassment, or sexual violence in education. As the Supreme Court wrote in *Bostock v. Clayton County*, 140 S. Ct. 1731 (2020), it is “impossible to discriminate against a person” on the basis

of sexual orientation or gender identity without “discriminating against that individual based on sex.” The regulations will require that all students receive appropriate supports in accessing all aspects of education. They will strengthen protections for LGBTQI+ students who face discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. And they will require that school procedures for complaints of sex discrimination, including sexual violence and other sex-based harassment, are fair to all involved. The proposed regulations also reaffirm the Department’s core commitment to fundamental fairness for all parties, respect for freedom of speech and academic freedom, respect for complainants’ autonomy, and clear legal obligations that enable robust enforcement of Title IX.

The proposed regulations would:

Clearly protect students and employees from all forms of sex discrimination.

Provide full protection from sex-based harassment.

Protect the right of parents and guardians to support their elementary and secondary school children.

Require schools to take prompt and effective action to end any sex discrimination in their education programs or activities – and to prevent its recurrence and remedy its effects.

Protect students and employees who are pregnant or have pregnancy-related conditions.

Require schools to respond promptly to all complaints of sex discrimination with a fair and reliable process that includes trained, unbiased decisionmakers to evaluate the evidence.

Require schools to provide supportive measures to students and employees affected by conduct that may constitute sex discrimination, including students who have brought complaints or been accused of sex-based harassment.

Protect LGBTQI+ students from discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and sex characteristics.

Clarify and confirm protection from retaliation for students, employees, and others who exercise their Title IX rights.

Improve the adaptability of the regulations’ grievance procedure requirements so that all recipients can implement Title IX’s promise of nondiscrimination fully and fairly in their educational environments.

Ensure that schools share their nondiscrimination policies with all students, employees, and other participants in their education programs or activities.

The Department will engage in a separate rulemaking to address Title IX’s application to athletics.

The Department’s comprehensive review of its Title IX regulations began in March 2021, as directed by Executive Order 14021 – Guaranteeing an Educational Environment Free From Discrimination on the Basis of Sex, Including Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity. The Department has sought public input throughout that process. Over the last year, the Department has heard from a wide variety of stakeholders, including students, parents, and educators in elementary, secondary, and postsecondary schools, state government representatives, advocates, lawyers, researchers, and other stakeholders through the Title IX nationwide virtual public hearing in June 2021 convened by the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and in numerous listening sessions and meetings. This input, together with careful review of federal case law and OCR’s enforcement work under Title IX, highlighted the need to revise the current regulations to protect more fully against sex discrimination in all education programs and activities receiving feder-

al financial assistance.

“The proposed regulations reflect the Department’s commitment to give full effect to Title IX, ensuring that no person experiences sex discrimination in education, and

that school procedures for addressing complaints of sex discrimination, including sexual violence and other forms of sex-based harassment, are clear, effective, and fair to all involved,” said Catherine

E. Lhamon, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.

The Department’s proposed Title IX regulations will be open for public comment for 60 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register.

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Indiana's CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plans Top Rated For Performance

State Treasurer Kelly Mitchell is pleased to announce that Indiana's CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plans have been named top-performing plans by SavingforCollege.com based on investment performance during the first quarter of 2022. CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan secured the #1 spot for 3-year investment performance, and came in at #7 for 1-year investment performance. CollegeChoice

Advisor 529 Savings Plan ranked #3 including sales charges and #5 not including sales charges for 10-year investment performance (Class A). "We know that Indiana's CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plans are an incredibly powerful tool for Hoosiers saving for future education," said Indiana State Treasurer Kelly Mitchell. "This national recognition for their performance is welcomed as we continue

to grow and enhance our program." CollegeChoice 529 provides account owners and gift contributors flexibility when it comes to saving for education after high school. Funds can be used at any eligible school or registered 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 more information about CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plans, visit www.collegechoicedirect.com/plans.

PURDUE

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well. 4-H Camp is for youth currently in grades 3-6 and youth in grades 9-12 can apply to serve as 4-H Camp Counselors. Camp Counselors spend hours meeting and training with the other counselors from the other counties. They spend time planning curriculum for classes and making sure that all campers have a positive experience. Camp Counselors gain skills in leadership, teaching, communication, organization, and so much more. They also serve as positive role models to our campers and many campers want to eventually become a Camp Counselor one day because of this positive experience.

To help beat the heat, campers and counselors get to spend time enjoying the pool at Shakamak State Park. This year, the Montgomery County 4-H program had thirty-six (36) campers and five (5) Camp Counselors. One (1) of our Camp Counselors, Riley Sanders, was also fortunate to serve as a Junior Directors. A Junior Director is a Camp Counselor that shows exceptional leadership skills and helps oversee not only campers but fellow Camp Counselors as well. There are many exceptional opportunities within the 4-H program but 4-H Camp is certainly a highlight for not only myself but also our youth. If you have questions about 4-H and how to get involved, please reach out to the Extension office at (765)364-6363 or e-mail me at asweet@purdue.edu.

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Indiana Chamber To Host Conference On Energy Management

As speculation rises regarding the readiness of the state and nation for increasing temperatures and escalating energy costs and demands, professionals from many industries will have an opportunity to get ahead of potential challenges with an upcoming seminar. The 2022 Indiana Conference on Energy Management, which will be hosted by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce July 26 at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis, will cover the status of

energy in Indiana, what the future may hold and what businesses, municipalities and organizations can do to prepare. Topics on the day-long agenda include pipeline cybersecurity compliance, electric vehicles, demand response services for plant managers, making buildings and facilities "energy smart," industrial batteries, industrial Internet of Things, ISO 50001, corporate climate strategies and more. "There's no better time

for manufacturers and employers of all stripes to learn the latest on energy management challenges – and opportunities," explains Indiana Chamber President and CEO Kevin Brinegar. "The event also affords valuable networking with other professionals in the field and offers various continuing education credits." Admission is \$449 for Indiana Chamber members, \$549 for non-members and \$299 for government/non-profit employees. If an organization sends two or

more employees, it's eligible for a 20% discount. Registration and event information is available at www.indianachamber.com/conferences or you can register by phone at (800) 824-6885. The conference is supported by platinum sponsor AES Indiana and silver sponsors: Center for Sustainable Energy at Notre Dame (ND Energy); Citizens Energy Group; Cummins, Inc.; England Power Solutions; Harvest Solar; NIPSCO; and USIC.

BUTCH

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I'm just ch-ch-ch-checking my fuses." To which I replied, "Well, Robert at least you were lucky enough to find a very, VERY friendly female mechanic to assist you." He smiled a big sheepish grin. He knew he had been caught in the act. "Robert, for crying out loud, isn't there somewhere you can go park...instead of right in the middle of the roadway?" "I don't know, Mr. Dale, do you have any ideas?" I burst out laughing.... "Yes, Robert, there is a cemetery just down the road, but I suggest you call it a night and head home." I headed back to the jail, and Robert and his sweetheart cruised on down the road. I found out later that I had not arrived at the scene soon enough. Nine months later, little Robert Junior was born! I caught hundreds of



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

Hollow and under the Jim Davis bridge. If we thought lovebirds were inside the car, it was our policy to turn on our red lights, honk our horn, and wait a few minutes before approaching the vehicle... to give the couple time to get their act together. When I was County Sheriff, on one cold

Middle School. I parked my patrol car, turned on the red lights, honked, and waited five minutes. As I approached the car, I noticed that all of the windows were fogged up. I knocked on the driver's side window, and then a hand from inside wiped away the moisture from the glass. When the driver saw me, he rolled down his window. The teenage boy was the son of a well-known farmer. I addressed him by his first name, and asked him what he was doing.... "We were just talking."...to which I replied, "Well, do you both have to take all of your clothes off just to talk to each other?" He cracked a big smile, but I then informed him he had exactly one minute to get dressed and come back to my car...and bring identification for himself and his companion. And

he made it in under a minute! I looked at the girl's driver's license. She was the daughter of a local attorney. "What would her Dad say if I told him what you two are doing?" "Oh, God, please don't!".... "Well, I wouldn't do that...but what would happen if I told your Dad?".... "Mr. Dale, he would definitely kick my *****!" "Well, I think you might want to tell him...You need to take her on home, don't you think?"...and off they went...embarrassed, exasperated, sweaty, and hopefully promising not to succumb to late night shenanigans on public school property again. One time I caught a married female cousin of mine parked under a bridge with someone... and it wasn't her husband. You should have seen the look on her

face! And a few times I caught long-time married couples. I guess they just wanted a little more excitement in their love life. But in most instances, it was teenage couples who evidently had very little control over their raging hormonal urges. Well, if you are a police officer, what are you going to do? It's been going on since Henry Ford invented the Model T and people went on car dates. And when I see these people today... the former teenage "parkers" who are now grown up and have a family, I don't say a word...I just kind of laugh to myself inside and remember those funny incidents! *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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