

➔ TODAY'S VERSE
Habakkuk 3:19 *Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.*

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



Sheilah Price offered a friendly smile while waiting on customers. Thanks for the smile, Sheilah!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 The Montgomery County Democrats invite all voters to attend Meet the Candidates today at 7 p.m. in the Donnelly Room of the Crawfordsville Public Library. Candidates are Lindsey Gates Hamilton, District 2 County Council, Greg Woods Indiana House District 41, David Sanders Indiana House District 23 and Roger Day US House of Representatives District 4.

2 Looking for a part-time job that does not involve the words: Would You Like Fries With That? The Paper of Montgomery County offers jobs that include pagination and page design, basic clerical and even some photography and writing. We're looking for bright and eager people to join our winning team! This could be the perfect job for part-time students all the way up to Baby Boomers looking for something to do. Let us know you are interested by sending an e-mail with your resume and a note telling us what you love about newspapers to jobs@thepaper24-7.com.

3 That sweet tooth of yours might land you a \$78,000 [\$100,000 Canadian dollars] a year job, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. The online company, Candy Funhouse, located in Ontario, Canada, is looking for a Chief Candy Officer whose principal task is to conduct taste tests. The company's Chief Executive Officer, Jamal Hejazi, had this to say about the job: "Imagine your best memories around candy, and having that every day at work."

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47 Governor Eric J. Holcomb and Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers last week awarded 47 Indiana companies and organizations with the Governor's Century or Half-Century Business Award in recognition of each company's longevity and service to its employees, community and the state.

8 More than 150,000 elementary students in Indiana will be encouraged to "Be the Torch" for better health by a new cast of characters that are part of the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge campaign. Eight heart heroes, characterized as dragons, each represent a positive trait that aligns with the school-based initiative aimed at improving students' health while raising life-saving donations for the American Heart Association, a global force for healthier lives.

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850,823

As the importance of agriculture continues to be a focus throughout the world, students around the country understand the vital role it plays in everyday life. No more is this more evident than in the growth of membership in the National FFA Organization. Last week, the National FFA Organization announced a record-high student membership number of 850,823, an increase of 15% from last year. In addition, chapter numbers increased by 178, resulting in 8,995 chapters in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

9th Wabash College is ranked ninth on a Degree Choices list of national liberal arts college based on an analysis of the economic benefits students receive from attending college. The ranking is based on how quickly students recoup their investment and the long-term earnings compared with other college graduates.



\$100,000
Duke Energy is dedicating an additional \$100,000 in financial assistance to Indiana customers who may be struggling to pay their energy bills. Qualifying Duke Energy customers can receive up to a \$300 credit annually on their account. The funding is made possible through Duke Energy's Share the Light Fund, which brings together customers and communities to help individuals and families in need.

\$111 million
Indiana will make its largest-ever financial investment in literacy after statewide standardized test scores showed that nearly one in five Hoosier third graders this past spring did not master foundational reading skills. Up to \$111 million in combined support from the Indiana Department of Education and the Lilly Endowment is intended to improve reading outcomes in Indiana schools, Gov. Eric Holcomb and other state officials announced Thursday.

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:06 a.m.
SET: 8:34 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 84 °F
Low: 63 °F

Today is...

- Ride The Wind Day
- Hug Your Sweetheart Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1966 First Photograph of the Earth Taken From the Orbit of the Moon
- 1944 Romania Switches Sides in World War II

Births On This Day

- 1988 Jeremy Lin American basketball player
- 1978 Kobe Bryant American basketball player

Deaths On This Day

- 634 Abu Bakr Arabian caliph
- 1819 Oliver Hazard Perry American naval officer

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

On this date 19 years ago, an Alabama Supreme Court Justice was suspended because he didn't go along with an order to remove the Ten Commandments from the Supreme Court building. Here's to you Judge Roy Moore!



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Teach your kids to eat healthier by having them help pack their school lunch. Not packing a lunch? Many schools keep track of what kids are picking out in the lunch line - ask to review it. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Want To Go?
Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton would like to invite the public to McDonalds-South on South Washington St. on Monday at 8 - 9 a.m. He would like to start conversations about any concerns, input or suggestions that the public may have concerning the city.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in."
Leonard Cohen

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Why didn't the dinosaur cross the road?
Probably because there weren't any roads back then, silly!



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



7 DAY FORECAST

63/84 A.M. FOG, STRAY AFTERNOON SHOWER	59/82 SUNNY AND MILD	62/84 MOSTLY SUNNY	65/86 MOSTLY SUNNY	66/87 HOTTER, STRAY STORM	66/89 HOTTER, STRAY STORM	70/90 HOT, PARTLY SUNNY
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN



Little Ruff (tiny terror), Millie and Chloe Wills

Photo courtesy of Gwynn Wills

How Much Is That Five Dollar Dog?

I went to a pool party last week. I haven't been in a bathing suit since the early 2010s and I didn't intend to wear one that day, either. Some of the guests were in grass skirts; others had on fur coats and collars. The best I could do was take off my shoes and wade around in the nearly drained pool. There was a scuffle or two, but mostly a lot of splashing and name calling; "Waylon, stop popping the beach balls! Precious, don't be afraid to go in the water. Tanner, come here!" It was a fun couple of hours and if you haven't figured it out by now, it was the end-of-season Milligan Park Beach Party for the AWL dogs. The Animal Welfare League dogs and handlers had the pool to themselves on Friday and Saturday, the pool was open again to the public pups to come out with their owners. It was a fun event for the dogs and human participants.

I wanted to take Waylon home. He is a hound mix with more energy than my seventy year old body could handle, but man, he is adorable. We really have no more room in the inn, so to speak. Our 50th Reunion Committee compiled a yearbook with updated information and asked us to share our bucket list. Dan and I both put "run an animal rescue" as our second drop in the bucket. I think we can cross that one off.

Rescuing animals has long been a hobby of mine. When my second husband and I married, I brought a nine year old son and a fifty pound Dalmatian into the union. The dog, Daphne, was my constant companion and slept curled up in the bend of my legs. A boundary was set by my



GWYNN WILLS
A Better Word

newlywed husband: "No dogs in the bed." So we wheeled a rollaway next to my side of the full sized mattress and that is where she slept. I didn't think anything about it until our minister came over to visit a few weeks after the ceremony. As we were giving him the grand tour of our house, he spied the rollaway shoved up against our marriage bed. I saw him squirm and before he could ask or turn away in horror, I blurted, "That's where our dog sleeps." He chuckled, but I am pretty sure he left thinking he had now seen everything weird there was to see in East Tennessee.

I was working as a Speech Therapist in a rural county at the time and came across many stray animals, mostly dogs. I brought home two puppies cowering in some weeds along a dirt road, a furry Corgi mix loose in a Long John Silver's parking lot, a Brittany Spaniel running down the middle of the road and a shepherd/hound cross I found leaning up against a door to the entrance of a gas station. With each founding, my husband at the time warned me to stop bringing strays home! I called one of our local rescues led by a woman named Minnie.

I needed consoling after dropping off a couple of the furry friends. I hung on to the Brittany Spaniel thinking I might be able to find someone interested in taking him. Minnie, in her wisdom offered, "Don't just give a dog away. Even if you only charge five dollars, put some value on its life." I call it her Five Dollar Dog Theory.

The truth is, an animals life is worth way more than five dollars, yet some are treated as if their lives don't matter at all. I won't use my platform to lecture people on the responsibility of pet ownership, but as Gandhi once said, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Sometimes it feels as if our moral compass isn't working anymore. Our shelter is overflowing with dogs and cats right now. These are tough times for people for a multitude of reasons and our beloved pets are treated as disposable entities. The men and women who work and volunteer at the Animal Welfare League are angels; they do the bittersweet work of rescuing, rehoming and rehabbing animals brought in as strays or surrenders. Yet there are some dogs and cats who don't make it out of the shelter for one reason or another.

Right after I moved back home to Indiana from Tennessee, I went on a ten year hiatus from rescuing stray dogs. Then during the Fourth of July celebration of 2008 at Milligan Park, a sassy little stray caught my eye. I carried the little terrier mix around for hours asking if she belonged to anyone. She ended up coming home to

live with us and is aptly named, Millie. A few years later while driving to work from Broad Ripple to Avon, an emaciated Pit Bull was standing in four lanes of traffic, trying to look in car windows. I pulled my car to the side of the road and called to the dog. By then she had jumped into some weeds and as I walked towards her, she belly crawled over to me. I picked her up and hefted her into my car. That was twelve years ago and Chloe rarely leaves my side. The last of the "street dogs" as I refer to the pack of three, is an eight pound holy terror. He ran the area around Wabash College and Sycamore Hills for three months until Dan and I managed to catch him with some cheese in one hand and Millie on a leash in the other. My good friend, Dawn, who is a Vet Tech, saw his photo and commented, "He looks a little rough." So Little Ruff became his moniker. They are all in their senior years and I wouldn't take any amount of money for them. They are like family to us.

For the rest of August, the Animal Welfare League is sponsoring a "Clear the Shelter Event" in which all adoptions are half-price. If you are so inclined, please check out their adoptable pets or at the very least, drop off five dollars or so. You'll be glad you did.

Gwynn Wills is a former speech therapist, certified Amherst Writers and Artists workshop Affiliate and Leader and founder of The Calliope Writers Group. After growing up in Crawfordsville, her and her husband returned several years ago.

Marta, Me And Piccolina

I was walking down an old street in an old part of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

Brightly colored wooden doors lined the streets. There was no indication from the outside what might be within. It could be a courtyard filled with flowers and a fountain, or a small business, or somebody's kitchen. It is always a mystery what is behind these doors, and so, when one is open, naturally I look inside.

Last week, a door was open, and I saw a few items of clothing for sale, so I stepped inside. That's when I met Piccolina.

"Who is this?" I asked. "That is Piccolina," a woman at a sewing machine answered in Spanish.

Piccolina was a fat little puppy with blue eyes and black-and-white spots.

She was delighted to meet me, and I was delighted to meet the woman with the sewing machine because I had a square tablecloth that I wanted to be round. I had thought of bringing it back home with me to the States to do the alteration, but that seemed like a lot of heavy fabric to haul back-and-forth when the odds were, I would run into someone like Piccolina's mother. And now I had.

I explained my tablecloth situation as best I could, and it was clear from the woman's nodding and pantomimed gestures that she understood the project. I agreed to bring it the next day.

"And then I get to see Piccolina!" I thought.

The next day I called, "Where is Piccolina?!" and the little dog came running, and the woman, whose name was Marta, also came running. I handed off my tablecloth, and we agreed on a price that seemed like far too little for the work involved.

A few days passed, and I came back. The floors had just been mopped, and Piccolina was not being allowed on the floors until they were dry. She was being held by a young relative of Marta's and this made her unhappy, which she indicated by chomping down on my finger when I went to greet her.

"Oh, no! Piccolina!" Marta said. She didn't think Piccolina should be



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

biting the customers, but they were just puppy bites, and the customer had been asking for it.

The tablecloth was not finished because Marta was proposing something more complicated—and prettier—than I had envisioned.

"Fine!" I said, even though I wasn't entirely sure what she was saying. I promised to return in a few days.

"And then I get to see Piccolina again!" I thought.

The next time I arrived, the tablecloth was finished, with a fringe all around the edge that transitioned from one color to another, with a mixture of the two colors in between. It had taken a lot of thread-pulling and time, and I paid Marta more than she had asked for and I said goodbye to Piccolina.

But not for good. Yesterday I stopped by, even though I had no business with Marta.

"Piccolina, where are you?" I called, and she was easy to find because she was waiting at the doggy gate that Marta had installed.

"Piccolina has a gate!" I said.

"Piccolina has been running onto the street!" Marta tut-tutted.

The street is quiet and cobblestone, so I don't think Piccolina was in much danger, but I also imagine Marta got tired of running outside to retrieve her.

"You are a naughty little dog!" I informed Piccolina, and Marta agreed.

You can tell friends things like this, and we are all friends now—Marta and me and Piccolina.

Till next time,

Carrie Photos from the column and other info can be found at CarrieClasson.com.

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2023 Kia Sportage Hybrid Is The ‘Tweener For Aspiring EV Fans

When I recently drove the Kia EV6 electric crossover, I suggested it was a car from 2030 available today. But I realize not all of you are ready to make the full journey to the future and still worry a lot about driving range. I get it, and may have a better choice that takes you to say, 2027, but not all of the way to the next decade. It's the 2023 Kia Sportage Hybrid.

Judging by all of the looks from other drivers and my dog-walking neighbors, the Sportage's new suit hints at electric and gets attention. It is distinctive with boomerang driving lamps, small LED headlamps, and wide satin silver accent beneath the hood edge. Curvaceous fenders and detailed satin window trim over 18" wheels beautify side glances. Around back, the EV6' futuristic curved rump with arching lamps

remain. It is quite a looker.

More of that EV6 style is found inside with twin angled screens for gauges and infotainment that includes navigation plus Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity. A wireless phone charger keeps everything humming. I enjoy details like the rotary gear selector, panoramic sunroof, heated front seats, and heated leather-wrapped steering wheel.

Details impress. I could drink the contrasting blue trim that adds a classy touch. When did cars quit having colors other than gray, beige, and black anyway? Check the touch pad and knobs for the audio system. Press a spot and they convert to climate (volume/tuning become temp adjustments). It seems a bit much, but most people set and forget temperature, so it works better than imag-

ined. Being a Kia, safety was a priority. Automatic emergency braking, lane centering steering, lane departure warning, and rear occupant detection are on the menu – as are rear cross path detection and safe exit assist that uses the blind spot system to prevent passengers from stepping into traffic. I only wish adaptive cruise and a head-up display had been included to fully match the EV6 I enjoyed so much.

It's not just about looks as the Sportage Hybrid is at least partly an electric car. The powertrain mates a 1.6-liter turbocharged four-cylinder gas engine with batteries and motors to generate a combined 227 horsepower and 258 lb.-ft. of torque. Unlike most hybrids with their annoying revving continuously variable transmissions, the Sportage

2023 Kia Sportage Hybrid

5-passengers, AWD Crossover
Powertrain: 1.6-L T4, hybrid
Output: 227 hp/258 lb.-ft.
Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind
Wheels f/r: 18"/18" alloy
Brakes f/r: Regen disc/disc
Must-have features: Style, MPGs
Fuel economy city/hwy: 38/38-MPG
Assembly: Gwangju, Korea
Base/as-tested price: \$25,990/33,860

uses a traditional 6-speed automatic for a more normal driving feel. It feels peppy at almost any speed, carried on a wave of turbo and electric torque, while delivering an impressive 38/38-MPG city/highway.

As complicated as all that sounds, it's a very peaceful vehicle to drive. The steering and suspension are the right balance between firm handling and a compliant ride. With weight down low in the chassis, you can

toss it into a corner, but is also happy soaking up long miles of Interstate or rough city streets too. The Drive Mode Selector adjusts performance on a continuum from spirited Sport to efficient Eco.

Given the Sportage spends a significant part of its existence routing power from batteries to motors, it is the perfect 'tweener for aspiring EV fans. It's not an EV6, but it is a joy to drive, artful to operate, and a



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

good choice for many families headed for the future.

It's also an incredible value. A base Sportage costs \$25,990, but this one came to just \$33,860 loaded for bear. Competition includes the Ford Escape Hybrid, Toyota Corolla Cross Hybrid, Honda CR-V Hybrid, and similar Hyundai Tucson Hybrid.

Storm Forward!

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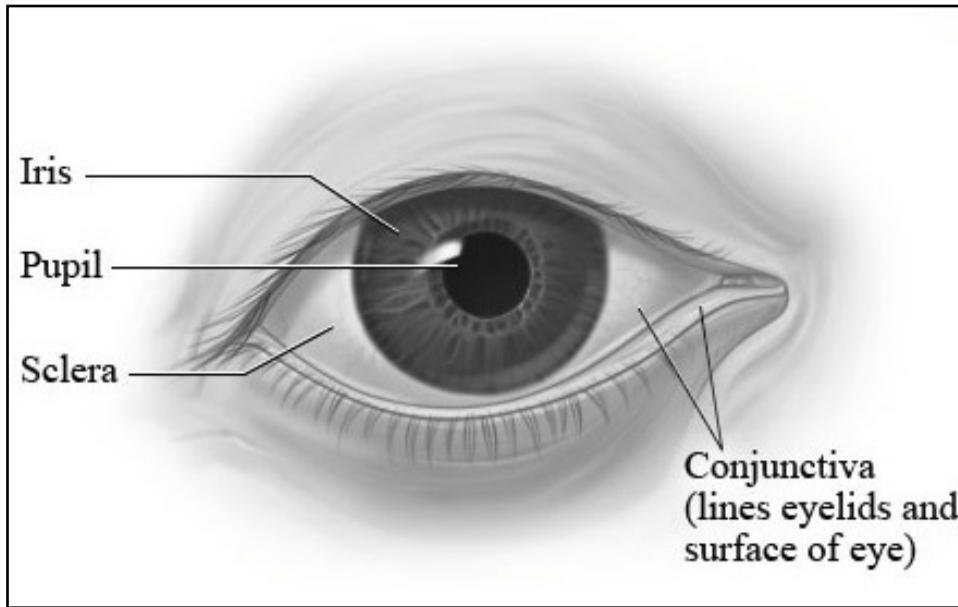
Now that schools are back in session, the incidence of "pink eye" will likely start to pick up. This is a very common condition that accounts for over 30 percent of patient visits for eye problems.

Conjunctivitis is the medical term for "pink eye." The conjunctiva is the continuous connective tissue membrane that covers the inside of the eyelids. It then folds back on itself to cover the front of the eyeball up to the edge of the cornea where the white part of the eye (sclera) meets the colored part of the eye (iris).

The purpose of the conjunctiva is to provide a barrier to keep infectious organisms from entering the sensitive eye tissue. Conjunctivitis occurs when there is an irritation or breakdown of this defensive layer, a change in the normal organisms inhabiting the eye, or trauma that breaches the membrane.

There are a number of causes of conjunctivitis. The most common are bacteria, viruses, allergies, fungi, parasites, and chemicals. These irritants cause varying degrees of redness, discharge, irritation and perhaps even pain on exposure to bright light (photophobia).

It can be difficult to determine the exact cause of conjunctivitis unless a doctor has special equipment. Ophthalmologists and optometrists use microscopes called slit lamps that can help



differentiate the cause. A slit lamp is the instrument that you rest your chin on where the doctor sweeps a bright light across your eye.

Doctors without slit lamps can sometimes get clues to the cause of the inflammation. For instance, people who have had a recent cold are more likely to be suffering from a viral conjunctivitis. Viruses are also more common from early spring through late fall. Bacterial conjunctivitis is more common in the winter and spring. Patients can usually recall an exposure to something that might cause a chemical or allergic conjunctivitis.

The symptoms of conjunctivitis can be quite variable. Most causes result in some type of eye discharge that results in matting of the eyes, particularly in the morning, when the eyelids may be stuck together. Patients may describe cloudy vision and itching, burning or a gritty "dust in the eyes" sensation.

Bacterial conjunctivitis usually comes on fairly rapidly, has minimal pain, and may have some associated itching. There is often thick discharge that may be yellow or green. Staph and Strep are the usual causative organisms. More serious bacterial organisms include Chlamydia and Neisseria gonorrhoeae, the organism responsible

for gonorrhea. These latter two bacteria can lead to severe scarring and blindness, particularly in infants.

Viral conjunctivitis typically starts more slowly than bacterial types and usually is not painful. The discharge is generally more watery and does not result in as much matting of the eyelids. It usually lasts a week or longer and is transmitted like the common cold – through sneezing, coughing, touching infected surfaces and also through contact with contaminated swimming pools.

Adenoviruses are the most common cause of viral conjunctivitis. Varicella virus that causes shingles, and is a member of the herpes virus family, can cause very serious eye infections. These viruses can infect the surface of the cornea and cause scarring and loss of vision.

Allergic conjunctivitis is also very common. The hallmark of this type of irritation is itching along with watery discharge and burning. There is often associated sneezing. There is usually a history of exposure to some known allergen.

Treatment for conjunctivitis is based on the cause. Most cases will resolve on their own with time and don't have any lasting effects. However, most people don't want to wait it out.

Since it is often difficult to tell whether the infectious agent is bacterial or viral, most doctors choose to treat a presumed infection with antibiotic eye drops or ointments. Drops are nice since they don't interfere with vision. Ointments are more soothing and allow the medication to be in contact with the conjunctiva longer, but can temporarily cloud vision.

Local treatment with cool compresses can also be soothing. Most schools and daycares prefer children to be treated for at least 24 hours before they return.

Allergic conjunctivitis can be an ongoing problem as long as the offending agent comes into contact with the eye. The person should avoid the allergen if possible. In addition to cool compresses, over the counter antihistamine eye drops such as Naphcon A (naphazoline/pheniramine) can also be helpful.

There are steps you can take to help prevent conjunctivitis. Wash your hands frequently. You can also use hand sanitizer, but it is not as effective. Also, don't share eye drops or washcloths with people who have colds or eye infections.

Dr. John Roberts is a member of the Franciscan Physician Network specializing in Family Medicine.

Join The United Way Golf Outing This September

It won't be long before the summer draws to a close and some of the great fall events get rolling.

One such event is the annual golf scramble for the Montgomery County United Way. From back in the days when it was a United Fund to its new identity with the United Way, the golf outing has brought businesses and individuals alike out to the golf course.

This year will be no exception. The event is scheduled for Sept. 9 at Rocky Ridge Golf Club. It kicks off with breakfast at 8 a.m. and a shotgun start at 9. As play wraps up, the campaign kick-off luncheon will take place at noon.

There is plenty of

room still for golfers to sign up, as well as sponsors. York Automotive is the title sponsor. However, there is still room for two Kick-off sponsors, six hospitality sponsors, contest sponsor and hole sponsors. Contact United Way's Montgomery County Director Gina Haile 362-5484 or chair Michele Hunley at 505-8132.

Golfers get green fees and cart, a continental breakfast, lunch, and opportunities to compete in several contests. Individual golfers are \$100 and of course there are opportunities to purchase mulligans. Registration can be done on line at www.uwmontgomery.org or by contacting Haile.

Senior Golf Results

Cooler August temperatures certainly haven't cooled the play of the Crawfordsville Senior Golf League. They were back at it again and competing with the usual intensity.

Coming in first place with a score of 15-under-par was the team consisting of Scott Baker, Bruce Dennison, Pat McDowell, Fred Phelps and John Hatke.

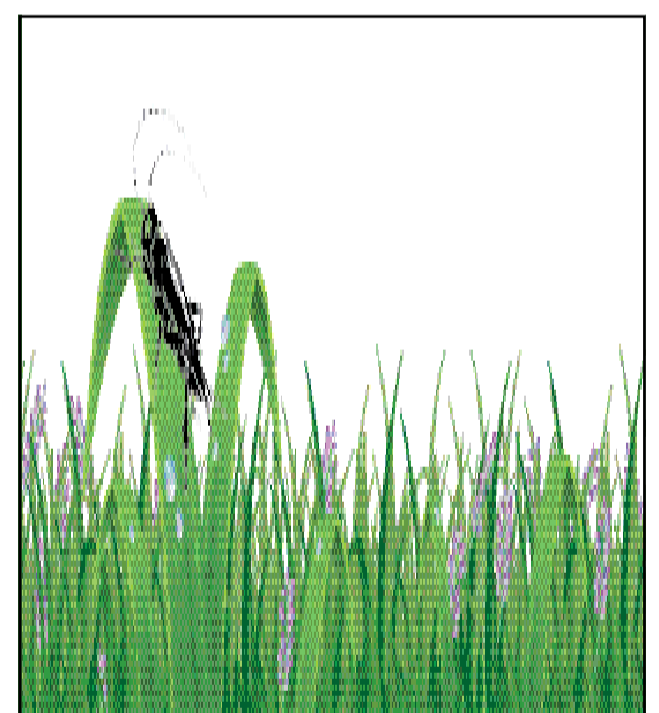
Three shots behind them at 12-under was the five-some of Dave Hart, Ed Bayless, Mike Fry, John Stull and Dale Wilson.

Tied with them was Harold Mennen, Dick Baker, Dick VanArsdel, Mike Dozier and Gary Enquest.

Larry Manlove took home the long drive of the week for 80+ players. Nice job, Larry!

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