### 🗢 TODAY'S VERSE

Proverbs 31:28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

### TACES OF **MONTGOMERY**

People who call our community their own.



Angie Hedrick owner of Hedrick Family Farm gives a beautiful smile at The Farmer's Market. Thank you for your smile, Angie!

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The outstanding work of three Purdue University students in computer science, math and engineering exceeds the classroom and begins a lifelong pursuit of excellence. The Astronaut Scholarship recognizes these students for their remarkable efforts and achievements through hours of research and coursework while in undergraduate studies. As Astronaut Scholars, they will build relationships with scholarship alumni and astronauts, as well as pioneers and leaders in their fields of study. Purdue's 2022 Astronaut Scholars are Ethan Brady from the College of Science and John Martinson Honors College, Jacob Halpern from the College of Engineering and John Martinson Honors College and Arianna McNamara from the College of

A rather angry bull escaped from a farm near Tel Aviv, Israel recently, made its way into town and wound up in a local bank chasing employees and customers through its hallways. According to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC], the authorities wound up getting a local veterinarian to shoot the angry critter with a tranquillizer dart. The farmer showed up after about 30 minutes of mayhem, tied it up and managed to take his bull back to the farm. A security camera video of the incident has gone viral around the world.

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Michele Hunley (American Family Insurance), Kayla Bretney (MetroNet), and Dr. Kathy Steele (2022 Campaign Chair)

## '22 United Way In Mont. County Campaign

Close to 100 individuals gathered under clear blue skies at the Rocky Ridge Golf Club clubhouse to celebrate the United Way in Montgomery County 2022 Campaign Kick-off.

Dr. Kathy Steele, the 2022 United Way in Montgomery County Campaign Chair, used the luncheon to emphasis the importance of our local agencies by sharing, "Every school, business, and family has some

**Butch Has Suggestions** 

For Stressful Times

type of a safety plan. You do not call 911 or grab for our first aid kits every day, but when an emergency hits, you seek help. Last month, I visited with each of the United Way agencies, and I realized that these agencies play an important role in our community's safety plan."

She concluded her remarks by stating, "This is why the 2022 United Way campaign is so important. The funds

result of economic conditions.

prices. High food prices. The

National politics. Foreign wars

and threats from our enemies.

Fear of mass shootings. Woke

educational reforms. Race rela-

tions...and you can add more to

one of the most stressful factors

is technology...and the constant

Facebook, TV news, and other

social media. Many of you just

cannot get away...ALONE...

without someone calling, tex-

ting, E-mailing, or contacting

you on Facebook...or relating

to you what some bird-brained

Well, let's face it...although

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national politician said on

you have very little control

TV....Stressful!

"connection" via cellphones,

this list. But for many people,

cost of healthcare. Inflation.

Covid pandemic. High gas

Today's stress is different. The

raised through these efforts will ensure that our 16 partner agencies can continue to be our community first aid kit - fighting for the health, education, and financial stability of all in Montgomery County."

Partner Agencies and local leaders celebrated as Gina Haile, United Way in Montgomery County Director, announced the 2022 campaign

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# I Am Not



JOHN O. MARLOWE With the Grain

One of my enduring pleasures is sports. Perhaps that's because I had the privilege of playing football when I was in college. Who can't look back on the first time that a 300-pound man jumped on his back while questioning his parentage, and

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### What Happened On This Day

- 2001 Pres. George W. Bush declares War on Terror
- 2011 Official US military policy of "don't ask, don't tell" ends

### **Births On This Day**

- 1899 Leo Strauss German/American philosopher
- 1975 Juan Pablo Montoya Colombian race car driver

### **Deaths On This Day**

- 1973 Jim Croce American singer-songwriter
- 2004 Brian Clough English footballer, manager

## Robot Mont. County **Baby Shower**

Franciscan Health, in partnership with Montgomery County Health Department, hosted a community baby shower at the Montgomery County 4-H Fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 10, that brought in 81 families. These families were currently expecting or had given birth within one year of the event

The goal of the event was to reach out to new and expecting families and to provide them with education, connections to community resources and a baby shower gift. The baby shower featured 21 community partners.

"We know that many women never experience a baby show-

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Let's trade one P for another. How about less Politics and more Patriotism!

**BUTCH DALE** 

I interact with the public

each day at the library, and I

have noticed that in the last few

years, people seem to be more

stressed out. Times are tough.

America experienced during the

Great Depression, when many

and no hope for the future as a

people had no jobs, no food,

Certainly nothing like what

**Columnist** 



### INSIDE TODAY'S **EDITION**

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## TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

People over 40 as well as those with serious illnesses should have a living will and appoint a health care representative.

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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### TODAY'S QUOTE

"Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale." Lauren DeStefano

## 🗢 TODAY'S JOKE

What do you call a bird that's afraid to fly? Chicken





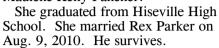
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

## OBITUARIES

**Betty L. Parker** Dec. 13, 1953 - Sept. 15, 2022

Betty L. Parker, 68, of rural Crawfordsville, passed away suddenly Thursday afternoon at home.

Born Dec. 13, 1953 in her grandmother's house, between Knob Lick and Chicken Bristle, Ky, she was the daughter of Edward Fancher and Maulene Kelly Fancher.



She was a sweet and beautiful soul. She liked to travel with her husband in their motor-home all over the country and would spend winters in Venice Beach, Fla. She liked reading books and having lunch with the ladies from Heathcliff, where she worked part-time. She worked 35 years at R. R. Donnelley, starting in Glasgow, Ky and moving to Crawfordsville in the early 90s. She was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Rex Parker; two sons, Kelly Wayne Logsdon and Gary (Liz) Powell; daughter, Kristina (Travis) Dockins; grandson, Christian Oliver; great-grandson, Draven Oliver along with his parents, Lizzie and Caleb Lear; brother, Elton (Vicki) Fancher; sister, Rhonda (Jon) Simpson; two nephews; brother-in-law, Luke Parker and sister-inlaw, Kimmy Parker.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and grandmother who raised her, Ellis Kelly.

Visitation is scheduled from 2 - 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18 at Burkhart Funeral Home, Crawfordsville, Indiana. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20 at Butler Funeral Home in Edmonton, Ky with visitation starting at 10. After the service, she will be laid to rest at the Walker Cemetery in Knob Lick.

### Phillip B. Jones Sept. 16, 2022

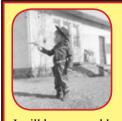
Phillip B. Jones, 86, Crawfordsville, passed away peacefully at home on Sept. 16, 2022.

He was an avid golfer, beer drinker and story teller. He served in the U.S. Navy and retired from Vectren Corp. His memberships included American Legion Post #72 (42 years) and (Golden) Eagles Union Village Lodge #545. He will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his wife, Debra (Haggard) Jones; son, Jeff Jones; step-son, Bryan Haggard; daughter, Vicki Atwood; along with three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Cremation was chosen and no services are planned at this time. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Hunt & Son Funeral Home is assisting the family and condolences and memories may be left at www.huntandson.com

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## Mitch Daniels And 'Aiming Higher' In 2024

During the closing minutes of a podcast with The Bulwark's Mona Charen last week, Mitch Daniels once again speculated on his tombstone epitaph: "He raised four wonderful daughters and reformed the BMV." By Sunday, the Frugal Hoosiers for Mitch Twitter feed appeared to revise its intent: "#runmitchrun ... for Governor ... or President would be great too."

That's in "President" as the one living at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., in the District of Columbia, and not at Purdue University's Westwood.

With the federal debt and the earth's oceans swelling to unprecedented levels, with the nation reeling from the Jan. 6 insurrection and FBI searches at Mar-a-Lago, and with the Grand Old Party on a troubling and doomed authoritarian - no, "fascist" - trajectory, it is time to dust off those green "Run, Mitch, Run" signs 11 years after they were unceremoniously stuffed into the nether reaches of the closet. This came after Gov. Daniels suffered his only electoral defeat (in the Daniels Family Female Caucus).

If there is a "draft Mitch" movement percolating here in Indiana, it should be for the 49th governor of Indiana to become the 47th president of the United States. His daughters are older now. Former First Lady Cheri wouldn't face the kind of scrutiny she did in the pre-Trump era.

Or as Washington Post columnist George Will put it on MSNBC's Morning Joe when host Joe Scarborough asked him who might be the best post-Trump Republican to run in 2024, he responded, "Mitch Daniels was the president



**BRIAN HOWEY HOWEY POLITICS** 

we should have had." Watching "President Daniels" do a "Fireside Chat" with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo, Sen. Todd Young and Gov. Eric Holcomb Tuesday morning after touring Purdue's emerging semi-conductor ecosystem was seeing this executive in his proper element, talking big picture horizons with the world's biggest players. After the tour, Sec. Raimondo pronounced herself "blown away" by what she saw while Sec. Blinken unabashedly predicted that "America is back.'

"If you need a jolt of optimism, it's all right here," Blinken said.

On this past Friday, the day after President Biden warned that the nation was in danger of being subverted by election denying "MAGA Republicans" Charen asked Daniels to comment on the former, noting that Donald Trump was also pledging second term pardons for the insurrectionists.

"I've spent 10 years ducking questions like this," Daniels responded. He then said, "I'll just make no objections to the statements the president made. These are things that needed to be said. I think there are anti-democratic tendencies on both ends of the spectrum."

But Charen countered,

saying that only the MAGA Republicans are currently "subverting democracy."

"Completely agree," Daniels responded.

Charen asked "What's your next move?" after he departs Purdue in December. "I don't have a clue," he responded. "I've never been much of a planner. I haven't one right now." He went on to call a 2024 candidacy "unlikely."

When he returned to Indiana to seek the governorship in 2003, he coined the phrase and successful campaign slogan, "Aiming higher." Mitch Daniels needs to heed that admonition, look beyond a third Indiana gubernatorial term and focus his prescient mind toward his political party and his nation.

He finds the vast majority of the GOP either publicly silent, or sullied when it comes to the disastrous impacts of Donald Trump. The silence of those Republicans who haven't denounced Trumpism is deafening; a stunning abdication of political leadership.

In 2011, he warned CPAC of the growing "red menace" of uncontrolled national spending. He urged the GOP to take a "truce on social issues." CPAC is now the debased territory of Trump and Viktor Orbán.

What has happened since? According to the Congressional Budget Office, in fiscal year 2021, the federal deficit totaled nearly \$2.8 trillion. President Trump was no fiscal "conservative."

And social issues? The Republican Party is poised to botch the historic mid-term trends this November in a way they haven't since 1998. And it's worth restating,

that since Donald Trump hit the scene in 2015, he lost the popular vote in both the 2016 and 2020 elections, the Senate in 2018 and again in 2020 when he helped kick away two Georgia seats, and lost the House in 2020. It's an unparalleled legacy by a Republican since ... President Herbert Hoover. Because of "candidate quality" in Trump-endorsed Senate candidates, the former president risks losing a Senate majority in three consecutive elections this Nov. 8.

Mitch Daniels' first political job was with Bill Ruckelshaus, whose career pinnacle occurred in 1973 when he valiantly stood up to a flagging President Nixon during the infamous Watergate era "Saturday Night Massacre." American needs such courage today.

Daniels has played key roles with mayor and U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar, led the National Republican Senatorial Committee, and was President Reagan's White House political director and Bush43's White House budget director. He is a self-described acolyte of the legendary L. Keith Bulen.

If Mitch Daniels could summon the spirit of Keith Bulen tonight, and relate to him the atrophy staring down today's GOP and the nation, I can just imagine the advice he would receive from the legendary chairman ...

"Run, Mitch, run. If not now, then when? If not you, then who?"

'Aim higher, Mitch. Aim higher."

The columnist is publisher of Howey Politics Indiana at www.howeypolitics.com. Find Howey on Facebook and Twitter @hwypol.

## Franciscan Physician Network Urology Lafayette Welcomes Lewis Jeremy Johnson, DO

Franciscan Physician Network Urology Lafayette is proud to welcome Lewis Jeremy Johnson, DO. He joins a team of fellow providers dedicated to providing excellent care, both medical and surgical, to the community.

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Lewis Jeremy Johnson, DO

He is a graduate of Kansas City University in Kansas City, Missouri. He completed his residency in urology at **Detroit Medical Center** in Detroit, Michigan, and completed fellowship training in endourology at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky.

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## **Indiana Family and Social Services Administration Names New Leadership**

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration today announced that Courtney Penn has been named director of the Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning. She is currently OECOSL's director of child care licensing.

"We are excited to have an individual with Courtney's passion for and deep expertise in early childhood education as our next OECOSL leader," said Dan Rusyniak, M.D., FSSA Secretary. "Courtney's focus in using her team's expertise to meet early learning goals will bring a high level of support

to the OECOSL team to improve the access to and quality of the child care and early education system in Indiana."

Penn brings a wealth

of knowledge and experience in the early childhood education field. She has an undergraduate degree in child development and family life from Indiana State University and a master's degree from Eastern Illinois University in human development, which spans across all age groups from infancy on. She has worked in direct child care services as a Head Start teacher and center director. Courtney has also done statewide



and national-level work at the Indiana Association for Child Care Resource and Referral, Early Learning Indiana, SPARK Learning Lab and Child Care Aware of America.

FSSA also announced that Courtney Hott will serve as director of the Early Learning Advisory Council.

Hott will work directly

with OECOSL and the Indiana Department of Education to administer all activities of ELAC, which was restructured and expanded as part of legislation championed by Governor Eric J. Holcomb and passed in 2022 to elevate and support early learning in Indiana.

Hott is a licensed school counselor and administrator who found her niche in creating and advocating for education policy changes. She earned her undergraduate degree in psychology at Indiana University, Bloomington and her master's degree in education and school counseling at Indiana Univer-

sity Purdue University at Indianapolis. Courtney comes to her new role from the Indiana Department of Education and previously worked for the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

"Courtney has demonstrated that she is dedicated to education and shares our understanding that quality education over the entire lifespan for all Hoosiers is the key to success and economic development in Indiana," Dr. Rusy-niak said. "This makes her the perfect individual to connect the early learning community to OECOSL and IDOE in this important role."





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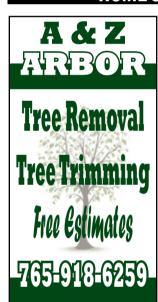


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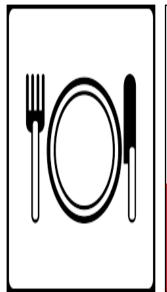
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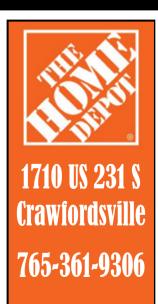
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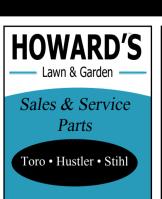
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### Meeting Notes

## Montgomery County Retired Teachers Association

President Kim Nixon called the meeting to order and welcomed new members Deb Vaught and Eileen Bormann. She led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and Sheila Hodges gave the invocation. A delicious lunch of tenderloins, salads, and mac and cheese was served by caterer Trish Schwabe. President Nixon wished Happy Birthday to those born in September and told several jokes.

Vice President, Steve Frees, introduced the speakers from the West Central Career Technical **Education Team: Sara** Nicodemus, Samanta Cotten, and Jessica Mc-Clamroch. The purpose of the CTE is to prepare students in high school for high wage, high demand, and high skill jobs when they graduate from high school. It is generally a two year program and is available at North Montgomery, South Montgomery, Crawfordsville, and Western Boone high schools. The program serves approximately 300 students in the fields such of Auto mechanics, Cosmetology, Fire and Rescue, Pre-nursing,

Criminal Justice, Welding, HVAC, and others. Students are expected to complete credits necessary for graduation and work half days in the area of interest. In the senior year students may work in clinicals or internships. Instructors come from the field of interest and include a former labor/delivery nurse, former chief of police and leaders of industry. In addition to the work the students to prepare for careers they CTE team also arranges workshops and job fairs. When surveyed, 91% or students said that the program prepared them for satisfactory careers.

The Business meeting was called to order by President Kim Nixon. The minutes from the June 11 meeting were read by Secretary Karen Patton and Larry Manlove gave the Treasurers report. Both were approved by the membership. Audit Committee report was given. Lynne Robison and Margie Staten audited the books and reported that all was in order. Jan Armbruster reported for the Community Service Committee. Members were asked to keep turning in their volunteer hours. A collection for the Mary Ludwig Free Clinic was taken and \$124 was collected. President Nixon reported tution and by-laws were updated to reflect the same form as the state organization. Marilyn Spear proposed that the changes be accepted. Darlene Dusek seconded the motion and the new changes were accepted by the membership. The report for the Foundation Grant committee was given by President Kim Nixon. The committee

has decided to donate

\$1000 to the Youth

that the MCRTA Consti-

Service Bureau because it serves children in the community in many different programs. A proposal to donate the money to YSB was made by Linda Sobol and seconded by Cherlyn Hunter. The motion passed unanimously. The report for the Members Concerns and Services Committee was given by Nancy Buckles. The committee sent thank you notes to the officers who served last year and sent

Ray Seale. Kathy Steele gave the Membership Committee report. We presently have 95 members but are expecting more to join in the next month. Letters were sent out to those who retired in May, and it was noted that two rejoined full time teaching

Thinking of You cards to

several members. Sym-

pathy cards were sent

to the families of Russ

Ruby, Dick Haslam, and

this fall. No reports were given for Necrology or Nominations Commit-

Colleen Page From AMBA reported that IRTA has been lobbying for more money for eldercare. It was also announced that AMBA is sponsoring a fund raiser on Oct. 8 for the Breast Cancer Walk. She passed out information on the fundraiser.

Old business:

President Nixon read a thank you from one of the campers of Archicamp at the Lew Wallace Study. The membership had voted to send money to support Archicamp. The IRTA is sponsoring a fall workshop on Sept. 22 in Hendricks County. President Kim NIxon, Secretary Karen Patton, and Treasurer Larry Manlove will attend. It was announced that Donna WIlson, Counselor at Crawfordsville Middle School, is looking for someone to tutor a student in math. Barb Foster asked members to support the PEO Holiday Craft Fair at St. Bernards on Oct. 29. If you are interested in having a booth contact Glenda Frees or Kim Nixon. It was announced that the next meeting will be on Oct. 10 with Dr. Scott Bowling as the speaker.

The meeting was adjourned and door prizes were distributed

## **Lunch And Learn** With Bob Haan

We're delighted to announce the return of our popular Lunch and Learn series. Bob Haan will be the guest speaker, with a special presentation about the current featured exhibit - Indiana Realities: Regionalist Painting 1930-1945.

The Regionalist movement focused on realistic documentation of everyday life in the Midwest in the Depression era. The Haan collection includes the finest examples of award-winning art created by fifteen prominent Hoosier artists. These

same paintings were previously loaned to the Indiana State Museum in 2011 for their exhibit on Regionalists. Now, for the first time, you can view the complete exhibit displayed in the homelike setting of the historic Haan Mansion.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to enjoy lunch in the museum with Bob Haan while learning about art, history, and the stories behind the collection. Lunch and Learn will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.



## **DWD Takes Steps To Protect Unemployment Insurance Claimants' Personal Information**

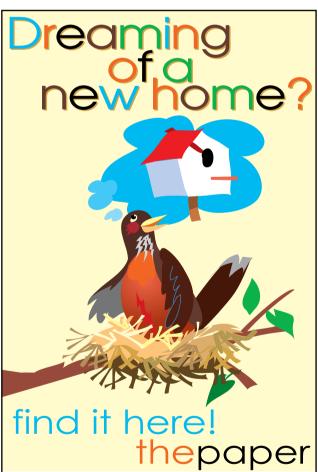
The Indiana Department into their Uplink account of Workforce Development has become aware of a cybersecurity incident involving unauthorized access to some unemployment applicants' login email addresses and security questions in the agency's Uplink system. DWD immediately took steps to secure the system.

Investigators within the agency continue to research the incident, which impacted 4,264 accounts. At this time, no social security numbers were determined to have been accessed. Account holders are being notified by mail.

At least 94% of the affected accounts were dormant, meaning those account holders were not actively receiving benefits. Active account holders who are unable to log should contact DWD at 1-800-891-6499 if they need to gain access.

DWD is working to further review processes and controls and continues to take all reasonable measures to ensure the security and privacy of Hoosiers' personal information.

Affected individuals who want to take further steps to secure their information have the right to request a credit freeze from each of the three credit agencies, which is a consumer right provided by Indiana law. To place a freeze, either use each credit agency's online process or send a letter by certified mail to each of the three credit agencies. Further information about a credit freeze can be found at: in.gov/attorneygeneral/2891.htm.



## **Montgomery County Retired Teachers**



**Photo courtesy of Montgomery County Retired Teachers** 

Montgomery County Retired Teachers enjoyed a program on the West Central Career Technical Education Program which prepares high school students for high paying jobs after high school. Shown here are President Kim Nixon, Samantha Cotten, Secretary Karen Patton, Sara Nicodemus, Jessica McClamroch, and Steve Frees Treasurer.

## **Bonus Antlerless Quotas Lowered In 4 Counties**

Epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) has impacted the deer herd in Wayne, Union, Fayette, and Franklin counties this year. As a result, Indiana DNR has reduced the County Bonus Antlerless Quotas (CBAQ) in these four counties to a maxi-

mum of one. Humans are not at risk for contracting EHD, which is a viral disease that may affect whitetailed deer to some degree every year. It typically occurs during late summer and early fall, and there is evidence that outbreaks can be more severe in years in which there is a



wet spring followed by a hot, dry fall. EHD is transmitted by flies commonly known as biting midges, sand gnats, and

"no-see-ums." EHD is often fatal to deer, but some survive the illness. Not every deer in an affected area will contract EHD. One sign that a deer has contracted and

survived EHD is evidence of sloughing or breaking on their hooves. Indiana DNR asks that successful hunters use the Deer After Hunt Survey to report the condition of their deer's hooves, including both normal hooves and hooves that show evidence of sloughing or damage.

The DNR monitors for

EHD annually. Severe outbreaks rarely occur in subsequent years due to immunity gathered from previous infections. EHD is not believed to have long-term impacts on the deer population.

The effects of the deer harvest and EHD will be evaluated after the deer season and additional changes will be made the next year if necessary.

Anyone that finds a deer that they suspect died of EHD, should report it using the form at on.IN. gov/sickwildlife.

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## **Growing With Our Sisters Since 1987**





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President Tonya Michael (in the gray) and Mary Lou Dawald stand with the paintings that were purchased. Fruit on the top left, Crawfordsville Courthouse on the top right, and Athens Arts below.

Ten members attended the September 12th meeting of the Gamma Xi Chapter of Psi Iota Xi at the public library. President Tonya Michael began the meeting by leading the opening verse and introducing the theme for the year: Growing our Family. This theme will coincide with the National President's theme: Growing With Our Sisters Since 1987. Each member was encouraged to start thinking of people that might enjoy our sorority that is focused on charitable enterprises in

art, literature, and music. In the spring, high school students received awards in public speaking and music. CHS students Elizabeth Bowling, Elli Jeffries, and Cimbria Bowling received awards for excellence in public speaking. NMHS student, Gracen Schwabe, received an award for excellence in public speaking. Students that received awards for band or choral music were

Carrie Pool (CHS), Julisa Tello-Bell (NMHS), Harmon Hann (NMHS), Heaven Stonebraker (SHS), and Jayden and Olivia Snapp (SHS). In June, President Michael and Indinan State Officer, Jennifer Hunter enjoyed attending the Psi Iota Xi National Convention in Muncie, IN. Chair of the Speech and Hearing Clinic, Julie Swick, and two other therapists provided speech and hearing therapy during our clinic in June. Forty-six area children attended the clinic. We want to thank the parents, current members, and alumni that helped to make our clinic a success again this year. Two students received funds from the MCCF Harold and Doris Larson Fund for additional speech and hearing therapy after the end of the clinic. The Gamma Xi Chapter purchased three paintings by local artist and alumni, Mary Lou Dawald, for the new



Montgomery County Government Center. President Michael and other members attended the August open house.

Committee reports were given and ideas for future meetings were discussed. A committee for planning the Indiana State meeting to be held in April of 2024 was

formed. The members include the future Indiana State President, Jennifer Hunter, Tonya Michael, Pam Karle, Jennifer Hesler, Michelle Dice, and Nancy Buckles. The meeting was adjourned with the closing verse. The next meeting will be October 3rd at the public library.

## **Excitement At The Rafter E**

When the Rafter E branded recently, a bunch of us went out to help. There's a definite pecking order here, and it's a badge of pride to have worked your way up the branding ladder.

As a kid, you flank the calves; you grab them, throw them and hold them down. This is conducive to abrasions. muscle strain, and involuntarily changing the color of your shirt.

As you get older, you get to handle the branding iron, then move up to giving shots. After that comes earmarking. When you reach the pinnacle of branding, that is, when you own the calves, then you get to rope the calves and drag them up to the

It is a swirling cauldron of heat and hooves, excited cowdogs and bawling cows. There is the smell of manure and singed hair and sweat and corral dust.

At the Rafter E, I



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wielded a syringe as the youngsters got their teeth rattled by the heavy stuff.

Wasn't the first time I'd given the shots, though. Once during a branding at the Triangle Cross, I was about to immunize a calf when the calf jumped and I stuck the needle into my thumb.

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over many of the above stress factors, you DO have control over "connection" anxiety. No one is FORCING you to carry your cellphone in your purse or back pocket. No one is FORCING you to join Facebook. Yes, a cellphone is quite handy, and some social media is OK, but do you really want to receive fifty calls or texts and answer one hundred E-mails each day? Do you believe you must connect with five hundred Facebook "friends?" Think about it. When you were growing up, your family likely had one phone...a rotary dial or push-button phone, located in the living room. You survived, didn't you? Remember how it was to just relax after a day's work, read the newspaper, and turn on the old black-andwhite TV to watch Ozzie and Harriett, Father Knows Best, and Gunsmoke? No one texting. No one E-mailing. No Facebook. And no one calling unless it was something important. That's another reason they called it "the good ol' days.'

We also were not overwhelmed with national news. Yes, there were problems in American society and in the world back then, but today news organizations like

Fox News and CNN tell us about those problems day in and day out....24 hours a day. In the 1950s, Walter Cronkite filled us in each evening.

"OK, thanks Walter... now it's time for The Donna Reed Show." Republicans and Democrats, including the leaders of each party, certainly had different ideas, but for the most part they got along with each other and did what was best for everyone. I don't recall listening to national politicians argue and complain on TV like they do nowadays, do you? Want to get riled up? Just tune in to Tucker Carlson or The

View. Those shows will increase your stress level for sure!

The solution?.... DISCONNECT....No, not all of the time....but at least a few hours each day, especially after the evening meal. Relax. Enjoy the peace and quiet. Turn off the phone. Turn off the TV. Take a nap. Read a good book. Go for a walk....Take care of yourself...or go crazy. It's up to you.

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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goal. "We believe in our community and trust, despite the pressures of our current economy, that they recognize the need and WANT to give. We believe that our community, working together, can meet the goal of...\$350,000!"

While the luncheon was the official kickoff of the campaign, a number of Pacesetters are currently underway. Proceeds from a silent auction at Hoosier Heartland State Bank's Ag Expo last month were the first dollars into the campaign. Additionally, the Youth Service Bureau along with our three school corporations

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- North Montgomery, Crawfordsville, and Southmont - are wrapping up their campaigns.

The funds raised in the campaign are allocated to 16 partner agencies who tirelessly work to help individuals and families with the challenges they face. Each year, hundreds of individuals across Montgomery County make gifts to support our life changing work in education, income, and health. All gifts, regardless of size, make a difference.

Donations may be sent to United Way in Montgomery County, PO Box 247, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

## **O** JOHN

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remember so without affection?

I especially enjoy reading about my favorite teams. Even if I go to the game, I still want to grab a newspaper the next day, online or in paper form, and see what great sportswriters think about the contest.

Luckily, I grew up reading some of the best. Mine was not the Golden Age of sportswriting -television tarnished that. It certainly was gilded, however. Scattered among the dross of boiler room journalists, a few sportswriters glistened.

I marveled at the eloquence of Frank DeFord (Sports Illustrated), the passion of Bob Ryan (Boston Globe), and the blunt opinions of Bernie Lincicome (Chicago Tribune), who once described Arizona in a story as "the place where America sweeps its dust."

My all-time favorite was Jim Murray (Los Angeles Times). Murray's mordant humor and laser-like irradiance of sports opened our eyes, even as he was losing his. He spent the last years of a Hall of Fame career covering and commenting on sports while going blind.

I marveled at how great sportswriters were -- above all -- great writers. Not so, today.

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Oh, I'm not saying that today's sportswriters aren't talented. They are. My complaint is that they aren't people!

In this age of self-driving and self-parking vehicles, where robots have human jobs, where you can ask Siri to turn down the thermostat, and man's best friend might be an avatar -- Artificial Intelligence is now writing sports stories, too.

That's right. Please check only the squares that have lampposts in them, AI is in the press-

After attending a football game at my alma mater, Saturday, I made it a point on Monday to check in on the school's web page to read the recap of the game. Immediately I was struck that the article was not up to normal standards.

The sentences were choppy and burdened by trite expressions, like "made his presence felt" and "got on the board". It was loaded with predictable truisms: "After the loss, the team is 0-1.

The story was as sterile as Dr. Oz's Senate cam-

I finished reading the 300 words feeling disappointed and hollow. It was like reading a story about poi, or watching

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the Daytona 500 with all the cars stripped down to their primer coat. The color was gone. The story was lifeless, odorless, motionless and had less flavor than tofu hotdogs at the concession stand.

Frank DeFord would be vorticulating in his grave. (Frank liked to introduce us to big words.)

Sure enough, at the bottom of the story was a sentence -- "This story created through content automation technology." (Even the disclaimer feels stilted.)

I followed the link to the website, and in among jargon that only a 7-year-old Minecraft player understands, I discovered that the company boasts of creating millions of automatically written articles every year. Their clients include ESPN, Sports Illustrated and USA Today.

Their secret algorithm scans the statistical data, and weaves the numbers into a sports story by adding common phrases. Wanna try yourself? Take a statistic, and insert the phrase "answered the bell." It works every time.

It's cool technology, and I'm glad the founders are eating caviar on a beach somewhere. I can see AI being very helpful in manufacturing and with technical information. But using

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AI in sportswriting is shortsighted.

Sports — even the hi-tech sports -- are human. We need to know that the quarterback has an ice pack on his shoulder between drives. It's important to understand the sun was in the outfielder's eyes, or the bowler's grandmother passed away recently.

The pomp, the smells, the noise aren't an "extra" part of the story to be weeded out of the spreadsheet. They ARE sport. How else can you explain why we don't cram 80,000 people in to watch an algebra class every weekend?

Unlike pure data, sportswriting illuminates human failings. If both teams on the football played perfectly every down, the ball would never leave the 50-yard line. As humans, we need to know that we screw up.

AI proponents likely will claim that their technology will get better. I'm sure it will. However, some of us can't wait. Who wants to watch Rembrandt paint by numbers? The folks hoping Artificial Intelligence will replace great writing just need to get

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(Left to right) Tristan Kirby, MPH, director, Franciscan Health Community Education; Darren Forman, Project Swaddle community paramedic and Diane Wade, MPA, PHR, outreach & engagement coordinator, The Milk Bank

er, and this event allowed these families to receive education on important topics like safe sleep, car seat safety and postpartum depression and walk away with needed items for their children," said Tristan Kirby, director, Franciscan Health Community Education.

The Franciscan Health Foundation, supported by generous donations from local businesses and community members, provided each family with a baby shower gift. These gifts included items needed for growing families like portable cribs, high-chairs, strollers and video baby monitors, to name a few. Diapers and wipes were also distributed to all

participants. One mother was especially grateful. "I just wanted to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who helped put the baby shower on," Layla Isenberg said. "I am glad I was able to go and talk to so many people in the community and have them answer some questions I had before having my baby. Also, a big thank you for the gifts that were donated. They will definitely help my family out and many others!"

If you or a loved one are an expecting parent or have recently given birth, look for an announcement regarding the 2023 Community Baby Shower in July.

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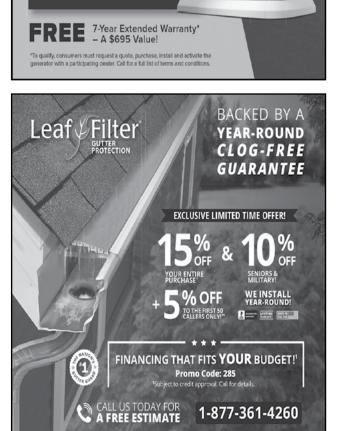
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