

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 23:1-6 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Tex Kersey smiles brightly for The Paper. Thank you for your smile Tex!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Dubliner Shane Gaffney was visiting New York City. It was about 4:00 AM and he hailed a taxi cab. John McDonagh, an Irish American, was at the wheel, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Gaffney didn't have enough money for his fare and so he gave McDonagh an IOU, promising two pints of Guinness at his parents' pub if and when the taxi driver might visit Ireland. It all happened in 2013. But nine years later McDonagh showed up at the pub to claim his brews. Gaffney and his mom and dad were waiting for him as were reporters and regulars. And behind the bar was a "massive banner welcoming me," said McDonagh.

2 Are you a proud parent or grandparent? Got a great photo of your loved one? E-mail it to news@thepaper24-7.com along with the pertinent info (and your contact information so we can reach you if we have questions). C'mon, let's show off as many bright and smiling faces as we can and make clear exactly why Montgomery County is such a great place to raise a family!

3 On Thursday, our Hoosier Authors Book Club will discuss All These Beautiful Strangers, written by Elkhart, Indiana, native Elizabeth Klefboth. Charlie Calloway has a life most people would kill for. A tight knit family. A loyal set of friends. A fast-track to whichever college she chooses. But Charlie isn't interested in what most people want. She's a Calloway. She's special. And she's been taught to want more. So when she's invited to join an exclusive secret society, her determination to get in is matched only by her conviction that she belongs there. But behind their mysterious facade is a history of lies which unravels everything Charlie thought she knew...including the story behind her mother's disappearance ten years ago. Copies of the book are available for check-out from the Carriage House. Join us at 7 p.m. in the Carriage House Interpretive Center!

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Bringing The Joy



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Our local Kiwanis organization does so many good things in the community. The latest happened recently when the Kiwanians presented 4-year-old Kyson Schilder and his mother Brandee Schilder with a special tricycle. In the photo above, Kyson gets his first look at the tricycle while Kiwanian Gary Behling explains. Kiwanians help kids as a youth-oriented service organization. They also partner with Riley Hospital for Children.

Slim Gives Butch His First Haircut And A Surprise!

Back in the "old days" (yes I am talking pre-1970), it was common for little kids to have a "homemade" haircut. My Mom and Dad cut my hair until I was four years old. No need to spend a dollar at the local barbershop when my folks



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

year...keeping their fingers crossed that a little religion might curb my ornery ways, I guess they decided that may-

could do the job. However, when they started taking me to the Methodist church Sunday school that

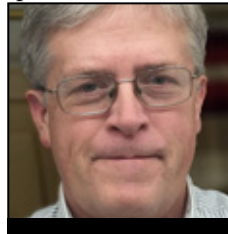
be a professional should get me all slickered up for my Sunday school teacher, Mary Hampton...and God's approval. "Blessed be those that look well-groomed."

So one summer afternoon, I accompanied Dad to Darlington to visit the pool room, owned by Damon "Skeet" Wray. Yes, it was a pool hall and cigar store, but it had also served as barbershop for many years. At one time, there were three barbers...Skeet, along with Glen "Bub" Carson, and Emil "Slim" Greve. By 1953, Slim was the only barber still working there. I was a little apprehensive as I stepped up on the foot rest of what seemed like a gigantic chair. Slim

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Wanda Get Your Gun

Deer hunting season opened this week. To some, those six words trigger the same autonomic response as waving a liver and onions blue plate special under Hannibal Lecter's nose.



JOHN MARLOWE
Columnist

After spending months waiting, an army of glassy-eyed hunters is charging into local fields and forests with enough firepower to topple Honduras. They are toting tree stands, hunting gear and more orange

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The Boys & Girls Club



Boys & Girls Club is a youth service organization that serves kids ages 5 to 18. They provide after-school programming, athletic leagues, and a summer program that is open Monday-Friday. They

Montgomery County, the Boys & Girls Club would not be able to support our communities' children and provide these important programs.

serve children from all 3 local school corporations and have been making a difference in the lives of many children since 1956. 100% of all United Way dollars go directly to programming. Without support from United Way in

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Live United, Montgomery County! This is a continuing series explaining a little bit about each United Way agency. And please don't forget that the annual fund drive is going on right now. This fund drive helps these agencies, which do so much good work in our county, keep their doors open. If you would be willing to donate, you can do so at www.uwmontgomery.org. Or you can mail donations to PO Box 247, Crawfordsville IN 47933. And if your employer doesn't offer the ability to donate through work, you can drop off the donation at 221 E Main St, Second floor.



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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Less than a week away from boys basketball hitting the hardwood! Can't wait!



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you want youthful skin, limit your exposure to the sun. 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

"The true teacher defends his pupils against his own personal influence."
Amos Bronson Alcott

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What do farmers wear when they're cold?
A Har-Vest!



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



OBITUARIES

Debra Lynn Knauer

Sept. 15, 1959 - Nov. 13, 2022

Debra Lynn Knauer passed away on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022 at Lane House.

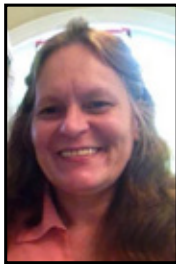
She was born on Sept. 15, 1959 in Crawfordsville to Delbert and Jean (Conrad) Anderson.

She married John Knauer on Nov. 13, 1997 in Las Vegas. She graduated from Crawfordsville High School, Class of 1977. She worked for RR Donnelly's for 15 years. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and Moose Lodge.

Survivors include her husband, John; a daughter, Ella Jean Knauer; a stepson, Andy Knauer; one granddaughter; six siblings, David Anderson (Patrice), Dee Dee Jones (Craig), Dawn Stout (Mark), Danny Anderson (Amy), Diane Fairfield (Tim), Darin Anderson; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation was chosen with private services. Share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.



Sherry Lynn Zeller

Oct. 20, 1976 - Nov. 12, 2022

Sherry Lynn Zeller, age 46 of Crawfordsville, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022 at Franciscan Health Lafayette.

She was born in Crawfordsville on Oct. 20, 1976 to Gerald Denver Zeller and Margaret (Head) Hall.

She graduated from Fountain Central High School in 1995. On July 17, 2021 she married the love of her life, Sherry Thompson. She worked at Raybestos for over 12 years, then started Z's Pampered Pawz Mobile Dog Grooming in 2011. She has groomed thousands of pets over the years. She had a loving, funny, playful, generous, and kind spirit. She was a loving daughter, wife, sister, aunt and loyal friend.

Survivors include her wife, Sherry Thompson; her mother, Margaret (Alan) Hall; a brother, Greg (Brandi Moore) Zeller; her nephews, Lance (Leanna) and Blaine; a niece, Kennedy (Gage); a great nephew, Grayson; and many cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gerald Denver Zeller.

Visitation is scheduled at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington St, in Crawfordsville on Friday, No 18, 2022 from 3 p.m. till the time of the Celebration of Life service at 6 p.m., with Mary Beth Boyd officiating. The service will be live-streamed and recorded which can be viewed on her obituary page at www.SandersFuneralCare.com. Cremation will follow the service with burial of remains at a later date at Rose Hill Cemetery. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.



Meeting Notes

Montgomery County Master Gardeners Association

Seventeen members of the Montgomery County Master Gardeners Association met at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 7. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved.

A new Master Gardeners basic training class is beginning February 7. Format for the class is hybrid with Tuesday evening 2-hour sessions occurring virtually and Thursday evening 1-hour sessions happening in person at the Montgomery County fairgrounds. Cost is \$180 per person or \$280 per couple. Anyone interested in joining the class should inquire at the

local extension office.

The nominating committee presented their slate of officers for 2023 and they were elected by ballot. President will be Sheri Bethard, vice-president Nancy Bowes, secretary Marie Stocks, treasurer Karen Thada, and outreach director Andria Grady.

For 2023, the scholarship committee recommended continuing with the \$500 scholarship that was begun in 2022. Montgomery County residents working towards a higher education degree in horticultural or plant-related fields would be welcome to apply. The committee also recommended a grant of \$40 per person for any Montgomery County resident taking the MG basic training class, up to a total of \$500. Both recommendations were

approved by the association. A thank you note from Levi Brush, the 2022 scholarship recipient, was read. Levi will be invited to speak at an upcoming meeting.

The plant sale and exchange committee has been meeting to determine the format for next spring's sale. They are investigating adding vendors and speakers at the sale.

Several of the association's projects were discussed. The Nicholson Elementary Garden received an addition of manure this fall and is all buttoned up for the year. Over 1,000 pounds of produce was donated to the FISH food pantry from the garden this year. A seed library is being developed in cooperation with the Crawfordsville District Public Library and would

provide free seeds to interested gardeners. A monarch waystation is also being planned at the fairgrounds and will be accessible by the public. The Bi-State Gardening Conference, to be held at the Beef House, is coming up January 25. Extension Educator Tricia Herr reported that plans are being made for 4th grade Ag Days sometime in April 2023.

The December meeting will be a movie night with the PBS video "My Garden of a Thousand Bees" being shown. The movie follows acclaimed wildlife filmmaker Martin Dohrn, who, locked down by the coronavirus, turned his lenses on the surprising and spectacular bees living in his own urban garden in Bristol, England. Members should bring a snack to share.

Meeting Notes

Crawfordville Community School Corporation

Board of Education - Regular Meeting Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Carnegie Museum - 222 S. Washington St. AGENDA

I. Roll Call
 II. CHARACTER COUNTS!SM Corporation - Pillar of Respect
 III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Consent Agenda: Approve Previous Meeting Minutes, Construction Accounts Payable Voucher, Payroll Claims Vouchers, Register of Accounts Payable Voucher, and Surplus Items

V. Old Business
 a. Consider Policy 6310 Use of School Corporation Vehicles - Second Reading

VI. New Business
 a. Discuss Tentative Agreement with Crawfordville Education Association
 b. Consider Resolution

Authorizing the Issuance of Temporary Loan Tax Anticipation Warrants

c. Consider Application for Technology Advance from the Common School Fund

d. Consider Classified Handbook

VII. Personnel

a. Consider Resignation of Joanie York - Administrative Assistant at Central Office

b. Consider Resignation of Cheryl Crowder - Teacher at Hose
 c. Recommend Madison Collins - Teachers Aide at Hoover

d. Recommend Emily Cotten - Assistant at Nicholson

VIII. Change of Position

a. Stephanie Wilkinson from Administrative Secretary at Nicholson to Administrative Secretary at Central Office

IX. Assistant Superintendent Report

X. Superintendent Report

XI. Other

XII. Board Member Communication

XIII. Patron Comments

XIV. Adjournment

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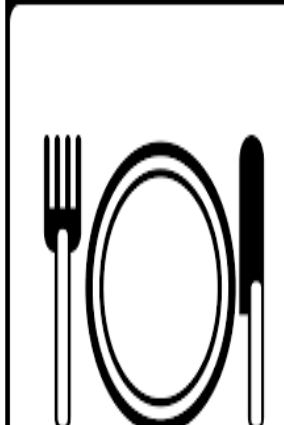


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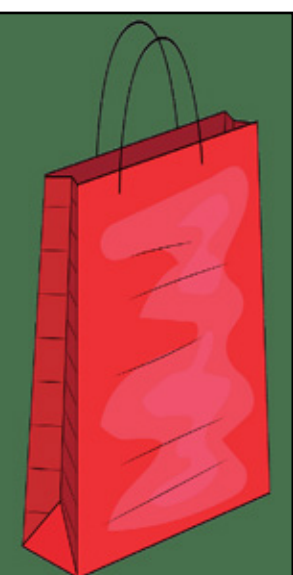
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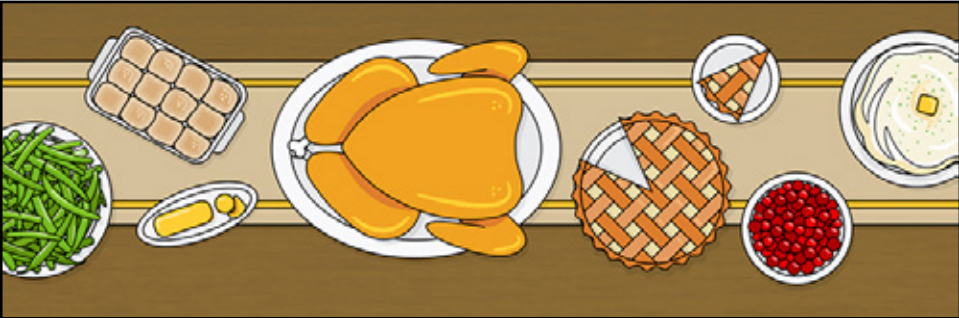
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Indiana Turkey Prices Spike; Consumers Advised to Shop Early, Be Aware of Discounts



Consumers can expect higher turkey prices at grocery stores this Thanksgiving. This trend is not surprising given rising costs of other meat and produce.

The poultry supply chain has been affected by various factors, including the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), global conflicts like the Russia-Ukraine war, and increases in feed, energy, gas, labor and transportation prices. Despite this, however, Jayson Lusk, head and Distinguished Professor of Purdue’s Department of Agricultural Economics, says that poultry, including turkey, remains an affordable protein option for upcoming holiday meals.

“Turkey is still cheaper than beef and pork, even though prices are increasing at a higher rate. Chicken is also more affordable on a per-pound basis,” he says.

Lusk, who is also the

director of the Center for Food Demand Analysis and Sustainability in the College of Agriculture, explains. “Since before the pandemic, chicken prices have increased 36%, which is higher than beef and pork on a percentage level. But on a dollars-and-cents basis, chicken has increased 67 cents per pound, which means beef and pork are still more expensive. It’s a higher percentage but still a lower dollar amount.”

Lusk adds, “Turkey prices tend to fall near Thanksgiving, as retailers often use turkeys to get people in the door, and they’ll advertise lower prices.” He recommends price-conscious shoppers be on the lookout for discounts. He predicts that in the future, turkey production will recover as pandemic impacts subside.

Contributing to short-term price increases are depopulations of turkey flocks, caused by HPAI. According to Rebecca

Joniskan, president of the Indiana State Poultry Association, 49 million turkeys have died or been euthanized so far in 2022. This number includes 8 million turkeys, 171,000 of which were lost in February and March of this year in Indiana.

However, she says that Hoosiers may be in better shape to recoup, noting that turkey production is more significantly hit when the flu is present at breeder farms, where turkeys produce hatching eggs. “Breeders have not been affected in Indiana to date,” she says.

Indiana turkey farms are “resilient,” she adds, as they typically produce product year-round, whereas production in other states can be seasonal. Given possible disruptions to the supply chain, she advises consumers, “If there’s a particular type or size of turkey you want for the upcoming holidays, start looking earlier.”

Healthy Minds, Healthy Lives Mental Health Workshops Now Accepting Registrations

To observe National Rural Health Day this week (Nov. 17), Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), along with the Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA), are announcing three new mental health initiatives geared towards farmers and those in the agricultural community.

Titled Healthy Minds, Healthy Lives, these initiatives include community workshops, virtual suicide prevention trainings and one-hour sessions for agribusinesses covering mental health stigmas and the resources available to help those in need. Each event is free of charge.

“First, these initiatives will increase basic awareness of existing mental health resources in the agricultural community,” Crouch said. “They will also help identify stressors, reduce the stigma and better recognize mental health needs within the farming industry. And by making them free and open to anyone, I am hopeful that several rural Hoosiers will attend and learn how to help themselves and one another.”

ISDA will be working with the IRHA to help those who live and work in agriculture become more comfortable speaking about mental health care options by holding free, regional community workshops across Indiana. Conversations about mental health stigma and resources, as well as recognizing signs of those in mental health distress, will be discussed.

“Indiana is a very rural state with lots of farming and agricultural bases in many towns and cities. These workshops, agribusiness sessions and suicide prevention trainings will work to provide these communities the tools they need to recognize stress, related mental health issues and mental health crises that unfortunately can lead to

suicide attempts,” said Kathy Walker, Program Director, Indiana Rural Health Association. “It is critically important that we reach our farmers, farm families, agribusinesses and those providing services to the agricultural community.”

Community workshops and online suicide prevention trainings are open to anyone wanting to learn more about mental health in agriculture including, but not limited to, farmers, farming families, agribusinesses, loan officers, religious leaders, rural health care workers and more.

IRHA is currently hosting:

Three regional community workshops:

- Dec. 7 – Ivy Tech, Logansport (8 a.m. to 11 a.m.)
- Jan. 18 – Community Foundation, Seymour (8 a.m. to 11 a.m.)
- Feb. 15 – Fireman’s, Warsaw (8 a.m. to 11 a.m.)

Three virtual online suicide prevention trainings, titled Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR):

- Jan. 4; to register, visit indianaruralhealth.org/events/2023/01/04/virtual-event/healthy-minds-healthy-lives-qpr-training/
- Febr. 8; to register, visit indianaruralhealth.org/events/2023/02/08/virtual-event/healthy-minds-healthy-lives-qpr-training/
- March 1; visit indianaruralhealth.org/events/2023/03/01/virtual-event/healthy-minds-healthy-lives-qpr-training/

One-hour agribusiness-focused sessions include:

- Educational sessions where an agribusiness or organization can host the IRHA to present to their staff, board members or rural community members on mental health services and stigmas surrounding agriculture.
- These sessions can be stand-alone services or in conjunction with an already scheduled meeting. To schedule a one-hour

educational training for your employees, board members or others, contact Kathy Walker at kwalker@indianarha.org.

“A few of these community workshops were held last year, and we are excited to get them up and running again, alongside new programming as well,” said Bruce Kettler, ISDA director. “Agribusiness’ run incredibly important and stressful operations all year long. Hoosiers and millions worldwide wouldn’t eat without their commitment to raising animals and growing crops. I am hopeful these workshops, online trainings and meetings can help reduce the stigmas surrounding mental health and show rural community members that there is help available.”

Cara Veale, CEO of IRHA, is looking forward to the increased community opportunities within the Healthy Minds, Healthy Lives programming.

“We at the Indiana Rural Health Association are thrilled to be partnering with the Indiana State Department of Agriculture to provide a great program and resource for farmers and farm families. We understand the importance of healthy minds and want to be sure we support our Indiana farmers and their families by educating them about available resources and ways they can ensure positive mental health.”

Last year, the ISDA received a \$500,000 grant from the United States Department of Agriculture National Institute for Food and Agriculture’s (NIFA) Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN) Program. A portion of the funding was provided to the Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA) to reduce mental health stigma and connect individuals to resources.

To learn more, see additional training opportunities or to register visit indianaruralhealth.org.

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State Looks for Opportunities to Reduce Overdose Deaths

By Whitney Downard

To tamp down on the growing number of opioid overdose deaths, Indiana stakeholders hope to explore ways to intervene earlier by analyzing “touchpoints” between Hoosiers and healthcare or criminal justice systems.

For the second year in a row, Indiana hit a record high for the number of overdose deaths, with 2,755 Hoosiers dying in 2021 — an increase of 483 deaths from the year before, which was a record itself. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns, overdose deaths had been decreasing slightly.

Finding where overdose deaths could be prevented

Previous research shows that just over 1 in 5 Hoosiers who died from an accidental overdose were recently incarcerated — and frequently released without any support or referrals to treatment programs.

Brad Ray, a researcher with RTI International, was part of the team that released the above numbers following a study in Marion County. He presented updated findings, including data that spanned the entire state, to the Indiana Commission to Combat Substance Use Disorder earlier this month.

Between Jan. 1, 2015 and Aug. 26, 2022, Ray reported that more than 13,000 Hoosiers had died from an overdose — with 2021’s death toll more than twice the number of deaths in 2015.

“That is a lot of people to have died of an

overdose in a seven-year period,” Ray said. “That is a lot of grief and trauma for those left behind.”

His analysis sought to identify ways Hoosiers had interacted with various systems in the state — whether healthcare, penal or emergency services — in the time prior to death to find areas where intervention could have helped.

Statewide, 26% of Hoosiers who died of a drug overdose were booked in a county jail within the last year. On average, Hoosiers had five months between leaving jail and dying of an overdose.

But while far more people end up in county jails than prison, 690,528 bookings compared to 11,658 prison releases, former detainees leaving prison were at a higher risk of an overdose than their jail counterparts.

Another potential area to intervene: emergency departments and ambulances. Nearly two-thirds, 65%, of Hoosiers who died had visited an emergency room in the year before their death. Over one-third, 37%, had used another emergency medical service.

Ray said his team had received funding for a five-year “FORTRESS” study, which would try to bring a more localized version of this data to county overdose fatality review teams.

The Fatal Overdose Review Teams Research to Enhance Surveillance Systems, would help those multi-disciplinary groups identify patterns and find opportunities to implement local changes, Ray said.

He said the study chose Indiana because its overdose review teams coordinate with the Indiana Department of Health and Indiana’s Management Performance Hub enables it to create “near real-time dashboards” of overdose deaths compared to touchpoints with the analyzed areas.

Intervening in Emergency Departments, jails

Thomas Gutwein, the emergency department medical director of Parkview Health in Fort Wayne, described the introduction of a program to help those seeking emergency services access medication-assisted treatment.

“We see different people who have this problem and we need to do what we can to break the cycle,” Gutwein said.

Rather than releasing a patient with a referral to treatment, now the person leaves with a small supply of medication to treat their withdrawal symptoms and help them quit whatever addictive substance they use. Patients also leave with an appointment scheduled to follow-up in just a few days.

“This is our window of opportunity when they want help so we have to get them that help right now,” Gutwein said. “Two to three weeks (for an appointment) is too late.”

The program has limitations — for example, pregnant women require more specialized care and would not be eligible — but also refers someone to peer counseling. Though Gutwein acknowledged that the shortage of mental

health practitioners hinders that effort.

Doug Huntsinger, the state’s executive director for Drug Prevention, Treatment and Enforcement, said 68% of those who died of a drug overdose had visited an emergency room shortly before their deaths – on average, 96 days prior to dying.

“This emphasizes the critical need for opioid use disorder (treatments) and supports in our emergency rooms,” Huntsinger said.

Huntsinger also highlighted another state effort to intervene and reduce overdose deaths: the Integrated Reentry and Correctional Support program. The pilot program launched over the summer and Huntsinger said 1,400 Hoosiers in Blackford, Daviess, Dearborn, Delaware and Scott counties had been served — all people spending time in the local jail.

Dearborn County Sheriff Shane McHenry shared his institution had partnered with 1 Voice, a local nonprofit, to bring peer recovery coaches into the facility to help those incarcerated — many of whom lived in families who introduced them to their addictions.

“I’ve spent most of my career as a detective... arresting as many people as we can with narcotics... I’ve arrested grandpa, I’ve arrested dad, and I’ve arrested his son,” McHenry said. “We’re doing the same thing over and over, they’re getting arrested for the same things in the same family... Unless we do something, how do we

ever expect something will change? A revolving door isn’t going to change things.”

McHenry said the peer coaches help those accused of crimes get a photo ID, some for the first time ever, find a job or a place to live and schedule recovery appointments before they even leave the jail. Without that intervention, McHenry said someone living with a substance abuse disorder could be back in jail in as little as two months.

“When we provide folks with these things, it’s going to increase their chance for success and not coming back to jail,” McHenry said.

Though too early to analyze, he said he’s seen success not only in reducing recidivism but also helping the jail staff by giving those incarcerated someone to talk to about their court dates or any other concerns. Otherwise, staff would be answering requests for public defenders — most of whom are overworked and have too many clients.

Aaron Spaulding, who has been sober since 2015, is the project coordinator for 1 Voice and oversees the five-person team of recovery coaches who have their own experiences with incarceration. For many, he and his team are the only models of what recovery can look like, he said.

With 253 participants since July 6, he said 30 have been diverted to long-term treatment while the team coordinates reentry support services for the rest. This includes

relapse prevention skills, weekly check-in meetings and even transportation to probation meetings.

“We’re able to be there the moment they’re released. That’s the beauty of the program... and be that extra support as they’re developing their long-term support,” Spaulding said. “I remember how overwhelming this all can be. It was really overwhelming when I had to do it all on my own... The goal of this program is that every individual that is being released has immediate and ongoing support to where they never have to do this alone again.”

Huntsinger said that none of the five programs looked alike and had to be individualized for the community they served. Still, he said that numerous sheriffs had reached out to him asking for assistance in bringing the program into their facilities.

For someone like Spaulding, before his journey to recovery, it would have been life changing.

“Every Hoosier deserves the opportunity this program offers and no Hoosier should ever feel alone,” Spaulding said.

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Indiana Higher Education Commission to Highlight Value of Higher Education

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education yesterday launched its statewide “Education Value Movement” to help stem the college-going decline and encourage more Hoosier students and adult learners to pursue some form of education or training beyond high school.

Over the past 18 months, the Commission and its partners at the Governor’s Workforce Cabinet and VOX Global have undertaken in-depth qualitative and quantitative research, focus groups and surveys to understand why Hoosiers are – or increasingly aren’t – enrolling in or promoting college.

The Commission’s most recent data show just over half (53%) of Indiana high school graduates in the class of 2020 pursued some form of education beyond high school. Additionally, nearly 2 million working-age Hoosiers do not have postsecondary credentials.

“Indiana’s current and future growth is directly related to the level of our skilled workforce,” said Gov. Eric Holcomb. “Not only do we need to better stress the value proposition of education beyond high school, but Hoosier families also need to be made more aware of Indiana’s generous financial aid at our many



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high-quality postsecondary institutions.”

He went on to say, “The Commission’s research into attitudes about higher education will inform our state’s collective efforts in messaging to high school students and adult learners that college yields a high return on investment and is equally accessible.”

During its research, the Commission conducted in-depth interviews with more than 100 Hoosiers and fielded a survey reaching 1,254 Indiana residents with varying experiences and attitudes toward higher education. Audiences were comprised of the general population, adult learners, parents and current high school students. Two key themes emerged from the initial analysis: “College is too expensive,” and “College isn’t necessary.”

Eighty-four percent of survey respondents believe that college is too expensive, and 60 percent believe a degree doesn’t mean as much

as it used to. However, when measuring the overall sentiment about college, Hoosiers still feel favorable – 82 percent of survey participants responded favorably toward “higher education.”

“Choosing to pursue education beyond high school is a deeply personal decision and there are often barriers that people must overcome to be successful in their pursuit – even if it is something people feel positively about for their lives or the lives of their loved ones,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery.

“It is important to approach the college conversation in ways that don’t automatically turn people off the idea, and that starts with acknowledging the skepticism, helping students and adult learners navigate the cost and connecting everyone to the myriad resources Indiana

makes available.”

Using the research findings, the Commission developed a new message framework to better deliver positive messages around the value of higher education for the state overall. The messages were tested during interviews with educators and in focus groups comprised of high school students, adult learners and parents.

The Commission is equipping trusted messengers such as partner state agencies, educators, nonprofit organizations, community- and faith-based groups, and philanthropic teams with tools, information and resources to encourage high school students and adult learners to pursue a degree or credential beyond high school.

Individuals interested in learning how to implement the message framework of the “Education Value Movement,” can complete the free 20-minute module.

One Professional Growth Plan (PGP) point (to be used toward licensure renewal) will be awarded to Indiana educators who successfully complete the module.

Based on the Commission’s research, trusted messengers are more likely to be listened to and their messages more likely to resonate with students and adult learners. Twenty-seven percent of survey respondents view the state government as being trustworthy or extremely trustworthy when it comes to providing guidance, advice, and resources about education beyond high school. This is compared to 66 percent for school counselors/teachers, 70 percent for friends and 77 percent for family.

“Data consistently show the economic and social benefits that come with greater levels of education. And Indiana has a great story to tell about the value of higher education – when adjusted for inflation, tuition and fees at four-year, public Indiana colleges have gone down by 7 percent over the last year,” said Lowery. “We have to continue building this positive narrative, and leaning on our state’s trusted messengers – teachers, school counselors, business

leaders, community partners, faith leaders and philanthropists – to add a voice to this movement.”

The “Education Value Movement” campaign kicks off today with radio, television and social media ad buys featuring football hall-of-famer and Indiana college graduate Jerome Bettis. Recently, the former Pittsburgh Steelers star and Detroit native went back to finish his business degree at the University of Notre Dame – where he started nearly three decades earlier.

The Commission obtained an exclusive interview with Bettis about why completing his postsecondary education was important to him – and why he believes it’s important for others.

All campaign traffic will be driven to the redesigned Learn More Indiana website which will connect Hoosiers with updated resources and support for 21st Century Scholars. The Commission will be conducting follow-up surveys of Hoosiers to gauge the impact of its efforts.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Commission’s work or connecting with a staff member who can provide a messaging training opportunity can reach Charlee Beasor at cbeasor@che.in.gov or by calling (317) 232-1060.



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Indiana Remains Essentially A One-Party State

Indiana remains, essentially, a one-party state after Tuesday’s mid-term election. Republicans are poised to increase their state Senate and House super majorities; elected Diego Morales as secretary of state by a 14 percent plurality despite numerous allegations of vote fraud and sexual harassment, and came within several points of picking off the 1st Congressional District seat it hadn’t held in 94 years.

U.S. Sen. Todd Young joined Morales in forging an emphatic win, drubbing Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. 57.9 percent to 38.7 percent with 94 percent of the vote reporting. McDermott told reporters at his concession speech, “I wasted 14 months of my life.”

Indiana continues to be a deep red state. It’s largely a function of map drawing at the legislative and congressional levels, and vastly more GOP resources at the statewide level. Democrat secretary of state nominee Destiny Wells was only able to come up with about \$500,000 in late TV ad money, leaving her woefully short in burnishing her resume and name ID in her 14 percent loss to Morales. She was obviously unable to make rural inroads, despite more than 140 Indiana Democrat outreach events in more than 70 counties. Morales won dozens of rural counties with between 60 percent and 70 percent of the vote.

In what appeared to be a tough election cycle onset, Democrats left eight Senate seats and 33 House seats uncontested. Senate Republicans picked off Sen. Michael Griffin by Lake County



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GOP Chair Dan Dernulc and could have defeated Democrat Sens. J.D. Ford and Rodney Pol if they had put in more resources earlier. The Senate GOP super majority is now back to 40-10. Indiana House Republicans were able to defeat State Reps. Terri Austin (by 35 votes) and Rita Fleming (by 333 votes), while Jackson County Councilman Dave Hall upset Monroe County Commissioner Penny Githens in HD62, that was supposed to be so blue that State Rep. Jeff Ellington abandoned it to run unsuccessfully in HD45. The GOP will likely have a 71-29 House margin once the recounts conclude.

After reapportionment in October 2021, speculation began that the 1st CD had turned “purple.” Freshman Democrat U.S. Rep. Frank Mrvan defeated Republican Jennifer-Ruth Green, and it was purplishly close, 52.6 percent to 47.4.

Green was attempting to be the first Republican to win The Region seat in 94 years. They thought she would be in the vanguard of substantial GOP gains as the party took over the House. “We knew all along we needed to do everything right to put Jennifer-Ruth in a position to catch a wave,” Tim Edson, a Green campaign consultant, told Mark Schoeff

Jr. of Howey Politics Indiana. “We did it, but the wave didn’t materialize. She ran as absolutely good a race as she could have.”

Republicans will be tempted to think they dodged the abortion ban bullet. They did for now, but look at how many states, including Michigan and Kentucky, that rejected bans with constitutional amendments via referendum, which will likely be a 2024 gubernatorial issue.

Indiana Democrat Chairman Mike Schmuhl, who helped Pete Buttigieg win the 2020 Iowa presidential caucuses based on a rural strategy, said Thursday, “Indiana Democrats laid the groundwork in 2021 and 2022, and now it’s time to crisscross our state even more, build up our party from the grassroots, elect city leaders in 2023 and a governor, U.S. Senator, and additional state legislators in 2024.”

While Indiana was a bright, red, glowing ember, nationally Trump Republicans had a dismal night. The “red wave” fizzled, with both the U.S. House and Senate majorities undetermined at this writing following a surge of voters who felt the fate of democracy and female reproductive rights were more important than soaring inflation and gas prices which were at around \$4.24 a gallon in Indiana on Election Day.

Sen. Young urged Hoosier Republicans to take an aspirational approach to governance in an election cycle that had been dominated by Donald Trump’s grievances. “When we Republicans present an optimistic vision for the future, of

an America more strong and more free, we win in record fashion,” Young said during his victory speech. “Let’s not overlook that conclusion.”

The critical question for control of the U.S. Senate is whether the GOP can stave off Donald Trump’s Nov. 15 presidential kickoff until after Dec. 6 Georgia run-off which could determine control of the upper chamber.

David Frum observed in The Atlantic, “Trump had another night of defeats last night, perhaps his most spectacular yet. He pushed his party to nominate weirdos and crackpots. He trapped a supposedly pro-life party into rallying to a candidate credibly alleged to have pressured two different women into unwanted abortions. Trump raised money for candidates and hoarded the money in his own PAC accounts. Anytime Republicans got a chance to talk about the future, he dragged them into battles over his past misconduct. Last night, voters got their chance to render a verdict. And whatever else they meant to say, they clearly communicated that they were sick of Trump and his antics.”

This new dynamic will come in full relief as former Indiana governor and vice president Mike Pence holds a CNN Town Hall next week. And Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis emerged with a 20 percent re-election victory and, perhaps, the frontrunner should Trump be indicted for hoarding top secret documents at his Florida resort.

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Duckworth The Duck Dog

“I took Duckworth to the dog show up in the city last weekend,” Dud said.

The other members of the Mule Barn truck stop’s world dilemma think tank and philosophy counter just looked at him

Doc put it gently. “Dud, was this so he could get some inspiration on looking good?”

Duckworth was a medium-sized dog that found Dud while Dud was walking and thinking about the novel he’s writing. No one answered the ad he put in the Valley Weekly Miracle, so he was henceforth known as Duckworth, for some reason Dud seemed to want to keep to himself. To be honest, Duckworth looked like he fell out of the ugly tree and hit every branch on the way down.

“No, I was going to enter him in the dog show,” Dud said. “Took him right up to the registration table and tried to get him in a class. The lady there looked at ol’ Duck and asked to see his papers.”

Dud grinned. “I told her they were back home on the floor of the laundry room. She didn’t think it was funny.”

Now Duckworth had been introduced to the other dogs in the group at the sale barn, as is the custom, and Dud’s pals had been hesitant to ask much about him. Duckworth looked like some-



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thing put together by a committee with a sense of humor. Oh, he was a dog ... no doubt about that. But what kind of dog was he? It made for interesting coffee speculation, that’s for sure. “You know,” Dud said, “Anita was against me getting any kind of dog until Duckworth came along. When I explained to her that Duckworth was a bird dog ... a duck dog, actually, and that he’d help me bring more birds home, she finally gave in.”

“He’s a bird dog?” Steve said. “What kind?”

“Now that’s what that dog show lady asked me, you know? I had to explain to her about canardly terriers, because she wasn’t familiar with them.” “Canar...”

“Canardly terriers, you betcha,” Dud said, grinning, “why, I’ll bet you canardly tell what kind of terrier he is!”

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Indiana Celebrates Global Entrepreneurship Week

On Monday, Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb proclaimed this week (through Nov. 20) Global Entrepreneurship Week in Indiana, recognizing the many contributions that entrepreneurs and innovators have made to Indiana’s economy and communities. As part of the state’s celebrations this week, Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation announced new entrepreneurial ecosystem assets, launching Entrepreneurship Indiana, an annual publication honoring the entrepreneurial journey, and announcing a new website to help entrepreneurs start and grow their business.

“Entrepreneurship has been and continues to be an essential driver of Indiana’s economic future,” Chambers said. "Our innovation ecosystem has unlimited potential and deserves continued cultivation and resource allocation. This week, we honor and thank our entrepreneurs – the risk takers, dreamers and innovators who are fundamental to our state’s economy.”

Entrepreneurship Indiana 2022 is an entrepreneurial yearbook published in partnership with PAT-TERN to honor the state’s entrepreneurial ecosystem and inspire future founders and innovators. The inaugural edition, which is available online, features 100 entrepreneurial success stories, highlighting the ambition, commitment and resilience of entrepreneurs of all backgrounds and industries across the state.

The new website, currently in beta testing with organizations that support Indiana’s entrepreneurs, is a tool for current and future entrepreneurs, designed to connect founders with the right resource at the right time in their



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journey to start and grow their business. It is the first of its kind statewide listing of resources, programs and services for entrepreneurs, providing visitors curated connections to Indiana’s robust network of support organizations, mentors, accelerators, capital opportunities and more.

Sec. Chambers and the IEDC will celebrate these new initiatives and Indiana’s entrepreneurs at three regional Global Entrepreneurship Week events this week, hosting founders, aspiring entrepreneurs and industry mentors. The state will also host Cecilia Wessinger, director for global community at the Global Entrepreneurship Network, who will be visiting the Hoosier State to celebrate Indiana as an emerging global entrepreneurial ecosystem.

"One week a year, for the past 15 years, the world comes together in commemoration of entrepreneurship. We celebrate ingenuity, resilience and passion, the life blood of courage, sustainability and prosperity. In recognition of efforts and inviting more people to explore opportunities and dreams of their own making," said Wessinger. "At the crossroads of America, Indiana has a rich history in all these aspects. I am excited to join the festivities and honor the founders and ecosystem builders in the



heart of the Heartland.” The events will be held as follows:

- Central Region: Today from 4-6 p.m. at The Center - Heritage Groupm, 6320 Intech Way, Indianapolis

- North Region: Tomorrow from 4:45-6:30 p.m. at the Lerner Theater, 410 S. Main St., Elkhart

- South Region: Thursday, Nov. 17, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at The Mill, 642 N. Madison St., Bloomington

Indiana is committed to investing in the growth and success of the state’s entrepreneurial ecosystem, which continues to inspire entrepreneurs and fuel new innovations, create quality jobs for Hoosiers, and attract record levels of capital investment. Indiana recently ranked as a Global Top 40 Emerging Ecosystem by Startup Genome, and six of the state’s cities were named among the 2022 Best Startup Cities in the Midwest with Indianapolis ranking No. 3.

The state’s entrepreneurial ecosystem has a significant impact on the state’s economy and its communities. Indiana’s youngest companies (under five years of age) account for the majority of net new job growth in the state, creating more than 36,000 new jobs in 2019 alone.

In 2021, Hoosier companies under five years of age contributed an estimated \$11.5 billion to Indiana’s GDP. At the local level, one successful new company increases the median household income of surrounding households, driving community wellbeing.

Duke Energy to Work with North American Utilities on Protecting Their Customers from Scams

It could be a phone call or a text. “This is Duke Energy, and we are on our way to disconnect your service unless you pay us right now.” The type of communication or message may vary, but the intent is always the same – to scam customers out of their money or personal information.

If you receive a similar call or text, do not engage because Duke Energy never calls or text customers demanding immediate payment to avoid disconnections. Customers can verify their balance on Duke Energy’s website, via our mobile app or by calling the customer service line.

As technology has advanced to help customers pay their bills, so have scam tactics geared toward preying on them and defrauding them of their money and personal information. That’s why Duke Energy partners with utilities across North America to bring awareness on fraudulent activities during the seventh annual Utility Scam Awareness Day on Nov. 16.

The campaign focuses on utility impostor scam calls and the advanced tactics used to target customers. The day is also part of the weeklong International Fraud Awareness Week, an advocacy and awareness campaign directed at educating customers and exposing the tactics used by scammers.

Recognized annually, Utility Scam Awareness Day was created by Utilities United Against Scams (UUAS), a consortium of more than 150 electric, water and natural gas companies and their respective trade associations.

“Scammer tactics are becoming increasingly sophisticated, but utility impostor scams are oftentimes as simple as a scammer posing as a customer’s local utility, calling and threatening to shut off their service unless they provide payment,” said Monica Martinez, executive director of UUAS. “Customers

shouldn’t be afraid to end a call that they suspect is a scam. You can always end the call and dial the number on your utility’s bill or on the utility website to confirm.”

Stop the scam: Over the last few years, particularly during the pandemic, Duke Energy and other UUAS member organizations have seen an increase in efforts to take advantage of utility customers and the financial challenges that many have faced.

So far in 2022, nearly 1,200 scam attempts have been reported to Duke Energy Indiana. Fortunately, less than 5% of individuals who reported a scam attempt in Indiana fell for it – a tremendous decrease from the 10% victimization rate from when the company first started tracking data in 2015.

“While we are proud of the progress we’ve made, our goal is to reduce the number of our customers falling victim to these scams even further,” said Tiffany Dennison, Duke Energy’s vice president of revenue services and metering. “As scammers become more sophisticated, we’ve become more committed to curbing the problem through educating our customers, engaging with the telecom and technology industries to remove access to phone lines and fraudulent online advertising, and advocating for stronger policies to protect customers.”

Know what to look for:

- **Threat to disconnect:** Scammers often threaten immediate service disconnections. They ask for personal information or demand payment to prevent service interruptions.

- **Request for immediate payment:** Scammers may instruct customers to make payments via prepaid cards, digital payment apps, cryptocurrencies or direct transactions with banking institutions. Duke Energy does not accept payments through the Cash App, Venmo or Zelle apps. (Customers can

make payments directly via Duke Energy’s website, duke-energy.com, or mobile app.)

- **Promise of a refund or discount:** Scammers prey on households with tight budgets. They will inform customers of impending refunds due to overpaid utility bills; however, they need banking information to process the refund. They also may claim that immediate bill payment will result in a discount or that a charitable donation can be made in exchange for a lesser bill payment.

- **Personal information:** Scammers promise to mail refund checks for overpayments on a customer’s account if they can confirm their personal data, including birthdays and, in some cases, Social Security numbers.

Protect yourself: Duke Energy will always offer a variety of ways to pay a bill, including online payments, phone payments, automatic bank drafts, mail or in person. Duke Energy will never:

- Specify how customers should make a bill payment.
- Threaten immediate service interruption. Customers with past-due accounts receive multiple advanced notices, typically by mail and in their regular monthly bill.

- Ask for personal information or credit or debit card numbers over the phone, by email or in person – either for a payment or a refund.

- If customers suspect someone is trying to scam them, they should hang up, shut the door or delete the email or text. They also should contact the utility immediately at the number on the most recent monthly bill or on the utility’s official website, not the phone number the scammer provides. If customers ever feel in physical danger, they should call 911.

More information is available at duke-energy.com/StopScams.

JOHN

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stocking caps than in the preemie unit at the Orange County baby hospital.

There is something primal about deer hunting. It harkens to the time when pioneers, in order to keep their families fed through the long winter, grabbed their trusty muskets, a bag of hardtack, and maybe their Indian friend, Mingo, and traipsed into the woods seeking white-tail.

It was mano-a-deer-o in those days. Muskets had a limited range, and weren’t highly accurate. Man had his wits and little else to outsmart the deer, who held home field advantage.

Today, that’s all changed.

Hunters have new technology that makes deer hunting easier — for them, not the deer. I have a hunter friend who uses Google Maps to plot deer runs through the woods. There are laser-sighted rifles, trail cameras for reconnaissance, night vision binoculars, apps for your phone, and even personal drones to surveil the ravines and waterways.

Evidently, you have to spend a buck to shoot a buck.

All the poor deer have going for them is a cute, twitchy white tail, and the knowledge that men aren’t nearly the marksmen they think they are.

To me, this is hunting like tossing a stick of dynamite into the pond is fishing.

I can’t deny that deer hunting isn’t a great bonding experience. Fathers and sons, fathers and daughters, brothers and sisters, even moth-

ers and daughters come together each fall to create memories. Nothing brings a family closer than bodies spritzed in deer urine.

Even though deer hunting is good for families, it probably isn’t as good for marriages. I suspect that deer hunting outpaces football, golf and horse betting for triggering divorce. I’m reminded of our neighbors Bill and Wanda Lake.

The Lakes lived right up the lane from us. That put them outside the town limits, just far enough that Bill could practice shooting his 30-06 Springfield rifle without breaking the law. Truthfully, being inside the town limits never stopped anyone, anyway.

A gruff, retired Marine, Bill loved to deer hunt. He wore a flat-top haircut. His 5’5” height was offset by a broad-chested frame that meant business. Think Sergeant Carter on Gomer Pyle.

Wanda was sweet, but not gentle. At one-and-a-half times Bill’s size, she was more than capable of standing up against his tough-guy persona. The pastime they shared was bickering. It was common to hear the two going at it, hundreds of yards away.

Wanda hated hunting. Bill hated when Wanda spent money. It was detente.

One year, Bill and my Dad spent a week preparing for opening day of deer hunting season. The plan was to get up before dawn, and go hunting at Camp Atterbury for the entire day. Wanda was furious! Her niece was

getting married the next day, and she didn’t want her husband showing up at the rehearsal smelling like deer essence.

Bill went anyway. It was rainy, and a biting wind made the hunting trip miserable. They never saw a single deer.

Additionally, Bill lost a treasured ring from his Marine days, and the two got the station wagon stuck on a muddy fire trail. Worst of all, Bill, needing to relieve himself much as the proverbial Bear in the Woods does, discovered he forgot to pack the toilet paper. He chose instead to clean up using some broadleaf vegetation located at the base of the tree he was behind.

It was poison oak. (Sidebar: Bill discovered there wasn’t enough calamine lotion in the world, and ultimately had to go see a doctor.)

In the meantime, Wanda was peering out her kitchen window, when as if on cue, a young deer ambled into the Lake’s backyard from the adjacent cornfield.

It took only a single shot from Wanda’s 9mm Glock handgun to drop the 8-point buck in his tracks.

When Bill got home, Wanda was gone, but the deer was lying in the yard about five feet from the back door. Bill walked over to it, and read the cardboard sign that Wanda stuck on an antler.

“I hope you had a good time,” it read. “Gone shopping.”

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placed a board across the arms of the chair for me to sit on, so he wouldn’t have to bend over. Dad sat down in one of the waiting chairs and lit a Chesterfield cigarette as Slim buttoned a cloth cape around my neck. I was calm...until I heard him switch on the electric clippers. "If you’re good and hold still while I am cutting your hair, I have a surprise for you," Slim promised.

My folks had never used electric clippers, so I jerked around a bit, but Slim held me steady with his other hand as he glided those clippers all over my noggin, all the while talking to Dad about the upcoming basketball season. You see, Slim was related to all of those Greve boys... Ray, Keith, and Bill... who were stars on those great Waveland High School teams. Well, in a few minutes it was over. He removed the protective cloth, dusted off my neck with his little brush, and helped me down... looking over at Dad, "No charge for his first haircut, and he gets a free cone!" Skeet’s store had lots of different items for sale, and near the front counter, next to the cigar display case, was a chest freezer containing three large cartons of Glover’s ice cream. Believe it or not, I had never had an ice cream cone, and when I took that first lick...well, that started a lifelong passion.

I continued going to Slim’s, who later on started his own shop next to Alvie Warren’s hardware, once a month from then on, except for one time when he was away on vacation. Dad gave me a dollar and told me to walk across the street to Oscar Endicott’s barbershop, as he headed to the restaurant to have a cup of coffee. Oscar asked me how I wanted my hair cut, and I replied, "Just the usual." I guess he didn’t know what the "usual" was, because when he was done and I looked in the mirror, he had given me a "buzz cut." Oh God, no! I was not a happy camper! And to make matters worse, the next week school photos were scheduled. He was a friendly fellow, but I never had Oscar cut my hair again.

As I grew older, hairstyles changed. I had fairly short hair through 5th grade, but in the 6th grade, I requested a haircut just like Wally Cleaver donned in "Leave It To Beaver," and Slim delivered! He even used "Butch Wax" to keep every hair in place. By that time, the price of a haircut had increased to \$1.25. I always looked forward to visting Slim’s barber-shop, and sometimes I stopped in just to loaf. There were always the "regulars" there...John Lynch, John Thompson, and Hal Royer, along

with other men who sat and discussed anything and everything. Whoever claimed that women gossip more than men... well, they are sadly mistaken! In the front window Slim always kept a wide variety of comic books to keep kids entertained while they were waiting. And EVERY time I visited, Slim would smile and tell everyone that he had given me my first ice cream cone! "You should have seen how big Butch’s eyes got when he took that first lick!"

Slim retired in the late 1960s. Dad bought some electric clippers and started cutting my hair again. There were a couple of barbers that took over after Slim retired, but they didn’t stay long. I bought all of the comic books that were remaining, along with four of the customer chairs. In the late 1970s, Oscar closed his shop, and I purchased his barber chair. I have all of these items on display in our little museum here at the library. Sometimes I sit in that old barber chair and think of those days...and remember my first haircut, Oscar’s buzz cut, and my Wally Cleaver haircut!

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