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TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 43:18-19 *Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. (NIV)*

FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Chad Hodges smiles while taking a quick break from work getting beautiful downtown Crawfordsville. Thank you for your smile, Chad!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Monroe Lake will host its 10th annual First Day Trail Run and Walk at Fairfax State Recreation Area on Sunday, Jan. 1 at 3:30 p.m. This noncompetitive event has three distances, 3.7, 2.9, or 1.3 miles, through fields and forested areas. Participants are encouraged to tap the bell and ring in the new year as they cross the finish line. Advance registration is available through Dec. 30 at bit.ly/firstdayrun2023 for \$15 per person. The first 300 advance registrants will receive an embroidered collectible event patch. Same-day registration will be \$20 per person (cash or check only) from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. For more information contact the Paynetown Activity Center at Monroe Lake at 812-837-9967 or email Jill Vance at jvance@dnr.IN.gov.

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3 Goldfish are one of the most popular pets for kids, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. They are easy to take care of and hardy enough to live as long as ten years. They grow to a manageable six inches in a tank. How big can they grow in a lake, for example? A British angler recently landed a monster of a goldfish in a lake in Champagne, France. It weighed in at 67 and a half pounds.

John Frey Elected To IACC District Office



John Frey

Montgomery County Commissioner John Frey was re-elected 2023 President of the Indiana Association of County Commissioners (IACC) West Central District during their annual conference last week. His peers have selected him to represent them. Tippecanoe County Commissioner Tom Murtaugh stated that "Frey will be a great spokesperson for

their district and is dedicated to improving local government."

As District President, Frey will represent the elected county commissioners in the West Central district of the state, which includes the following counties: Boone, Clay, Clinton, Fountain, Hendricks, Montgomery, Morgan, Owen, Parke, Putnam, Tippecanoe, Vermillion, Vigo, and Warren. The IACC is represented by six districts in the state. Frey will serve on the IACC's board of directors, which determines policies and legislative goals for the Association.

Vigo County Commissioner Chris Switzer was elected District Vice President during the meeting as well. The district meeting also included discussion on current issues pertaining to county government in the West Central District.

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Butch Says That Losing A Game Can Be A Good Thing



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

Ah yes, playing sports... You win some, you lose some. As they say, that's life. If anyone should know, it's yours truly. A few days ago I was looking through the scrapbook my mother compiled for me when I competed for the good ol' Darlington Indians (which nowadays would be called the Darlington Indigenous Natives...could they get all of that on a uniform?)

In baseball, as I mentioned once before, I could never manage to beat New Ross. In a home contest one time, my team scored 16 runs against the Blue Jays...more than enough

to win. But my arm had ached all week. My fastball was non-existent, so I decided to throw a slow knuckleball to Ron Haffner, their best hitter. Big mistake. He hit a homerun about a half mile over the centerfield fence. For the first and only time I can ever recall, the coach replaced me as pitcher. Final score 19-16...Seriously!

During the 1965 basketball season, our team had no starters over 6 feet tall, but we played our hearts out. Entering the County Tourney, our record was 4-7, and we had to face New Market, who had a record of 9-2. I hit eight baskets in the first half to give us a 38-26 lead, but then went stone cold. New Market forged ahead with two minutes left in the game. However, our team made some crucial free throws in the last stretch...and we won 49-45! We then played New Ross, who had a 15-game winning streak, the longest in the state. In an earlier regular season game, the Blue Jays had demolished us 88-60. But we didn't think about that...we wanted to win...and we did...49-45...a

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HHSB Hosting Blood Drive

The holidays are a busy time for everyone, but the need for blood at our local hospitals is never-ending. As you are looking for ways to give back and serve your community this season without emptying your wallet, please give blood.

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Lemme Get Through The Holidays



JOHN MARLOWE
Columnist

There are two kinds of Holiday traditions. There are those which transcend our individual families, and are shared by entire communities of people — like putting up a Christmas tree, spinning the dreidel, or playing Jingle Bell Rock.

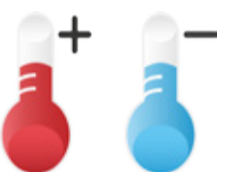
Then there are other traditions which are solely confined within the family. For instance, my step-cousins always show up at Christmas dinner wearing matching red flannel pajamas.

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The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 8:00 a.m.
SET: 5:22 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 45 °F
Low: 30 °F



Today is.....
• Ice Cream Day
• National Violin Day



What Happened On This Day
• 1962 NASA launches Relay 1, the first active repeater communications satellite in orbit
• 1949 The Knesset votes to move the capital of Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem



Births On This Day
• 1948 Ted Nugent American singer-songwriter, guitarist, actor
• 1989 Taylor Swift American singer-songwriter, guitarist, actress

Deaths On This Day
• 1204 Maimonides Spanish rabbi, philosopher
• 1944 Wassily Kandinsky Russian/French painter

HONEST HOOSIER

12 Montgomery County shopping days until Christmas. Think I'll grab a delicious drink from the gang at Healthie's!



INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Teens need about ten hours of sleep while school-age kids should get 10-12. 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.



OBITUARIES

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



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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Show Us Those Smiles!

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!

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more."
- Dr. Seuss from How the Grinch Stole Christmas!

TODAY'S JOKE

What did Santa give the little girls and boys who weren't so good this year?
A pack of batteries with a note: Toy not included!

13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
30/45 WINDY, PEAKS OF SUN	41/52 WET AND WINDY	45/47 DAMP START	31/37 COLDER, SNOW SHOWERS	25/26 SNOW SHOWERS	19/30 COLD	20/32 CHILLY

OBITUARIES

Bertha M. Roberts

May 1, 1919 - Dec. 10, 2022

Bertha M. Roberts of Crawfordsville passed away Saturday night at her granddaughter's home, where she had resided the past three years. She was 103.

Born May 1, 1919 in Greencastle, she was the daughter of John Wesley Cope and Mary Elizabeth Abbott Cope.

She married Raymond S. Roberts on Oct. 17, 1937 in Waynetown. He preceded her in death in February of 2002.

Mrs. Roberts was a true Christian that read her Bible every day and was very prayerful. She was a member of Crossroads Church of the Nazarene and for the past couple of years attended Hillsboro Church of the Nazarene. She liked going places and taking trips. She was a wonderful cook that loved to can green beans, tomatoes and strawberries. She worked for a while at Sommer Metalcraft, but spent most of her life as a housewife, homemaker and mother who took care of her family.

Survivors include her daughter, Connie Grater of Crawfordsville; son, Dallas Roberts (Sandra) of Crawfordsville; granddaughter that she raised and considered a daughter, Beckie Stadler (John Stephenson) of Crawfordsville; four grandchildren in all; thirteen great-grandchildren; many great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Wendell Cope.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two infant children; grandson, Bryan Ray Roberts; granddaughter, Ronda Everman; five brothers, Ralph, Melvin, Edwin, Herman and Harold Cope; three sisters, Edith Poynter, Mamie Cook and Emma Mikels; along with a great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn Stephenson.

Visitation is scheduled from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14 at Burkhart Funeral Home, 201 W. Wabash Avenue. Services will begin at 1 p.m., with Pastor Greg McDonald officiating. After the service, she will be laid to rest at Oak Hill Cemetery North.

Online condolences may be made at www.BurkhartFH.com.

Mary Alice (Andrews) Hampton

June 8, 1933 - Dec. 10, 2022

Mary Alice (Andrews) Hampton, 89 years young-although she was already our angel here on earth-gained her heavenly wings on Dec. 10, 2022 at Ben Hur Health & Rehab.

She was born on June 8, 1933 to Lonnie Ham and Fannie (Andrews) Welliver but she was raised by her grandparents.

She graduated from Horace Mann School and went for a few years to the Lafayette School of Nursing before marrying Richard Dale Hampton on Oct. 11, 1952. They were married for 52 years when he passed on March 19, 2010.

She was a member of Whitesville Christian Church and was baptized there. She worked at Dillman's Department before becoming an Avon dealer for 40 years. Making cakes of all kinds made her happy. She never knew a stranger and was sweet to everyone she met.

She enjoyed going to her grandchildren and great grandchildren's sporting and school events.

Survivors include her children, Dale (Dawn), Pam Perry, Carl (Jill), Dick (Susan) and one stepson, David (Donna) Fraker; 11 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; 20 great great grandchildren; along with several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; son, Mark Hampton; one grandson; one granddaughter; one brother, Bill Andrews; and two sisters, Pat (Welliver) Hultz and Dee (Welliver) Manion.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 at Hunt & Son Funeral Home, with Pastor Michael Whitacre officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery on Grant Avenue. Visitation will begin at noon on Friday. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.huntandson.com

Shirley Harris

Sept. 21, 1933 - Dec. 9, 2022

Shirley Mae (Dunkin) Harris of Crawfordsville passed away Friday morning at Ben-Hur Health. She was 89.

Born Sept. 21, 1933 in Crawfordsville, she was the daughter of George Dunkin and Gladys (Lamson) Dunkin.

She married Robert M. Harris on Aug. 4, 1957 at the Wabash College Chapel. He passed away June 28, 2021. She and Robert had two sons, Brent Harris of Crawfordsville and Randy Harris, who preceded her in death.

She worked at the Ben Hur Life Insurance office in downtown Crawfordsville and later in life worked as a receptionist at Impex Manufacturing, near her home. She enjoyed music all of her life. She learned to play the guitar as a child and played into the early years of her adult life. She also enjoyed cooking and reading.

There will not be a public visitation or funeral. There will be a graveside service Thursday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. in the Freedom Cemetery on State Road 234. Arrangements were entrusted to Burkhart Funeral Home.

Friends are asked to make a donation in memory of Shirley Harris to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st Street, Ste. 100, Indianapolis, IN 46209-4830.

Mary Angela Perry Cooley

Dec. 6, 2022

Mary Angela Perry Cooley died on Dec. 6, 2022, at age 92 and in accordance with her wishes: peacefully and surrounded by family and friends.

She was born in Bessemer, Alabama, a suburb of Birmingham, to Lt. Colonel John and Dorothy Stowers Perry.

She proudly attended Hollins College (Roanoke, Virginia) and was awarded a bachelor's degree in economics and sociology. Upon graduation, she married her high school sweetheart, Robert Lee Cooley. The two were unshakably devoted and were the centers of each other's lives. The couple lived in Alameda, California while Robert served in the U.S. Navy as a pilot, with postings in both the United States and abroad. It was in Alameda that she and Robert adopted their first child, Bob.

The family moved to Crawfordsville, Indiana, when Robert became a professor of mathematics at Wabash College. Over the next ten years she and Robert were foster parents to more than a dozen children in the home they lovingly called The Grand Old House. Later they adopted David, Catherine and Christopher. While raising her four children, she began graduate studies in social work at Indiana University. She earned a Master's in Social Work in 1980 at the age of 50. She worked as a clinical social worker at Culver Union Hospital, Howard Community Hospital and Wabash Valley Mental Health Center. She was a natural to train foster parents, later worked for Indiana Child Protective Services, and was instrumental in the establishment of the Youth Service Bureau.

She was a member of many professional organizations: American Public Welfare Association; Child Welfare League of America; National Association of Social Workers, Indiana Chapter; National Alliance for Mental Illness; Institute of Family Therapy (UK). Later in her career, she focused on adult services and elderly care, and joined the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Indiana Chapter. She served as President of the Advisory Board of the Area IV Agency on Aging and Community Action Programs, and on the board of the Montgomery County Council on Aging. Always ahead of her time, she founded an Adult Day Care Center in Crawfordsville.

She and Robert attended St John's Episcopal Church where Angela served on the Vestry as well as many additional committees. She was a Life member of the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County Indiana, MCCA, the Flower Lovers Club and Wabash Women.

Family and friends admired her for her intellect, southern charm and service to her community. She often dressed in bright cheerful colors, and enjoyed simple pleasures such as bird watching and gardening around her home. In the evenings she enjoyed her "toes up time," reading everything possible, but especially mysteries, philosophy and religion.

Survivors include her sons, Robert (Jane Kaitson) and Christopher; three grandchildren, Stephen, Sarah and Sylvia; younger sister, Lisa Kalloch; nephew, Perry; and nieces, Holly and Faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lt. Colonel John and Dorothy Perry, husband Robert, daughter Catherine and son David.

The Cooley family would like to express its sincere thanks for the incredible care she received at Whitlock Place.

A Celebration of Life and Farewell will take place on May 23, 2023, at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Memorial Contributions may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church (PO Box 445, Crawfordsville, IN 47933) or the Montgomery County Community Foundation (PO Box 334, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.)

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Check back daily for updates!

Wabash College's Cooper Smith '23 Earns Marshall Scholarship



Cooper Smith

Wabash College student Cooper Smith '23 has earned a Marshall Scholarship, one of the most coveted competitive international fellowships.

A native of Sellersburg, Indiana, Smith earned the two-year fellowship from the Marshall Commission, which looks for candidates who have the potential to excel as scholars, as leaders, and as contributors to improved U.K.-U.S. understanding. During his two-year award, Smith will pursue a master of letters degree in legal and constitutional studies at the University of St. Andrews and a master of science in democracy and comparative politics at University College London.

Smith is the fifth Wabash student to win a Marshall Scholarship, and the first since Thomas Halverson '87 was selected in 1989.

Typically, fewer than 50 Americans receive the award annually, selected from nearly 1,200 nominated students.

"This is a dream come true," said Smith. "This is my opportunity to learn and explore before returning to the U.S. for law school. I've wanted this opportunity for so long, but it always felt more like a fantasy than a realistic chance. As soon as I heard, 'Congratulations, you've been selected as a 2023 Marshall Scholar,' I teared up. I knew this would be a game-changer for me, as it will help me do the work I'm passionate about."

A political science and history double major, Smith is currently the editor-in-chief of The Bachelor, the College's student newspaper. He is a two-time winner of the Wabash Moot Court competition, has served as a writing fellow in the Wabash Writing Center, and is a section leader of the Wabash Glee Club.

Beyond the Wabash campus, Smith has served internships with the Legal Aid Society of Louisville, Kentucky, the Innocence Project of Florida, and the Office of the Indiana Attorney General, each providing important preparation for his planned career as a public interest attorney and advocate. Additionally, he has studied abroad in Valparaiso, Chile, where he researched the constitutional convention that was in progress there. Last year, he was one of 58 recipients of a Harry S. Truman Scholarship, awarded to promising young leaders and future public servants.

"The Marshall Schol-

arship is one of the most important graduate fellowships offered, and Cooper is a terrific match for the program's aims and mission," said Susan Albrecht, Wabash College fellowship advisor. "It takes much more than being academically talented and widely involved on campus to secure a Marshall. A student must also exhibit significant leadership potential, propose a program that includes strong rationale for study in the U.K., and demonstrate a desire to engage fully in the community while abroad."

"I continue to be impressed with Cooper's level of intellect and his ability to think critically about complicated topics and concepts," said Sabrina Thomas, associate professor of history and department chair. "However, it is his empathy that stands out most—his ability to recognize and appreciate how power and policies operate and how they affect the lives of real people who are too often victims of both forces. With all of his accolades, Cooper is committed to righting some of the wrongs in the world one historical narrative and one court case at a time. I believe I can speak for the entire history department when I say how proud we are of Cooper. His presence in our classes and on our campus has made each of us better."

Cooper is the latest to join the ranks of Wabash men who have earned highly competitive fellowships in the last decade, including, among others, a Rhodes Scholar, an Obama Voyager Scholar, 25 Gilman Scholars, and 26 Fulbright recipients.

"The Marshall Scholarship will help train me to be a better scholar and advocate," said Smith. "I hope to become an appellate or postconviction litigator focused on criminal justice reform and use practice and scholarship to make a real difference. My two years in the U.K. will add a new dimension to my research on legal history, democratic institutions, and constitutional design. The U.S. and U.K. share many common legal, political, and criminal justice crises. By studying U.K. solutions to common crises, I can shape my thinking about proper legal and political reforms for both countries."

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Meeting Notes

Crawfordsville Council Meeting

The City of Crawfordsville Indiana
Dec. 12, 2022 at 6 p.m.
300 E. Pike Street Crawfordsville, IN 47933
I. Pledge Presenter: Mike Reidy
II. Prayer Presenter: Jeff Lucas
III. Roll Call
IV. Approval of Minutes - November 14, 2022
V. Acknowledgment of receipt of the monthly Financial Reports
VI. Roll Call for additions to the Agenda
VII. Public Hearing
A. An Ordinance Making an Additional Appropriation for the Year 2022 (City General Fund)
B. An Ordinance Making an Additional Appropriation—Closed Landfill Maintenance Obligation
C. A Resolution Approving Application for Tax Abatement—W Enterprises, LLC
VIII. Fiscal Affairs
A. Second reading of an Ordinance Making an Additional Appropriation—Closed Landfill Maintenance Obligation
B. Second reading of an Ordinance Making an Additional Appropriation for the Year 2022 (City General Fund)
C. Second reading of an Ordinance to Establish Fund 709—Health Issues and Challenges (Nonreverting)
D. Second reading of an Ordinance to Establish Fund 2256 Opioid

Settlement Unrestricted
E. Second reading of an Ordinance to Establish Fund 2257 Opioid Settlement Restricted
F. A Resolution Regarding Receipt and Approval of Crawfordsville Electric Light & Power Company's Proposed 2023 Budget and Salary Worksheets
G. A Resolution Regarding Receipt and Approval of the Crawfordsville Sanitation Department's Proposed 2023 Budget and Salary Worksheets
H. A Resolution Regarding Receipt and Approval of the Crawfordsville Storm Water Department's Proposed 2023 Budget and Salary Worksheets
J. A Resolution Regarding Receipt and Approval of the Crawfordsville Waste Water Department's Proposed 2023 Budget and Salary Worksheets
K. A Resolution Approving Application for Tax Abatement—W Enterprises, LLC
IX. Ordinances & Petitions
X. Traffic, Parking & Safety
A. An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of an Alley in Crawfordsville, Indiana – North-South Alley directly east of 110 West South Boulevard
XI. Annexation
XII. Miscellaneous
XIII. Adjournment

assume jurisdiction of mutual drain
• PINE HILLS SUBDIVISION #N/A; Assessment hearing
V. OLD BUSINESS
• MARION CONNER #716; Watershed hydrology report
• WILLIAM SHELLEY #706 – Reconstruction update
• CLAUDE MOODY #583
o Reconstruction progress report
o Maintenance report
VI. NEW BUSINESS
VII. OTHER BUSINESS
VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT
IX. ADJOURNMENT

Drainage Board Agenda
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.
Montgomery County Government Center, Community Meeting Room
1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
I. CALL TO ORDER
II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
• Nov. 9, 2022 – Regular meeting
IV. HEARINGS
• AZRA McCLAMROCH #652; Petition to

Meeting Notes

Drainage Board Agenda

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NFPA Urging Caution As Christmas Day, Christmas Eve Are Among Leading Days For Home Fires

Many hallmarks of the holiday season, including Christmas trees, holiday decorations, and festive meals, present potential fire hazards that contribute to an annual increase in U.S. home fires at this time of year. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Christmas Day and Christmas Eve are among the leading days of the year for home fires.

“December is a leading month for home fires, in large part because many of the activities we engage in during the holiday season reflect leading causes of home fires year-round,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA vice president of Outreach and Advocacy.

“Plus, as colder temperatures impact much of the country, use of heating equipment increases significantly.”

Fortunately, Carli notes, the majority of winter fires can be prevented with a little added awareness and planning.

“By knowing where potential fire hazards exist and taking some basic safety precautions to prevent them, people can enjoy a festive, fire-free holiday season,” said Carli.

The NFPA Winter Holidays page offers a wide variety of tips and resources to reduce the risk of fires, while the latest NFPA statistics underscore the increased risk of fire

during the holiday season and beyond:

- Christmas Trees:**
 - An estimated average of 160 home fires involving Christmas trees caused two civilian deaths, 11 civilian injuries, and \$12 million in direct property damage per year between 2016 and 2020.
 - Some type of electrical distribution or lighting equipment, including decorative lights, was involved in more than two of five (44 percent) of home Christmas tree fires. Nearly one in five Christmas tree fires (19 percent) were started by decorative lights.
 - The majority (74 percent) of Christmas tree fires occur in December and January.
- Decorations:**
 - An estimated average of 790 home fires that began when decorations (other than Christmas trees) caught fire caused an average of one civilian death, 26 civilian injuries and \$13 million in direct property damage per year between 2015 and 2019.
 - One in five home decoration fires occurred in December.
 - Year-round, 35 percent of home decoration fires began with candles; in December, the number jumped to 45 percent.
 - In more than two of every five fires (44 percent) involving decorations, the decoration was

too close to a heat source such as a candle, cooking or heating equipment.

- Candles:**
 - An estimated average of 7,400 home fires (2 percent) started by candles caused an average of 90 civilian deaths (three percent), 670 civilian injuries (6 percent), and \$291 million (4 percent) in direct property damage per year between 2015 and 2019.
 - Candle fires peak in December and January with 11 percent of candle fires in each of these months.
 - In three of every five candle fires, the candle was too close to something that could catch fire.
 - Christmas is the peak day for candle fires with roughly 2.5 times the daily average; Christmas Eve ranked second.
 - Falling asleep was a factor in 10 percent of the home candle fires and 12 percent of the associated deaths.
- Cooking:**
 - Cooking is the leading cause of reported home fires (49 percent) and home fire injuries and the second-leading cause of home fire deaths.
 - Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires.
 - Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.
 - Fires caused by heat-

ing equipment, the second-leading cause of U.S. home fires year-round, peak during the winter months, when temperatures drop and more people use heating equipment to keep their homes warm. Put a Freeze on Winter Fires, an annual NFPA campaign with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), works to educate the public about ways to stay safe during the colder months, offering tip sheets and other resources to help reduce the risk of heating fires and other winter hazards.

For more releases and other announcements about NFPA initiatives, research and resources, please visit the NFPA press room.

About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

Founded in 1896, NFPA is a global self-funded nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach and advocacy; and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the NFPA mission.

For more information, visit nfpa.org. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

Avian Influenza Confirmed in Gibson County Water Birds

Avian influenza has been confirmed in snow geese and other water birds from western Gibson County. Diagnostic testing on carcasses collected there was done at the National Veterinary Services Lab.

More than 100,000 snow geese are currently present in western Gibson County. Approximately 700 geese, primarily snow geese, have recently been found dead. Indiana is one of multiple states in which the current strain of avian influenza has been confirmed this fall.

Indiana DNR, in partnership with federal and private partners, has increased surveillance of birds throughout the state to monitor for other potential outbreaks.

Birds infected with avian influenza may display unusual behaviors such as erratic swim patterns, tremors, a twisted neck, and/or a general lack of coordination. Sick birds may also have nasal discharge, a cough, sneezing, and/or diarrhea; however, some infected birds will not appear sick.

Individuals who see sick birds or find multiple



birds dead in a single area should report them to the DNR at on.IN.gov/sick-wildlife.

Meat that hunters harvest from wild birds in the state that is handled using standard safety procedures and cooked to an internal temperature of 165F does not present a food safety risk.

Additional information about avian influenza in wild birds, birdfeeder care, and more advice on how you can help prevent the spread of avian influenza and other bird diseases is at on.IN.gov/avian-flu.

For additional information about domestic poultry facilities and backyard poultry flocks, see the Indiana Board of Animal Health’s avian influenza website at boah.IN.gov/species-information/avianbirds/highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza.

To view more DNR news releases, visit dnr.IN.gov.

IEDC Continues 5E Focus, Forms New Partnership With Research Institute

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) today announced a new partnership with the Applied Research Institute (ARI), also known as the Indiana Innovation Institute (IN3), to become a trusted partner on innovation strategy and federal programs execution. Under this new partnership, new leadership and an expanded mission, ARI aims to accelerate the IEDC’s goal of facilitating conditions for higher wage opportunities rooted in a diverse, resilient and future-focused economy.

Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers also announced that effective Dec. 22, 2022, Dave Roberts, IEDC executive vice president of entrepreneurship and innovation, will transition into his new role as the CEO of ARI.

“The market continues to evolve and innovate,” said Sec. Chambers. “Indiana’s enhanced focus and partnership with ARI will support Indiana’s unprecedented momentum in securing innovative investments supporting higher wage careers. Dave Roberts is uniquely qualified to lead that effort, as he understands the foundation we have built and the assets we possess to become the premier destination for transformative innovators. Partnering with ARI enables us to play economic offense working on disruptive opportunities that will fundamentally alter the trajectory of our state’s



economy for decades to come.”

ARI will continue to operate as a 501(c)(3) with statewide focus as it pursues catalytic federal funding opportunities, promotes industry-led, public-private partnerships and secures commitments from businesses and Indiana’s major research universities to invest in and around the WestGate Technology Park.

ARI’s priority areas for federal funding opportunities include securing funding for non-coastal regional tech hubs, attracting semiconductor manufacturing and training opportunities, and helping establish a landmark hub for clean hydrogen fuel. These lines of effort will augment ARI’s existing federal contracts, which provide credible past performance history on which future partners can rely.

“With all that Indiana has going for it, we are ideally positioned to be at the forefront of securing federal funding that will continue to create an economic landscape that is the envy of the Midwest,” said Roberts.

“ARI’s partnership with

IEDC and the state will enable us to leverage Indiana’s assets and help fulfill Sec. Chambers’ vision to build the economy we want by creatively promoting growth in sectors that make up the economy of the future.”

Moving forward, ARI will operate under a new professional services agreement with the IEDC, in a similar capacity as Elevate Ventures in that both organizations operate in close alignment with the IEDC, but both are independent entities.

Elevate Ventures will continue to focus on developing Indiana’s entrepreneurship culture, and ARI will focus on innovation initiatives which position Indiana to move quickly in pursuit and capture of federal opportunities. This includes coordination of efforts such as the Battery Innovation Center, Emerging Manufacturing Collaboration Center and 5G lab.

IEDC Vice President of Technology Engagement, Brooke Pyne, will join Roberts at ARI. The new ARI board of directors will include Sec. Chambers, Thompson Distribution Company Inc. CEO John Thompson, Indiana University President-elect Dr. Mung Chiang, and Regional Opportunity Initiatives President and CEO Tina Peterson.

About ARI: Applied Research Insti-

tute (ARI), also known as Indiana Innovation Institute) works with academia, industry and government to create a hub of national security innovation that helps solve critical defense priorities. ARI connects regional, state and national partners through a variety of means including convening research and business teams to solve emerging technical challenges for the U.S. Department of Defense.

ARI is focused on hyper-personics, cyber-physical systems, trusted microelectronics, additive manufacturing and artificial intelligence.

Learn more at www.in3indiana.com and follow them on Twitter @IN3indiana and LinkedIn.

About IEDC:

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) is charged with growing the State economy, driving economic development, helping businesses launch, grow and locate in the state. Led by Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers and governed by a 15-member board chaired by Governor Eric J. Holcomb, the IEDC manages many initiatives, including performance-based tax credits, workforce training grants, innovation and entrepreneurship resources, public infrastructure assistance, and talent attraction and retention efforts.

For more information about the IEDC, visit iedc.in.gov.

State Settles With CVS and Walgreens

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita has finalized tentative agreements with CVS and Walgreens that will bring \$219 million to Indiana to settle allegations against the two pharmacies that they contributed to the opioid crisis through their conduct in the distribution and dispensing of prescription drugs. When a recent tentative settlement with Walmart is added, Indiana’s total tentative recovery from the three pharmacies exceeds \$278 million.

Indiana is tentatively set to receive \$105 million from CVS, \$114 million from Walgreens and \$59.4 million from Walmart.

“The opioid crisis has inflicted unspeakable pain on so many Hoosier families,” Rokita said. “Far too often, pharmacies have contributed to this devastation through their own reckless business practices, and we’re going to keep holding them accountable.”

The tentative agreements with Indiana are part of a tentative national multistate settlement with the two companies. Last month, Rokita announced that Indiana expects to receive \$59.4 million as part of a tentative multistate settlement with Walmart to resolve allegations that it, too, contributed to the opioid addiction crisis by failing to appropriately oversee the distribution and



Attorney General Todd Rokita

dispensing of opioids at its stores.

In addition to the financial settlement, CVS and Walgreens — along with Walmart earlier — have agreed to court-ordered injunctive relief that requires the pharmacies to monitor, report and share data about suspicious activity related to opioid prescriptions. This court-ordered injunctive relief will help ensure a crisis like this does not happen again.

Settlement funds are intended to be used to remediate the opioid crisis by supporting such priorities as prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services.

The payments are structured to ensure critical support in early years as well as sustained resources over time. Most of Walmart’s amount will be paid during the first year; CVS’s payments will be spread over 10 years; Walgreens’ payments will be spread over 15 years. If there is sufficient sign-on, payments will begin during the second half of 2023.

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'MitchFest' Ends At Purdue, But Could Spread To Indiana

In mid-May 2003, in what Howey Politics described as "Mitch Mania during Mitch Week," it was President George W. Bush who coined the political slogan for a Hoosier generation.

Daniels was the man of the hour when President Bush came to the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Bush lauded Daniels, his departing OMB director as "my man Mitch," adding, "Mitch Daniels has been a good friend, a close adviser and I'm going to miss him. Washington's loss will be the gain of the people of Indiana."

Thus, "My Man Mitch" became the 2004 Hoosier Republican battle cry after being shut out of the governor's office for 16 years.

It appeared to come full circle at Tuesday's "MitchFest" at Purdue University. Bush was back, conducting an hour-long Q&A at the Elliott Hall of Music with the out-going Purdue president. Following that was a departure celebration, with the Memorial Union backdrop featuring iconic Daniels imagery, from his Harley-Davidson to holding a Purdue band baritone horn. In this star-studded gathering, the word amongst the throng centered on what "informed and reliable" sources had told Howey Politics last week: That Mitch Daniels is pondering a 2024 U.S. Senate run.

According to multiple informed and reliable sources milling around the Memorial Union cocktail hour, once Daniels departs Hovde Hall on Dec. 31, he will gather his braintrust in Florida in January. These sources tell me a gubernatorial run is off the table, but what is being



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considered is the open U.S. Senate seat that Mike Braun is vacating to run for governor. It's the Senate seat that Daniels' old boss Dick Lugar had held for 36 years.

Said one Daniels confidante, "He's got to make a decision quickly" as the field that includes U.S. Reps. Jim Banks, Victoria Spartz and possibly Attorney General Todd Rokita and Rep. Trey Hollingsworth gathers. Another told me, "He's too valuable to just be serving on corporate boards."

No decision has been made, these sources say. But in the next breath, they say the former governor is "intrigued" by the potential Senate soapbox, coming as the Donald Trump era begins to wane.

For on this very night some 600 miles to the south, Donald Trump's Hooveresque wrecking ball gashed the Republican Party once more. GOP nominee Herschel Walker's embarrassing Georgia Senate loss to Democrat Raphael Warnock meant that for the second consecutive cycle, Trump's absurd candidate endorsements had prevented a Republican Senate majority, forging instead a 51-49 Democrat advantage.

In a post-Trump vacuum, many Hoosier Republicans salivate over "My Man Mitch" bring-

ing his rhetorical skills and asset management techniques to the upper chamber.

These were on full display at the Memorial Union Tuesday evening. Daniels opened his 16-minute remarks by quoting an old country song, "How can I miss you when you won't go away?" The attendees howled with laughter.

Purdue Board of Trustees President Mike Berghoff in introducing Daniels, said, "It's been 10 years of full-on, non-stop, high energy, innovation, change, progress, reinvention. The list of accomplishments is long." He cited a 10-year tuition freeze that saved families \$1 billion, as well as Purdue Global for older students and Purdue Polytech high schools in Indianapolis and South Bend.

Daniels discussed his 10-year legacy at the helm of Indiana's land grant university, including that of a confident communicator, or as Daniels put it, "Spread the word; share the news ... telling people who should have known all along what a great institution this is."

"I like to think we added a few features over the last 10 years," Daniels said. "I believe we've stood for value at a time when many people have been questioning is higher education really worth it. We worked on that every day. That little catch phrase in the video - higher education is the highest proven value - that's one thing we're really all about."

"So we tried to enhance the quality and control the cost," Daniels continued. "We stood for excellence in scale. We did not accept that there was a tradeoff between

bringing education to more people. The original assignment of land grant universities like ours is open the doors. In fact, we've grown 30%, and the quality of performance and graduation rates, everything has gone up."

Daniels mentioned mayors Tony Roswarski and John Dennis for helping transform the "west end of this campus" from tired strip malls and ancient Dairy Queens to the burgeoning Discovery Park with tenants like Saab and Rolls-Royce reshaping the skyline and on a recent forum, wowed U.S. Secretary of State Tony Blinken and Commerce Sec. Gina Raimondo. "You just wait, there's more coming," Daniels said. "Some of it pretty soon."

He quoted an obituary for Ohio University founder and abolitionist Zephron Cutler: "At his passing, the local paper wrote, 'In every sphere and every relation of life, he was a useful man.'"

"I like that," Daniels said, "That would be a good thing to be, a useful man I've tried to be." Or, Daniels noted, a young boy from Oyster Bay, N.Y., observed on the death of President Theodore Roosevelt in an assigned essay: "He was a fulfiller of good intentions."

"This world is full of people with good intentions," Daniels concluded. "But, not all of them fulfilled. At Purdue, we fulfill them."

The Hoosier body politic now awaits Daniels' next chapter of intentions.

The columnist is managing editor of Howey Politics Indiana/State Affairs at StateAffairs.com/pro/Indiana.

Pearls Before Swine

Dud was awfully quiet all through the daily dissemination of anything on page one of the Valley Weekly Miracle, which wasn't like him at all. Just sucked down caffeine and silently shook his head now and then.

"Anita okay, Dud?"
"Oh ... sure, Doc."
"You okay?"

He nodded, then looked up with a wistful, philosophical look that our guys don't usually get until after the buttered toast. "Sometimes," he said, "I think it's pearls before swine, that's all."

We waited.
"Music, I mean. You know how you practice and practice and then you get good enough to actually do something? Well, I took the accordion and went to the accordion festival to compete ... well, you know I'm not really that bad any more..."

"You're getting pretty darn good on that thing, Dud."

"Thanks, Steve. Well, we drove down to the capital and I got in the competition and did okay. Placed third in polka. I played that new piece. It's kinda hard because it has those minor bass buttons in it and it took me forever to learn not to miss them."

"It was after that. You



SLIM RANDES
Columnist

see, I put the accordion back in the car and we went in for a lunch they gave everyone."

"What's wrong with that?"

"I forgot to lock the car. We were halfway through lunch when Anita asked me if I'd locked the car and then it hit me that I might not have locked it. She insisted I run right out and check and that's what I did. And that's when I lost my faith in human beings."

"Oh, Dud," Doc said, "someone stole your accordion?"

"No, it was still there in the back seat. But someone had put two more in there with it."

He shook his head. "Pearls before swine."

Fans of the late Max Evans should check out Ol' Max Evans' letters to Jim Bob Swafford and family at Amazon.com. Jim Bob is Max's cousin.

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The elections were held during the IACC's 2022 Annual Conference, the largest gathering of County Commissioners in the state. The three-day conference included several different workshops, and breakout sessions that were designed specifically for county commissioners and their support staff. Commissioner Frey and others attended several training workshops concerning county related topics focusing on, Collaborative, Forward-Thinking, and Intentional Partnerships, 2023 Legislative Priorities, Indiana LTAP Partner-

ships, Open Door Laws, Responsibilities of County Commissioners Before, During and After Disasters, Best Practice Guidance Renewable Energy Development, Broadband Infrastructure Investment, Road Funding, and more in their training sessions.

Indiana's 52nd Lieutenant Governor, Suzanne Crouch welcomed commissioners to the conference. She spoke on current issues related to local government, expanding broadband through Next Level Connections Broadband Grants, Improving Housing needs, revital-

izing travel and tourism, supporting Hoosier farmers, and improving mental health and addiction programs in Indiana counties. Crouch has been a long-time partner of the IACC and is committed to improving the lives of all Hoosiers.

Representative Jeff Thompson House Ways and Means Committee Chairman, State Senator Mike Crider Majority Whip, and Representative Greg Steuerwald, Majority House Caucus Chair addressed attendees as well during their Legislative Update.

BUTCH From Page A1



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

Darlington Indiana Team 1966

miracle...and captured the County Keg! That evening we faced Coal Creek for the title. Darlington fans prepared a bonfire at the school to celebrate our upcoming glorious victory...Yep, that's right...we lost 47-45...so long County Keg. We had it for seven hours...a new record... for shortest time.

Two weeks later, we played the Bearcats again. I was determined to get that damn Keg back. I made my first eleven shots, scored 27 points, and we won 62-45. Hoorah! Then the last game of the season...Waynetown, easy pickings...no problem. During the first quarter, one of their players elbowed me in the mouth... on purpose. I sat in the locker room until the last quarter, trying to stop the bleeding. Yep...right again...we lost the game 58-51...and the Keg, and finished with a record of 10-11. That was one CRAZY year.

Our first game during my senior year in 1966 against Wainwright was a harbinger of things to come. We lost to the Mustangs 65-63 in the last few seconds. During a stretch of five games, we were defeated twice by a single basket and lost three games in overtime. One of those was a four-overtime game against New Market,

the County champs that year. In our next-to-last regular season game, we played against Granville Wells, who had a record of 15-2. Amazingly, we won by a score of 65-44! We then had to play Marion County champion Speedway, who sported a record of 19-2, in the Zionsville Sectional. We tied the game in the third quarter, but ended up losing 62-52. Season record 7-14. Whoopee.

That spring, during track season, I was sure I could win the long jump event at the county track meet at Wabash College. Scratched all four jumps and didn't even place. In the pole vault event, I figured the best I could place was third...and if lucky...perhaps second. However, New Market's Dale Conrad, who had the best vaults all season, slipped on all three tries...and I won! Go figure. My high school sports days were over.

I learned many lessons in all those years as an athlete. I learned that sometimes...no matter how good you are and hard you try and how much you want to win... you might just lose anyway. And there are times, when you think you are going to lose... if you work hard enough and also have a little luck...you just might win. I also learned how to be a good sport...win

or lose. I never enjoyed losing a game or contest, but I did learn how to cope with failure. Winning and losing comes in many shapes and sizes throughout a person's lifetime. When you lose, it makes you more determined to work harder. When you win, don't become too complacent or too confident. You might just get knocked off that pedestal.

Many kids today receive "participation trophies" just for being on a team. I believe they need to experience loss and the lessons that come with it. An inflated sense of self can sometimes lead to a sense of entitlement. My grandkids play sports at North. I always tell them, "Play hard, do your best. If you win, that's great. If you lose, be a good sport and just try harder the next time. That will make you a winner in life!"

And yes, that also applies to politicians. When I was elected Sheriff in 1994, I really had not expected to win. I found out very quickly that some people cannot graciously accept defeat. Oh, the stories I could tell....

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.

JOHN From Page A1

While the rest of us are sharing appetizers and spritzers before the big meal, the cousins pop open a soft drink. Not just any cola, mind you. It has to be traditional Coca-Cola in the original 8-ounce (or if they can find it, 6.5-ounce) bottle. One year, they even paid a fortune to buy Coca-Cola from Mexico, because word was that it was manufactured using pure sugar cane, like the original formula.

I don't know why they do it. It's their tradition, not mine. Other families have special menus, make special treats, or play special games.

Our family tradition was different. We called the plumber.

Year in and year out, our 4-inch Orangeburg pipe, which conveyed yucky matter from the smaller pipes in the house to the septic tank in the side yard would become clogged. Infiltrating tree roots brought the flow of gloop, and the holiday reverie itself, to a halt.

It was uncanny how that big pipe clogged right before Christmas every year. Granted, the house was always teeming with additional family members, all with differing bathroom habits, I sup-pose. But it wasn't like the day after Thanksgiving -- a day plumbers call "Brown Friday" -- where big

meals and bad timing dam up the works.

Our plumber in those days was named Lemme (LEM' mee), probably short for Lemuel, but I don't know that. All I do know is that Lemme was a character. He was hilarious, and was always welcomed from five miles up the road with more elation than cousin Donald, who drove all the way in from Missouri.

Lemme wasn't what you'd think a plumber would look like by today's examples. He didn't drive a fancy van with decals on the side. Nor did he show up wearing an antiseptic, brightly colored uniform.

Instead, he drove an old pick-up truck, later a rusty light blue step-van, and wore his trademark blue denim overalls. He was about 5'7" tall, and had thinning white hair and round glasses. He didn't have much of a white beard, but a significant jolly paunch in front meant he looked to us children like he belonged at our house during the Holidays.

I'm sure there were other plumbers around, but it never seemed so. Lemme knew everyone, and everyone knew Lemme. I don't imagine he even had a business card, and the only advertising he did was planting an old toilet

seat in the flower bed in front of his house, with the family name scrolled on the open lid. (Those of you who live in West Central Indiana know who I'm talking about, now, don't you?)

Without doubt my favorite Christmastime visit with Lemme was when he explained -- jokingly, I believe -- that the whole plumbing fiasco had been caused by my Aunt Betty's fruitcake. Aunt Betty had spent two days baking her bulletproof bricks as gifts, and the thought of everyone tossing them down the toilet sent her to her bedroom in a Scrooge-worthy sulk.

It was only when Lemme suggested loudly that it was the best looking fruitcake he had augured out of a pipe in forty years that Betty rejoined the family. She even made him a turkey sandwich to go.

One year my father was so happy that Lemme came out on a particularly snowy pre-Christmas day that Dad gave Lemme four tickets out of his stash to see the next Indiana Pacers basketball game.

I wish you had been there to see Lemme's face. I guess you could say that he was quite flushed.

John O. Marlowe is an award-winning columnist for Sagamore News Media.

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