

▶ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 119:9-11 "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." (NIV)

▶ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Adam Phipps of the Knights of Columbus smiles brightly while handling out Tootsie Rolls during the annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville. Thank you for your smile Adam!

▶ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

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2 Joel Strasser of Kuna, ID took Christmas decorations to a new level, earning himself a page in the Guinness Book of World Records, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. He did it by decorating his beard with 710 Christmas baubles, knickknacks and ornaments. It is the fourth time in four successive years that he's been honored by the Guinness judges. In 2019 he set the record with 302 baubles, in 2020 he did it again with 542 ornaments and last year he managed to adorn his whiskers using 686 festive knickknacks. His secret: "My technique has evolved and gotten a lot more specialized over the years that I've been breaking the record. I stuck them in a lot more haphazardly at first and that's why those first beard bauble record numbers were so low ... I found that if I take my time and really focus on the individual strands of beard hair and small groups of hair, I can manage to fit so many more in there."

3 Give the gift of life at the blood drive at Crawfordsville East HHSB on Thursday! Schedule your lifesaving donation today! Blood is unique in our healthcare ecosystem. It cannot be synthetically made, meaning volunteers are the only way to provide blood to those in need. And the demand is great -- every 2 seconds, someone in America needs a blood transfusion. One in seven patient entering a hospital require blood to be available. This ranges from trauma victims to patients battling sickle cell disease or Thalassemia, or to ensure a successful organ or bone marrow transplant. Cancer patients use 25% of all blood donations and blood transfusions are needed in one out of every 83 newborn deliveries in America today, a rate that has increased by more than 50% the list goes on. In short, all of us are likely to know someone who will need blood. Despite this, only 3% of all Americans donate blood. A reality that should trouble us all.

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High School Basketball Has Changed, But It's Still Fun!



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

WOW! High school basketball has certainly changed! My wife and I have been to quite a few North Montgomery boys and girls basketball games this season. Two of our grandkids, Drew Norman, who is a senior, and Macee Norman, who is a freshman, both start on the varsity teams. After watching the first two games, I realized that the style of play has evolved

into a defensive game rather than offensive game. During the majority of the entire game, the defense is a man-to-man full court press. As soon as a team inbounds the ball, the opposing team is on them like ticks on a dog. It is a struggle for each team to even get the ball down the court to set up any scoring plays. The defensive pressure is relentless as the players pass the ball around, looking for an open shot. Oftentimes the final score of each team is 50 points or less! Many times the leading scorer on a team may have tallied only 15-16 points during the game. You "old-timers" out there can recall players in the 1950s and 1960s who were outstanding scorers. Here are a few and their SEASON AVERAGE: Bill Greve (Waveland) 27.8 in 1954 and 30.4 in 1955,

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Lunch With The League



This month's Lunch with the League will feature the experienced and highly trained team with the Crawfordsville Mobile Integrated Health-Community Paramedicine Program. Speakers will include Project Manager, Samantha Swearingen, and Social Workers Olyvia Wood and Lyndsey Sparrow. Our community has a number of residents in dire need of help at any given time. We are fortunate to have a team

known as Crawfordsville Mobile Integrated Health-Community Paramedicine Program. The program falls under the auspices of the Crawfordsville Fire Department and provides a holistic approach to helping those in dire need. According to their website, this program seeks to:

- Prevent rather than reacts to problems
- Expand the traditional scope of emergency care to encompass mental and physical wellness, education, and communal resource connect-edness
- Reduce adverse maternal and infant health outcomes and disparities

Bring your lunch and join the League on Friday at noon. The program will be held on the 3rd floor of Fusion 54.



JOHN MARLOWE
Columnist

Taking A Break

John O. Marlowe's column won't appear this week. The award-winning writer is on break. John O. Marlowe is an award-winning columnist for Sagamore News Media.



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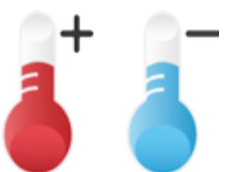
Make A Tapestry At Athens Arts

A weaver usually uses a loom to weave. Another way to weave is build a DIY cardboard loom. What about chair legs? Athens Arts is going to teach you how to make a tapestry using chair legs as a loom! Come the join art classes at Athens Arts in 2023 starting with this fun filled class. The instructor will provide all supplies needed for students to create a wall tapestry to take home and enjoy. Class will be on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023. Choose either an afternoon session (1-3 p.m.) or an evening session (6-8 p.m.). Class is open to anyone 12 years and older. Cost is \$35. Classes meet at Athens Arts, 216 E. Main Street, Crawfordsville, IN. To reserve a spot for the January 12 class, stop by Athens Arts Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or call 765.362.7455 and leave a message. Credit card charges will apply. Come be PART of it! This project in part is made possible through funds from The Arts Federation (TAF) via the Biden-Harris Administration's American Rescue Plan (ARP) allocation to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 8:09 a.m.
SET: 5:34 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 65 °F
Low: 57 °F



Today is.....
• Festival of Sleep Day
• J.R.R Tolkien Day



What Happened On This Day
• 1870 Construction begins on the Brooklyn Bridge in
• 1933 Minnie D. Craig becomes the first woman elected as Speaker of the North Dakota House of Representatives, the first woman to hold a Speaker position anywhere in the United States



Births On This Day
• 1892 J. R. R. Tolkien English philologist and author
• 1969 Michael Schumacher German race car driver

Deaths On This Day
• 1946 William Joyce American/English politician and broadcaster
• 2010 Mary Daly Philosopher and theologian

▶ HONEST HOOSIER

Welcome to 2023! May it be a sight better than the last few!



▶ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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▶ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Ear wax is normal. If you must, clean out ear wax with an over-the-counter ear wax removal kit, not a cotton swab. 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

None

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



▶ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Show Us Your 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

"And now we welcome the new year, full of things that have never been."
- Rainer Maria Rilke

▶ TODAY'S JOKE

What do snowmen eat for lunch? Icebergers!

13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST

57/65 RAINY, MILD AND WARM	47/50 BREEZY, COOLER	33/37 MUCH COLDER, FEW FLURRIES	28/40 MOSTLY CLOUDY	30/39 RAIN/SNOW SHOWERS	25/37 MOSTLY CLOUDY	22/36 MOSTLY SUNNY
TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON

BBB Tip: Holiday Returns And Exchanges

Holiday returns aren't easy, and we don't mean the part where you explain to your mother why you returned the sweater she gave you.

Stores are not legally required to accept exchanges or give refunds unless the merchandise was defective or misrepresented. While most retailers do offer refund and exchange programs, policies vary greatly from one store to another. Be sure to double-check policies this holiday season, even if you are familiar with the brand, as stores can change their policies whenever they want.

The following tips should help to make your holiday returns run more smoothly.

Get to know store policies. Before you make a purchase, find out if the store has a return policy and, if so, how it works. Understand that many retailers change their policies for the holiday season. If the store does allow returns or exchanges, find out if you will need to pay a restocking fee. Ask the seller if they offer cash refunds, exchanges, or only store credit. Store policies are usually posted at the check-out counter or printed on the back of receipts.

Understand online store return policies. If you are shopping online, search for the seller's return policy and read it through before clicking "buy." Find out if they accept returns or exchanges, and who pays the shipping when an item is returned. In some cases, you can save on shipping fees by returning an online purchase to the local brick-and-mortar store.

Get the details on a product's warranty. Most electronics and home appliances come with warranties that are to be fulfilled by the manufacturer, not the retailer. Find out how returns and repairs are handled if an item stops working or

needs replacement parts. Will the retailer ship the item to the manufacturer for you? Or will you need to deal with the manufacturer directly? Knowing the answers will leave you well-prepared for any future issues.

Keep your receipt and packaging. Most stores will only accept returns and exchanges if you can present the item with its receipt and original packaging. Always include a gift receipt with items you give, and hold on to any gift receipts you receive.

Bring your ID. To avoid holiday return scams, many stores ask to see your ID when you return an item. Sometimes retailers require you to bring your ID and the original form of payment. If this is the policy of the store where your gift is from, you may need the assistance of the gift giver in order to be reimbursed.

Make returns in a timely fashion. Almost all return policies are valid during a specific time period. Some stores modify their return period during the holidays, so don't risk missing your chance to make your return. Take the item back to the store without delay.

For more holiday tips, visit the BBB Holiday Tips page.

ABOUT BBB SERVING CENTRAL INDIANA: The Better Business Bureau has empowered people to find businesses, brands and charities they can trust for over 110 years. In 2021, people turned to BBB more than 200 million times for BBB Business Profiles on 6.3 million businesses and Charity Reports on 25,000 charities, free at BBB.org. Local, independent BBBs can be found across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, including BBB Serving Central Indiana, which was founded in 1916 and serves 46 counties.

F.C. Tucker West Central Announces Listing & Sales Leaders

F.C. Tucker West Central is pleased to announce their November Listing and Sales leaders. Agent John Downey was the July Listing leader for F.C. Tucker West Central. John led the way with \$649,900 in listing volume.

John Downey is a life-long resident of Montgomery County. He has been married to his wife Thoma for 25 years. They have three children, Jarett, Clayton and Gavin. He received his bachelor's degree from Wabash College in 1989 and an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan in 1999.

John has worked in real estate as an appraiser in Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Fountain and Warren counties since 2006. He joined F.C. Tucker in 2016 specializing in residential listings and sales in West Central Indiana. In 2021, John closed on 66 transactions totaling just over \$12 million in sales volume. He is a two-time F.C. Tucker President's Club member, the 2020



John Downey

Montgomery County MIBOR Realtor of the Year and former chair of the local MIBOR division.

John Downey brings years of experience in real estate, excellent customer service and a commitment to work hard, listen and follow through. He provides quality service to build relationships with clients and more importantly, maintain those relationships by communicating effectively. For all your real estate needs, talk to John today at 765-230-6335 or visit his website at TalkToTucker.com/John.Downey.

Real Estate Agent Katie Viers was the November Sales leader.



Katie Viers

Katie helped 2 buyers find their dream home and sold \$526,000 in volume during the month of November. As a Crawfordsville transplant, Katie Viers knows what it takes to buy and sell a home. Katie began her career in real estate over four years ago and loves helping clients make their home in Crawfordsville.

With a degree in Psychology from Purdue, Katie previously worked at Cummins Behavioral Health. Katie and her husband Tim have three kids, ages 9, 6 and 2. In her spare time, Katie enjoys spending time with her family and friends. Katie enjoys the winter

time and all the snow our area has recently received.

Katie is constantly educating herself on the latest trends in the marketplace so that she can find the right home for you or price your home to sell accordingly. When it's time to buy or sell, call Katie at 219-776-5120 or visit her website at TalkToTucker.com/Katie.Viers.

F.C. Tucker West Central has been helping serve the real estate needs in west central Indiana for the last 17 years. The local real estate market is seeing a reduced number of homes for sale, if you have been thinking about selling now is a great time to contact your F.C. Tucker West Central REALTOR® for a free Comparative Market Analysis (CMA) on your home. F.C. Tucker West Central has offices in Crawfordsville and Covington. To buy or sell a home in our area, please call 765-362-4700 to speak with one of our 16 experienced realtors.

The Lincoln School For Colored Children

EDITOR'S NOTE: In 1881 Crawfordsville School Trustees ordered a school be built at the southwest corner of Spring and North Walnut Streets to serve black students in grades 1-8. Once graduated, the students attended the integrated Crawfordsville High School. This site accommodated the vast majority of black families living in Crawfordsville's north end. Trustees purchased the lot in September 1881 for \$2,000. On Dec. 3, 1881, Hinckley and Norris won the contract to build the building for \$6,400. The architects designed a plain two-story red brick structure with playgrounds for all the black children who resided in that area. Lincoln School officially opened in September 1882 with 42 students. When the black population moved to the east end to work in the factories, Lincoln Building 1 was renovated into Horace Mann, and Lincoln Build 2 was opened on East Wabash Avenue. That building became Lincoln Rec Center and was demolished in 1981. This project began as a project historical research project to honor all those individuals who went to school in separate and unequal facilities as the law dictated.

Clarence Norwood "Sam" Churchill 1906-1985

Clarence was born on 26 August 1906 in Crawfordsville, Indiana, to William and Denia Richey. Bethel AME Church history suggests that "his mother was an ex-slave born in Canada, who was the neighborhood's midwife before Blacks were allowed treatment in local hospitals. Her knowledge of



Clarence Norwood "Sam" Churchill

herbal medicine was of special note; she used smashed eels for shingles". Denia's cousin, George W. Thompson, was a schoolteacher at Crawfordsville's Lincoln School for Colored Children.

Clarence had good memories of his childhood. When Clarence was born, the family lived on Harrison Street. "All I did was run with the White kids all the time, and played around and went to their homes. They would come to my house. My mother would feed them, and their mothers would feed me. We went swimming and fishing, catching catfish, carp, sunfish, bluegill, and crappies."

Clarence attended Lincoln School for Colored Children. He remembered students "did a whole lot of reading, arithmetic, geography, and other things like track, basketball, and baseball. We didn't have any White teachers". When Clarence graduated from eighth grade at Lincoln, he started working at the Montgomery County Lumber Yard on Green Street in 1920. He began by sweeping shavings and moved to delivering materials to customers. "To be able to go to work, I had to go get my work permit. But I had to go to school as well as work. I said that if I didn't get to

play baseball or basketball, I wouldn't go to school. The superintendent agreed that I could play". Unfortunately, the athletic director disagreed and told Clarence, "No Niggers can play on my team." Clarence punched him, knocked him down, broke his nose, and walked out. "The school was going to sue me, and then I was going to sue it; because they weren't supposed to say "Nigger" in the school. He (the athletic director) was from the South, and none of the White people liked him. If White people don't like someone of their own color, then you know that something is the matter." Clarence stayed with the Montgomery County Lumber Company until it closed, selling the last piece of lumber from the business. With the money he made, he purchased his parents' house.

Clarence was married three times. He married his first wife, Estella "Stella" Harriett James, in February 1929. Their son, Jasper Norwood, was born on 24 October 1936. However, Clarence sued for divorce on 19 January 1935. Clarence married his second wife, Augusta Pettus, in November 1942. They, too, divorced. He married again on 22 December 1955 to Lillian Dorothy Collier. The couple lived at 212 West Spring Street.

Clarence played semiprofessional baseball with multiple teams pitching, playing first base and centerfield. As he tells the story, "I played my first game when I was just nine years old. We were called the Crawfordsville Greys, a colored team. I was just a batboy when

the centerfielder could not play. So they put me in centerfield. I ran, jumped the fence, and caught a flyball. I have played ball ever since".

Clarence worked for Amtrak selling tickets, loading, and counting people. He worked as a chauffeur and custodian for the Ben Hur Building, Wabash College's Goodrich Hall, and Phi Delta Gamma. He ran the skating rink, washed houses, and worked at the courthouse. He left the area in 1969 and worked for a doctor and as a chauffeur in the Danville area.

Clarence remembers the Ku Klux Klan meeting in about 1966 held on State Road 136, on top of the hill. "They were always talking about colored people; they were going to let them do this and that. At one time, all dressed in white clothes, they built a cross on this guy's farm. Some of the White people and the colored people were going out to shoot him." When asked about his thoughts on the Civil Rights Movement, Clarence said, "colored people are entitled to the same as the White people are because we serve the Lord first of all here on earth. It's all in politics. You're human, and everyone else is human."

Relatives and Crawfordsville residents remember Clarence's outstanding pool-playing skills that he honed on Indianapolis' "The Avenue" (Indiana Avenue near the Walker Theater). He was so good that he was banned from the local Bank Cigar Store because he was labeled a pool shark.

Clarence died on 14 November 1985 and was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

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Meeting Notes

Montgomery County Board of Commissioners Meeting

Dec. 27, 2022
Election of Officers
Board President: John Frey
Board Vice President: Jim Fulwider
Consent Agenda
Approved.

Approval of Claims:
Dec. 12, 2022 to Dec. 27, 2022
Minutes: Dec. 12, 2022
2023 Contracts: Treasurer Contracts
Invoice Cloud - Amendment to Biller Agreement from 12-12-2012

GUTS - PVD Software Technical Support
GTS Services, Inc.
- MOU - 1 year term - Tax Collector Services
American Financial Credit Services, Inc. - Collection of delinquent personal property tax accounts.

Acknowledge Receipt: Risk Management Report - The Risk Management Committee is responsible for an annual review of the Risk Management Plan. As a result of the annual review, the Risk Management Plan may be amended to address deficiencies. The attached Report presents recommendations for amendments to the Plan.

Public Hearing and Ordinance 2022-37: Approving the Request of Stephen Jones and Rezoning a Certain Parcel of Land in the South Block of Nucor Road from Agricultural to Commercial

Approved.
Ordinance rezones a parcel of land in the 100 South Block of Nucor Road from Agricultural to Commercial.

New Business
Approve Fishero &

Fishero Proposal - Installation of New Access Sidewalk at Courthouse Parking Lot
Approved in the amount of \$3,200 to remove existing fencing and install new access sidewalk from the Courthouse parking lot to Washington Street.

2022 ADA Annual Report
Accepted the Annual Report regarding compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act.

2022 Title VI Annual Report -
Accepted the Annual Report regarding compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act that pertains to the prohibition of discrimination based on race, color or national origin for any program that receives federal funding.

First Supplemental Trust Indenture Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds - Pay App #1 - Approved a \$650,000 payment as a refund to Montgomery County for payments made to Indiana American Water for extending water lines to Comfort Drive. The original payment was made from the wrong bond for the project.

Authorization to Plow Snow on Constitution Row & Indemnification Agreement by Montgomery County

Approved agreement with Houston Companies, Inc. that authorizes Montgomery County and its agents to plow snow on Constitution Row prior to the dedication of the road as a public road.

2023 Board & Commission Appointments
The following appointments were made to Boards and Commissions:

Plan Commission
Tom McClamroch,
John Frey and Jordan

Burkett
Drainage Board
Matt Mitchell, John Frey and Doug Mills
Convention and Visitors Commission
Isaak Hook and John Frey
Sugar Creek Advisory Board
Kenny Cain and Jim Fulwider
Medical Care Trust Fund

Jaimie Weliever
Board of Health
Nancy Sennett
Redevelopment Commission

Ron Dickerson, Rex Ryker, John Frey and Julie Hess
Redevelopment Authority

Greg Morrison, John Frey and Brad Monts
Emergency Management Advisory Council
John Frey
Economic Development Authority

John Frey, Jim Fulwider, Dan Guard
Governing Board for the Central Communications Center

John Frey and Jim Fulwider
Operations Board for the Central Communications Center

Tom Klein
Regional Sewer Board
Dan Guard
Solid Waste District Board

John Frey, Jim Fulwider and Dan Guard
Solid Waste District Advisory Committee

Sam Newlin, Jenny Veitch and Jim Johnson
Property Tax Board of Appeals

Lindsey Hamilton and Patricia Richey
Alcoholic Beverage Commission

Jay Busse
Montgomery County Jail Corporation

Tom McCarty, Lonnie Jones and Roger Kunkel
Montgomery County Building Corporation
Jim Johnson, Aaron

Morgan and Greg Morrison

Valley Oakes Mental Health Board

John Frey
Economic Development Commission

Rusty Carter
Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council
Jim Fulwider

Resolutions: All Resolutions were approved.
Resolution 2022-10:

Approving Meeting Dates for 2023 - Commissioners meet on 2nd & 4th Monday's except the second meeting in December.

Resolution 2022-11: Approving Sheriff's Compensation Agreement - Annual 2023 Contract - \$102,406

Resolution 2022-12: Appointing Building Commissioner & Approving Employment Agreement - 2023 Contract term January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024. Contract amount: \$65,661.

Resolution 2022-13: Appointing Highway Director & Approving Employment Agreement - 2023 Contract term January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024. Contract amount: \$70,666.

Resolution 2022-14: Appointing Mapping Director & Approving Employment Agreement - 2023 Contract term January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024. Contract amount: \$52,020.

Resolution 2022-15: Appointing County Attorney & Approving Engagement Letter

Resolution 2022-16: Appointing County Administrator & Approving Employment Agreement - 2023 Contract term January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025. Contract amount: \$98,838.

Resolution 2022-17: Declaration of Surplus - 2003 Ford Expedition is no longer needed.

Meeting Notes

Montgomery County Retired Teachers Association

The December meeting of Montgomery County Retired Teachers Association was held at the Crawfordsville Public Library on Dec. 12. President Kim Nixon welcomed guests and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Deb Howard gave the invocation. A delicious meal of chicken and noodles, green beans, pretzel salad and Peach dessert was served by Trish Schwabe.

The members were entertained by the Crescendos directed by Marsha Smith. Marsha introduced several new members and the pianist Bill Stockwell. Marsha has been directing the group for several decades and the members of MCRTA look forward to the concert every year. The group started with "We Need a Little Christmas," "Its the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," "Breath of God" and ended with "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas." It was a beautiful concert.

President Kim Nixon began the business meeting with recognizing birthdays of the month and told some very funny jokes. The minutes and treasurers' reports were approved. The member concerns Chair, Mary Lefebvre passed around Christmas cards to be sent out to members who

could not attend the meeting. Nancy Bowes asked that members turn in their volunteer hours before the end of the month. These hours are very important and are given to the state legislators every year to show how important we are in the community. Hours need to be divided into service to youth and service to adults. President Nixon asked that all members check the email on file so that Susie Minch can send out information when needed. A thank you letter was read from the Youth Service Bureau to thanks the group for the donation given to them this year. The money will be used in services for youth. Membership Chair, Kathy Steele, reported that we had 117 members. Amba representative reported that a new dental program will be available starting in January that includes new dental services. The were no reports from Auditing, Constitution and By-laws, Necrology, or Legislature committees.

President Kim Nixon challenged all members to bring a guest to a meeting starting in February. The guest need not be a recently retired teacher and consider giving the guest transportation. Kim thanked Deb Howard and Linda Sabol for the decoration, Trish Schwabe for the delicious meal and the Crescendos for the beautiful concert. The meeting was adjourned and door prizes were awarded.

Meeting Notes

Board of Works and Public Safety Meeting

The City of Crawfordsville Indiana
Dec. 28, 2022 at 10 a.m.

City Building 300 E Pike St Crawfordsville, IN 47933

I. Approval of the minutes from Dec. 21, 2022.
II. Approval of the claims for the week of Dec. 26, 2022
III. Old Business
IV. New Business

Meeting Notes

WVGS Public Meeting

Vigo County Library Online Via ZOOM
6:00 p.m.

Door open at 5:30 p.m.
"Understanding the Ethnic Ancestry in Your DNA"

By Richard Hill
Richard Hill was the first adoptee to identify his birth family through genetic genealogy DNA testing. It was so remarkable at the time that his story was later told on the front page of The Wall Street Journal. To share what he learned with other adoptees and genealogists, he created the DNA Testing Adviser website in 2008. It was the first major independent website on the subject that was not created by a testing company.

He has educated thousands of readers and published a Kindle Short Book titled "Guide to DNA Testing. This guide is a concise, easy-to-understand overview of genetic genealogy.

This program is open to the public and will be held in person at the Vigo

A. Transfer from Mayor 113 (Part Time) to Plan 114 (Part Time) in the amount of \$14,366

B. Kiley Cornelius with Crawfordsville Utilities to request 3 refunds for overpayment

C. Kiley Cornelius with Crawfordsville Utilities to request approval of uncollectible accounts/credits

D. Transfer from GEN 112 (Salaries - Temporary) to GEN 340 (Insurance) in the amount of \$6,140.52

V. Department Heads
VI. Adjournment

County Public Library on January 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. It will also be available to members via Zoom. If you are not a member, you may join this meeting and all of the following meetings in 2023 by sending \$15 per individual, or \$20 per family to Wabash Valley Genealogy Society, P O Box 7012, Terre Haute, IN 47802-7012. If you wish to pay using Paypal, add \$2 to each choice. You can obtain the application by going to www.inwvgs.org. Click on membership. Watch this site to see more upcoming events or check WVGS Facebook page. Send application at least one week before the meeting date.

For this fee, you will be able to obtain assistance from other members when you reach a "brick wall" in your research. You will also receive a bi-monthly newsletter. Handouts and recorded videos will be available for periods of time for members only . . . so join to take advantage of the WVGS offerings.

Letters To and From Krissy



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

A couple of days ago, a friend of mine posted something written by a friend of his on Facebook. This is what she had to say:

"I've been contemplating what I really miss in life. Why do I feel this empty space? I have not felt completely full in a very long time. I miss the outdoors... a good hike, fishing or camping. No radio, cellphone, TV, movies or internet. Just the birds, the river running...just the sound of crickets.

"I miss a good, deep, solid conversation about life, God and love. All the things that truly matter! The world has changed so much with technology that we don't even know each other anymore. We don't have time for each other anymore. You turn on the evening news and all you hear is bad news. Shootings and crime have skyrocketed, and it's become the norm.

"We can no longer trust emails or use our debit cards without worry of scams or fraud. We can no longer leave a door unlocked or a window open.

"I miss the world I grew up in. Where people had time for each other. Where conversations mattered. Where there was respect for each other. When people knew what was right and wrong. Sometimes I honestly want to throw my cellphone out the window, but realize I have to use it to contact the ones I love.

"This new world has swallowed us up and there is not a damn thing we can do about it. Am I the only one who ever feels this way?"

"Signed,
"Krissy"

I don't know Krissy, but I wrote a letter to her anyway. This is what I said:

"Dear Krissy,

You Can Overdo A Good Thing

Doc was just getting up to leave the philosophy counter as Herb walked in. Herb was grinning and flexing muscles and had the look of eagles in his eyes. We stared.

"Herb," said Doc. "You know, you can overdo a good thing."

"Why Doc ... whatever do you mean?"

"I realize that getting more exercise is your resolution for the new year, but a man your age ... you need to pace yourself a little, that's all. Don't try to get in shape all at once."

"Why Doc, I've never felt better in my life. Hey, you were so right to get me on this exercise kick. I've been meaning to thank you. It's just what I've been needing. What would you think about my playing some football in the spring? I mean, it's just touch football, but I miss the ol' razz-matazz, you know?"

Doc shook his head sadly and walked out. Herb started laughing and sat down with us and flipped his cup over for his morning eye opener.

"What was that all about, Herb?" Dud asked.

"A little joke I'm playing on Doc, that's all," Herb said. "You remember how Doc has been on my case to get more exercise and slim

"I think you should pull your tent out of storage and go camping this week. Unless you live up north. Then you might go snowshoeing in the woods. That's fun, too.

"Shootings and crime have not skyrocketed—although reporting of them has. If you look at the statistics, you are actually far less likely to come to a violent end or die of disease than at any time in human history.

"But it does not sound like you are enjoying your smartphone. Maybe you should get a simple phone instead. They cost less, and you can still make phone calls. And use a credit card for online purchases instead of a debit card. Then you don't need to worry so much.

"Meaningful conversations are there to be had. Sometimes you have to start them. I think you made an excellent start with this post. Maybe try again, but this time at your kitchen table with a friend and a cup of coffee.

"Krissy, you sound anxious, and I'm sorry. The world has not swallowed you. Meditation helps. Exercise helps. Being clear on your purpose in the world and helping others helps a lot. Life has never been perfect for anyone. But we have never had anywhere near as many years as we now get to enjoy life—or not. It's your choice.

And, yes, you can do something about it. "All the best, "Carrie"

As I said, I don't know Krissy. I don't suppose she read what I wrote, and, if she did, I'm not sure she would care. We get invested in our beliefs, even if they aren't making us happy.

But I wanted to tell her that every one of us gets frustrated and discouraged and sometimes feels things are going down the tubes. I wanted to tell her she was not alone.

And I wanted to wish her a happier New Year. Till next time,
Carrie

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SLIM RANGLES
Columnist

down some? Well, there was only one way to shut him up, so I started running. I bought a sweat suit and started running. I run past his house each morning. Then, about an hour later, I run past his house the other direction, huffing and puffing and looking at my watch.

"An hour? You run for an hour each morning?"

"Of course not," Herb said, laughing. "I run past Doc's house then walk the block to the library. An hour later, I run past Doc's house and then walk two blocks home."

We stared at him. "What?" he said. "You know Doc's going to worry about me one way or the other. I just thought I'd change it up a bit."

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Mercedes EQE Electric Sedan A Car Even Grandma Would Love

Back in 1976, Mercedes-Benz threw its entire engineering book at a new generation “E-Class” that won Motor Trend Car of the Year. Known among Mercedes enthusiasts as the W123, it’s perhaps the best car ever made. My grandmother bought a baby blue one in 1979. She paid an inflation-adjusted \$75,000 for a car with AM/FM radio, vinyl seats, and no active safety systems. I think Grandma would have liked the car I drove this week: The Mercedes-EQE350 4MATIC – the brand’s first all-wheel-drive mid-size EV.

Gone are the traditional chrome grille and star on hood, replaced by one of the most aerodynamic shapes ever put to road by Mercedes. Viewed head-on, it’s an amorphous blob with a big star hung low on a black background embedded with a constellation of smaller stars. From the side, some of the CLS four-door coupe profile

shines through as the rear ends high for clean airflow. Check details like 20” wheels and digital headlamps with millions of pixels that project driver indicators onto the roadway ahead.

Designing an elegant EV is not easy. A thick battery pack placed beneath the floor raises the car to near crossover heights, but a long body hides the left while providing a spacious cabin that transitions from analog to digital without losing its Mercedes heritage.

Wide swaths of wood panel the dash while flatscreen gauges and large touchscreen integrate technology. It takes a second to learn how to pinch and expand functions, but it’s easy to access navigation, Apple/Android connectivity, and the saturating Bestermer 3D audio system when you do. Ambient lighting encircles the dash, doors, and even the seats.

There’s no head-up display, rear seat cushions

Likes, Dislikes

Likes:

- Smooth acceleration
- Spacious interior
- Combination of luxury, technology

Dislikes:

- Amorphous styling
- Short rear seat cushions
- Sometimes tricky infotainment controls

are a little brief, and our car lacked the optional full-width “hyperscreen”, but it’s a pretty delicious place to ride. Safety systems are as expected in a Mercedes: Adaptive cruise, automatic emergency braking, lane keep assist, rear cross path detection, and lane change assist are all on the menu. It’s a long way from my grandmother’s 280E.

The lady who once raced an Amtrak and won, would be impressed with the EQE’s performance. It harnesses lithium ion batteries and twin motors to send 288 horsepower and 391 lb.-ft. of torque through the all-wheel-

2023 Mercedes EQE350 4MATIC

Five-passenger, AWD Sedan

Powertrain: Li-Ion batteries/motors

Output: 288hp/391 lb.-ft.

Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind

Wheels f/r: 20”/20” alloy

Brakes f/r: regen disc/disc

Must-have features: Style, Driving

Driving range: 240 miles

0-60 mph: 5.6s

Recharge (10-80%): 30m

Economy (comb): 85 mpg-e

Assembly: Bremen, Germany

Base/as-tested price: \$74,900/77,900

drive system. It runs 0-60 mph in just 5.6 seconds. Charging is accomplished in 9.5 hours on a 220v home charger or 10-80% in just 30 minutes on a DC fast charger. Range is about 240 miles with a light pedal.

With all of the battery weight low in the chassis, the AWD system and four-wheel steering, drivers can toss the heavy sedan about with total confidence. It slips through city traffic with bursts of torque, but wafts down the Interstate

with that iron sponge feeling of decades past. Four-wheel steering allows the rear wheels to turn 10 degrees to provide compact car maneuvering or turn in the same direction to provide stability at speed. It’s both a product of the digital age and a true-born Mercedes.

In truth, Mercedes-Benz experimented with an electric version of the W123, but focused instead on turbo-diesel variants that routinely cross 500,000 miles.



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

Going diesel was a fair compromise for aspiring executives in an era of epoch gas prices, but the EQE dispenses with that smoggy mess as you zap cleanly towards the future.

If my grandmother was still living, she’d be driving the latest Mercedes E-Class – and she’d pay no more for the privilege. The EQE costs \$74,900 or a few grand more with 4MATIC. Competitors include the Tesla Model 3, BMW i4, Genesis Electrified G80, and Hyundai IONIQ6.

Storm Forward!

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AG Rokita Secures \$20M Settlement With Google for Deceptive Location Tracking Practices



Attorney General Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita recently announced a \$20 million settlement with Google to resolve Indiana’s lawsuit against Google for deceptive location tracking practices.

The attorney general filed a separate, independent lawsuit when negotiations between the company and a coalition of state attorneys general stalled. As a result, Indiana received approximately twice as much money as it would have received as part of the settlement that was later reached with the 40 states that did not file lawsuits against Google.

“This settlement is another manifestation of our steadfast commitment to protect Hoosiers from Big Tech’s intrusive schemes,” Rokita said. “We will continue holding these companies accountable for their improper manipulation of consumers.”

Google’s deceptive practices became widely known following a 2018 story by the Associated Press. After that story, multiple states began

investigating Google’s location tracking practices.

As detailed in Indiana’s lawsuit, Google uses location data collected from Indiana consumers to build detailed user profiles and target ads, but Google has deceived and misled users about its practices since at least 2014.

Rokita aggressively pursued litigation against Google because even a limited amount of location data can expose a person’s identity and routines. Such data can be used to infer personal details such as political or religious affiliation, income, health status or participation in support groups — as well as major life events such as marriage and the birth of children.

With this settlement, Rokita has ensured that Hoosiers are no longer coerced into trading away their privacy.

This lawsuit was handled by an experienced litigation team including Doug Swetnam, Vanessa Voigt Gould, and Jennifer Van Dame — who tenaciously pursued complex data privacy theories in a Hoosier courtroom against a well-resourced adversary.

Read the full Settlement Agreement online at content.govdelivery.com/attachments/INAG/2022/12/29/file_attachments/236630/0/2022.12.29%20IN%20GOOGLE%20SETTLEMENT%20AGREE%20MENT%20%5Bfor%20signature%5D.pdf



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.
Montgomery Medicine

I left you hanging last week wondering about the treatment of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD). First, a quick review. Recall that acid from the stomach (gastro) is found in the tube that connects the mouth to the stomach (esophagus) and goes in a backward direction (reflux).

When I see someone complaining of GERD symptoms, I review my patient’s history to try and identify any risk factors for GERD such as decreased tone of the lower esophageal sphincter (LES), loss of normal muscular function of the esophagus, excess production of stomach acid, delayed emptying of the stomach, and overeating. Fatty or fried foods, coffee, tea, caffeinated drinks, chocolate, and mint are all foods that can cause or worsen GERD. Alcohol and cigarette smoking are also risk factors.

Many patients immediately reach for medication to help control the symptoms rather

than try to control the underlying cause(s) of the GERD. Direct-to-consumer advertising has been extremely effective in pushing medications to treat this common problem. Virtually any medical insurance company will tell you that its largest drug expense is often a class of medications called PPIs or Proton Pump Inhibitors (more below).

Simple lifestyle modifications are the foundation of treatment for GERD. Losing even a modest amount of weight can have a significant impact. Reducing fat in the diet and avoiding large, fatty meals just before bedtime are also critical to managing symptoms. Avoiding tight fitting clothing, reducing alcohol consumption, and quitting smoking are also important.

People who wake up at night with reflux symptoms should consider raising the head legs of their bed using commercial plastic bed risers, a 4X4 post cut into blocks, or by nailing two 2x4s together. Raising the head and chest by sleeping on a number of pillows can make the symptoms worse. Bending the body at the waist can increase pressure in the abdomen, resulting in worsened reflux.

Those who don’t respond to lifestyle modifications may need medication. Reduction of the frequency and intensity of heartburn, the most common symptom of GERD, is much less predictable than

treating esophagitis that I mentioned last week. People may need to try different medications from various classes to find one that works for them.

Histamine antagonists are the oldest medications on the market. They block the release of histamine that stimulates stomach acid production. Tagamet (cimetidine), and Pepcid (famotidine) are the most common ones available over the counter and are effective for most people.

Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs) are the newest class of anti-GERD medications. These are extremely powerful blockers of acid production. Names that most people recognize (due to very successful marketing) include: Prilosec, Protonix, Aciphex, Nexium, Zegerid, Dexilant and Prevacid. Why so many? Because they make pharmaceutical companies wheelbarrows of money.

PPIs are safe and effective for short-term use, but are associated with a slight increased risk of hip fractures in those over age 50, probably due to reducing absorption of calcium in the gut. Many people take PPIs for years thinking they need them because their symptoms return when they stop taking the medication. Most of these people suffer from “rebound” reflux. Some call this an “addiction” to PPIs. Once the initial symptoms of GERD are controlled, preventing their return can often be controlled with medications that are not as powerful as PPIs. Ask

your doctor about ways to try to stop PPIs if you’ve been on them more than a few months.

I get a lot of questions about the “two week warning” found on boxes of GERD medication. People are advised to contact their physician if they have to use the medication longer than two weeks to control their symptoms. This is an important reminder for people to see their medical provider to discuss risk factors and develop a game plan to manage their GERD. It’s also important to see a provider to assess your risk for other more serious complications of GERD that I discussed last week.

Surgery is the treatment of last resort. Laparoscopic Nissen fundoplication is the most commonly performed procedure. This involves using minimally invasive endoscopic surgery to take the top portion of the stomach and wrap it around the bottom of the esophagus to act as a valve to prevent stomach acid from refluxing. It’s very important to see a gastroenterologist and/or surgeon who is very familiar with the procedure to make sure you are a candidate. EsophyX TIF is a newer procedure that allows reconstruction of the lower esophageal sphincter via an endoscope passed through the mouth into the esophagus.

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Addressing The Burdens Of American Nurses Today

(StatePoint) According to a new survey, American nurses are overwhelmed by job demands, a long-brewing situation only exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. While the majority of nurses continue to be dedicated to the care of patients, many are considering leaving the profession at a time when staff shortages are part of the problem. But there's hope, according to industry experts, who say that understanding these challenges can lead to meaningful and necessary reforms.

The 2022 national survey, "The Future of Nursing: A Profession in Crisis," of nurses and student nurses, was conducted by Cross Country, a market-leading tech-enabled workforce solutions platform and advisory firm, in partnership with Florida Atlantic University's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing.

Overall, the study revealed that nurses remain passionate about patient care, with 66% citing helping people through meaningful work as a main driver for staying in the field. Nevertheless, ongoing challenges have created undue burdens for nurses, with pay rates/compensation (86%), staff shortages (53%), stress (39%) and burnout (35%) cited as top career dissatisfiers.

This frustration has put the industry in crisis: 28% of nurses indicated their desire to leave the profession has increased

dramatically since the pandemic, while those who said their desire to stay has dropped from 24% in 2021 to 4% in 2022. This translates to a real potential loss of talent in hospitals, physicians' offices, long-term care facilities and other healthcare settings. Of those surveyed, 23% plan to look for a new career in 1-2 years and 13% plan to retire in 1-5 years.

"We had hoped that as the pandemic eased, nurses would have better balance, mental health and working conditions, but we are not there and as a result, nurses are leaving the profession in droves," says John A. Martins, president and chief executive officer, Cross Country Healthcare. "The time to fix these mounting problems is now."

To that end, Cross Country is deploying several strategies to transform the nursing profession. These include an ongoing examination of pay rates and retention practices; identifying new pathways for education, licensing, and talent development; focusing on flexibility and growth opportunities; and investments toward innovation to strengthen the nursing workforce.

The company continues to invest heavily in technology and digital transformation to support these strategies. Among these initiatives is a new website dedicated to nursing candidates. Found at crosscountry.com, the site aims to

help health care professionals find and engage with potential job opportunities more effectively.

Identifying new pathways for nursing education is also a critical steppingstone towards reforming the profession and addressing healthcare provider shortages. That's why the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing offers accredited programs at all levels to prepare and train students, including various tracks for a BSN, Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), PhD and DNP focused on Caring Science. Also offered are a BSN-DNP program with a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner concentration and post-graduate dermatology and telehealth certificate courses, as well as other concentrations that intersect innovation and technology.

"Nursing is the greatest profession in the world. The experience you will get is priceless," said one of the survey respondents. "Make sure you're getting into nursing for the right reasons because I love coming to work and look forward to caring for patients every day. No two patients are alike, so every day in nursing is like a new experience and adventure. And you make the difference."

To learn more about the challenges facing the nursing industry, visit crosscountry.com/the-future-of-nursing, where the complete study results, can be found.

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Charlie Bowerman (Alamo) 21.6 in 1956 and 27.0 in 1957, Whitey Reath (Alamo) 23.2 in 1958 and 23.7 in 1959, Steve Pierce (Waynetown) 22.3 in 1962, Mike Mitchell (Wayland) 27.8 in 1968, Daryl Warren (Linden) 29.7 in 1970 and 29.0 in 1971, and Terry Cain (Darlington) 25.9 in 1971. There were several others during those years who averaged around 20 points per game...even yours truly in 1966 when I averaged 19.8 points. (OK, OK... yes, I never passed up an open shot!)

Without a doubt the highest scoring Montgomery County basketball teams of all time were the Darlington Indian teams of 1969 and 1970. They were undefeated during the regular season both of those years, with players such as Rich Douglas, Dan Nichols,

Don Threlkeld, Gary Dale, and Roy Wright almost scoring at will in a "run-and-gun" offense. During the 1969 season, the Indians scored in the 90s five times...and 100 or more five times... one game beating North Salem 117-49. And they didn't slow down at all the next year, scoring in the 90s seven times... and 100 or more four times. In a game against Ladoga, the Indians outscored the Cannons by a final score of 126 to 63. For Darlington, that equates to two 2-point baskets every minute of a 32-minute game. There was no such thing as a 3-point basket in those days. Many of the Darlington baskets were from behind the arc and would have been counted as 3-pointers today. The final tally could easily have been close to 150 points!

Well, I'm not complaining about the switch

from an offensive game to a defensive game. Each player gives 100% effort, and I can sense the players are nearly exhausted at game's end from the constant defensive pressure. But it would be fun to see another Bill Greve, Daryl Warren, Matt McCarty, or D.J. Byrd sinking those long-range 3-pointers. It's still very entertaining to watch high school basketball today. When standing for the National Anthem, with my Coke and buttered popcorn ready and waiting, I'm happy to be there to enjoy Hoosier Hysteria. Haven't been in a while? Come on out....you'll have a great time!

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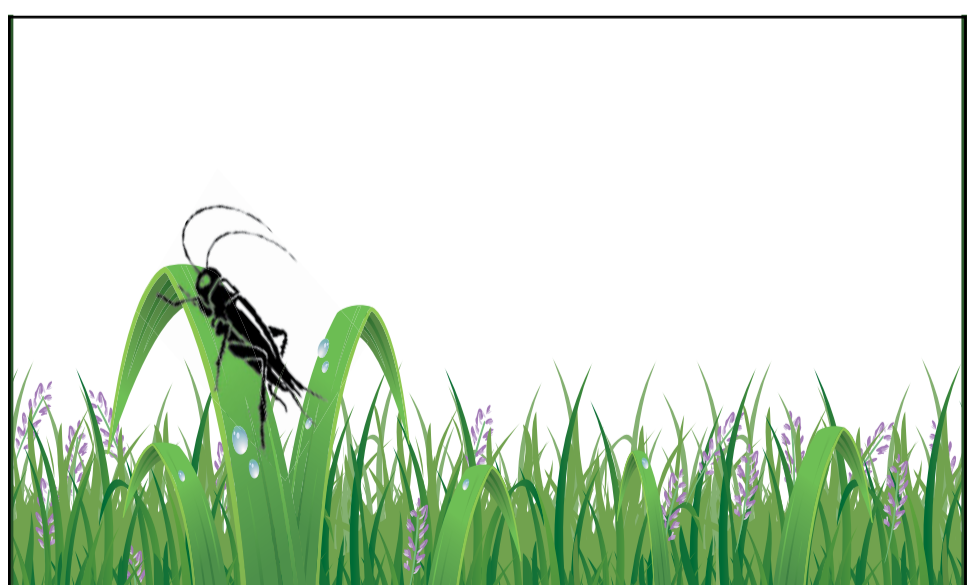
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