TODAY'S VERSE

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." (NIV)

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Congratulations to Gary Behling for winning tickets to the Indiana Flower + Patio Show! It's not too late to win your tickets, send us a selfie you and our front page (Print or Online Edition). Be sure to tell us who you are, where you are from, how many tickets you would like and a little bit about yourself so we can include it if your photo is selected to publish on our front page. Then all you have to do is wait and watch. If you see your smiling face on our front page – you win! It's really that simple! You can text or e-mail it to ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com.

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

The Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area's new Visitors Center Trail is scheduled to be dedicated Feb. 25 at 10 a.m. The accessible 0.5-mile gravel trail circles the visitors center. The trail's surface and maximum 15 percent slope grades allow for virtually anyone of any ability to use it and appreciate the route's wildflower plantings and interpretive signage. Goose Pond, located near the Greene County city of Linton, serves as an inclusive space for birding and other outdoor recreational opportunities across 9.098 acres of prairie and marsh habitat. Register at https://bit. ly/GPTrailDedication to attend the dedication. After the event, attendees can walk the new trail and stay to enjoy the 14th annual Marsh Madness Sandhill Crane Festival. For more information about Goose Pond FWA, see

Nine-year-old Molly Sampson of Calvert County, MD dreams of becoming a paleontologist when she grows up; she wants to study the history of life on Earth, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Meantime, she likes to search the local beaches for sharks' teeth and recently came across a rather large tooth that belonged to the biggest shark that ever lived -- a giant 15 million-year-old shark known as a Megalodon. She took it to the Calvert Marine Museum on Solomon's Island where the paleontology department confirmed her find.

on.IN.gov/goosepondfwa.

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Sometimes People Just Need A Break....



BUTCH DALE

Columnist

When a police officer starts his shift, he never knows what will happen or who he will have to deal with. I worked the night shift, even after I was elected Sheriff, because that is when most of the serious incidents occur. Also, many of the drunk driving arrests occur late at night. Most of these arrests by officers are handled without incident. People who are intoxicated can exhibit a wide range of behavior...from a belligerent, fighting attitude to meek, crying submissiveness. I always felt my main job was to get the person off the road before he hurt himself or others. Police officers have some latitude in deciding to place a person under arrest. If a driver was honest and took responsibility for his actions, and had not been involved in an accident,

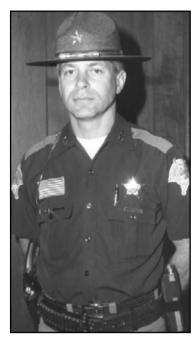


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I took that into account. If a person lied, cursed, or resisted, they were in trouble. Here are three examples...

Late one summer night I got behind a car that was weaving all over the road. After I pulled the 19-year old driver over, I quickly determined that he was very intoxicated. He had been to a bachelor's party and was only a mile from home. Young, stupid, and drunk...no accidents involved and non-combative. OK, I'll give him a break. I took his keys, placed him in

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Lunch With League Will Focus On **Addiction**



Bring your lunch and join the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County on Friday on the third floor of Fusion 54 at noon for Lunch with the League. Connie Esra, Director of Recovery Coalition, is scheduled to be on hand to talk about the many opportunities available at the Recovery Rec Center to support recovery and wellness for those afflicted with drug addiction.

Drug addiction requires not only a considerable commitment to supportive group classes, but also services which support the individual during and after treatment. Life skills are crucial to a successful recovery. Learning how to balance a checkbook is one of

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 7:27 a.m.



High/Low **Temperatures** High: 50 °F Low: 38 °F



Today is..... • Card Reading Day National Sticky Bun Day



What Happened On This Day

• 1972 U.S. President Richard Nixon embarks on his historic visit to China. The first visit of a U.S. President in China was an important step in normal-

two countries. • 1878 The world's first telephone book is issued in New Haven, Connecticut. The directory consisted of a single piece of cardboard

izing relations between the

and comprised 50 numbers.





Births On This Day • 1946 Alan Rickman

English Actor • 1924 Robert Mugabe

Zimbabwean politician, 2nd President of Zimbabwe

Deaths On This Day

• 1965 Malcolm X American minister, activist

Prize laureate

The Paper Is Doing It Again!

The Paper of Montgomery County once again has free tickets to give away for the 2023 Indiana Flower + Patio Show which runs from Saturday, March 11 through Sunday, March 19, 2023 at Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center -West Pavilion and Exposition

All you have to do to win tickets (valued at \$15 each) is send us a selfie of you and our front page (Print or Online Edition). Be sure to tell us who you are, where you are from, how many tickets you would like and a little bit about yourself so we can include it if your photo is selected to publish on our front page. Then all you have to do is wait and watch. If you see your smiling face on

our front page – you win! It's really that simple! You can text or e-mail it to ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com.

The Indiana Flower + Patio Show is returning for its 65th year. One of the oldest and most successful flower shows in the U.S. features showcase gardens crafted by many of Indiana's premier landscapers, hundreds of finer outdoor living experts and thousands of ideas, solutions and products to take

home. Inspiration grows here. The Indiana Flower + Patio Show is produced by Marketplace Events, which produces more than 75 consumer shows in North America, including home, garden, holiday and wedding shows. The 75 + combined events, in 35 markets,

currently attract 22,000 exhibitors, two million attendees and another three million unique web visitors annually.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and free for children 12 and under. Check out the Indiana Flower + Patio Show website at www. IndianaFlowerandPatioShow. com, and get \$2 off.

The Indianapolis Landscape Association is proud to present the Feature Gardens for this year's Flower + Patio Show! Both West Pavilion and Expo Hall are brimming with color - from gorgeous greens to beautiful blues and everything in between. The area's top landscape professionals have a variety of affordable to big-budget options for your next garden or backyard project.

• 1941 Frederick Banting Canadian physician, Nobel

⇒ HONEST HOOSIER

I wish we still had a day to honor Abe Lincoln and a different day for George Washington. I hate lumping them together.



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INSIDE

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Cracking your knuckles does not appear to lead to arthritis. 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 Sharon Jane (McCallister) Rodgers



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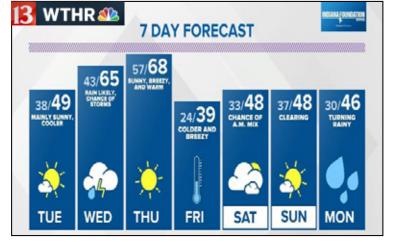
The Crawfordsville Investment Club will meet today at 6:30 p.m., at the Crawfordsville District Public Library. The program is a discussion of the current economy and investments. The Crawfordsville Investment Club meets for educational purposes only. Visitors are welcome. For more information call 765-362-

TODAY'S QUOTE

"February is merely as long as

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is needed to pass the time until March." J.R. Stockton How are relationships like algebra? You sometimes look at X and wonder Y.





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OBITUARIES

Sharon Jane (McCallister) Rodgers July 20, 1940 - Feb. 16, 2023

Sharon Jane (McCallister) Rodgers, age 82 of Hillsboro, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023 at Ben Hur Nursing Home. She was born in Patoka, Indiana on July 20, 1940 to the late Vern & Jeanette

(Robling) McCallister. Sharon graduated from Patoka High School in 1958 and received

her bachelor's degree from Oakland City College and her Master's degree from Indiana State University in Education. She met the love of her life, Richard "Dick" Rodgers, while she was student teaching and they were married on Aug. 17, 1963. They were married for almost 52 years before Dick passed on June 10, 2015. Throughout the years she taught business math at Waynetown High School and Fountain Central High School retiring in 2007. When she wasn't teaching, she was always helping her husband on the farm and in the fields. She was an avid I.U and Cardinal fan and enjoyed taking trips to Branson with Dick. She was a member of the Waynetown Methodist Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Rachelle Rodgers and Robin (Bobby Phillips) Rodgers; two sisters, Nedra (Jack) West and Retta (David) Willis; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Dick Rodgers.

Visitation will be at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington St, in Crawfordsville on Friday, Feb. 24, 2023 from 12 p.m. till the time of the service at 1 p.m. The service will be live-steamed and recorded which can be viewed on her obituary page at www.SandersFuneralCare.com. Burial will follow at Wallace Lutheran Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given in her memory to the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department, 3898 S State Road 341, Hillsboro, IN 47949. Share memories and condolences online at www.Sanders-FuneralCare.com.

Meeting Notes

Montgomery County Plan **Commission**

Agenda Wednesday Feb. 22 2023 4 p.m.

Montgomery County Government Center Community Room 1580 Constitution Row Crawfordsville, In

I. Call to Order II. Oath of Office III. Reorganization:

A. Election of President

B. Election of Vice President

C. Election of Secretary

IV. Approval of December 2022 meeting minutes

V. Reports VI. Agenda modifications

VII. Old Business: VIII. New Business: A. SD2023-1 - Public Hearing, Preliminary Plat of the Casey's Crawfordsville Plat.

IX. Training B. Adjournment

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, Linclon Building 1 was renovated into Horace Mann, and Linclon 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 facili-

Wilbur Dumont De Paris

ties as the law dictated.

1900-1973 Wilbur was born on 20 September 1900, according to his official World War II draft card. The family initially resided at 125 Main Street and later at 601 Illinois Street. Wilbur's mother was Fanny/Fannie Hyatt. His father, Sidney Paris Senior, from West Virginia, was a schoolteacher, auctioneer, and musician who played trombone, banjo, and guitar, touring the country with carnivals, circuses, medicine, and minstrel shows to support his family. At age 5, Wilbur's career began unofficially when one night, he ran away to see the carnival. His father eventually found him and administered dis-



Photo courtesy of Shannon Hudson

Wilbur and Sidney De Paris

cipline but chose to start formally teaching him how to play the alto saxophone. When Wilbur was six, his father took him to the Plantation Show Tour in New Orleans. After this trip, Wilbur, and his brother Sidney, born in 1903, chose to begin working with their father, Sidney Senior.

Very little is known about Wilbur's Crawfordsville childhood. He graduated from the Lincoln School for Colored Children on Friday, 4 June 1915, during commencement exercises celebrated at the AME Church. In an interview from 1958, Wilbur vividly remembered the "floating island dessert" he was forcibly learned to make at Lincoln School under Miss Majorie Benckart's direction. This French dessert consists of vanilla custard topped with sweet, whipped egg whites. Jazz trumpeter Bill Coleman recalled that he and his siblings attended school with the De Paris brothers. Wilbur played in the Crawfordsville High School band, suffered from acute basketball fever, and graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1919.

Francis Wooden recalled her mother taking her to a Crawfordsville minstrel show featuring the family. Francis remembered the show on the third floor of the Woodsman of America Hall at 120 North Green Street, directly across from the Journal Review offices. All who went to see the group were required to climb the three flights of steps, but the long trek was worth it because all three members of the troupe individually greeted all

attendees. Wilbur left Crawfordsville soon after his high school graduation and, in 1919, began playing with a small band that performed at Philadelphia's Pearl Theater, which he eventually managed. He traveled to New Orleans in 1922 with Mack's Merrymakers and played with Louis Armstrong and Jelly Roll Morton. He even taught both of Morton's sons music. During the 1930s, he worked with various groups, including Noble Sissle and Teddy Hill. In the 1940s, he recorded with Ella Fitzgerald and Duke Ellington and played in the pit band for the Broadway show The Pirate (1942). In the 1940s, he toured with The Rov Eldridge Big Band, Duke Ellington, and Sidney Bechet. He formed his own highly successful small band, the New New Orleans

Jazz Band, with his brother Sidney De-Paris and Omer Simeon, modifying their sound by blending swing, spirit, and jazz. In 1951 the group moved into Jimmy Ryan's in New York for a contracted twoweek gig. Ten years, ten months, and two weeks later, the group finally moved on simply because the building was razed. While at Ryan's, Wilbur and his group found time to record eight albums for Atlantic Records, play movie background music, and appear on radio, television, and concerts. The band also played original music written by Wilbur and classics such as On the Banks of the Wabash and Indiana, My Indiana. He led his rehearsal studio in New York in 1971 and worked as a leader and arranger until 1972.

Off the stage, Wilbur's contemporaries described him as a gracious and articulate man who looked and acted more like a professor than a jazzman. These characteristics made him an ideal choice for a 1958 special assignment he considered his greatest accomplishment. Wilbur embarked on a threemonth tour of Africa as the official United States Ambassador of Music to Ghana and Africa. As part of the president's international program for cultural relations, Wilbur accepted the mission with dignity and a complete understanding of what the government expected of him.

At some point, Wilbur married Alabama-born Thelma (when she was 16 years old and he was 19) and fathered two sons, Stephen and Todd, and two daughters. Melanie and Karen.

Wilbur began to slow down as his brother Sidney's health declined. Wilbur cared for Sidney until Sidney's death on 13 September 1967. Wilbur died in early January 1973 in New York.

Gov. Holcomb Honors Emergency Management Agencies During EMA Appreciation Week

Emergency Management Agencies (EMAs) often work behind the scenes without gaining attention until events like snowy weather, floods, tornadoes, etc. Governor Eric J. Holcomb is honoring this group of critical personnel by celebrating EMA Appreciation Week Feb. 19-25, 2023.

EMAs are part of the first line of response to natural and man-made disasters. County emergency managers help draft disaster response plans, organize trainings that include first responders and community partners, work with state and federal agencies to find the most effective disaster recovery methods and offer knowledge and expertise to local

community leaders.

"Emergency managers play a pivotal role in their counties. Their decisions carry a heavy weight on how a community responds to and recovers from a significant incident or event," said Joel Thacker, executive director of IDHS.

Every emergency begins and ends locally, like the COVID-19 pandemic that impacted all 92 Indiana counties. It is important for Hoosiers to recognize the dedication and accomplishments of these highly-trained professionals.

IDHS will be celebrating EMAs on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Follow along to learn about the people putting in countless hours to keep you safe.

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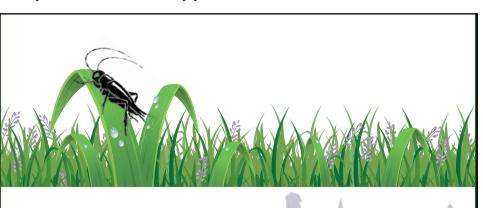




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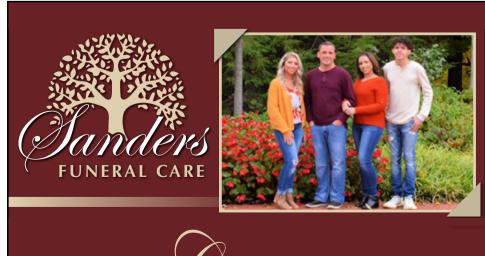




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New LED Strategies Could Make Vertical Farming More Productive, Less Costly

Purdue University researchers have designed two simple LED lighting strategies to increase vield and reduce energy costs for the vertical farming sector of indoor agriculture.

The close-canopy and focused-lighting strategies developed by PhD candidate Fatemeh Sheibani and professor Cary Mitchell, both in the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture in Purdue's College of Agriculture, capitalize on LED lighting's special properties.

"One is that they are relatively cool at the emitting surface, in contrast with other lighting choices," Sheibani said. Thus, the lighting system works closer to plants without scorching them. LEDs are also current driven, unlike many energy-intensive, voltage-driven lighting sources.

Their work is part of a project called OptimIA (Optimizing Indoor Agriculture). The project, led by Michigan State University, includes collaborators at Purdue, University of Arizona and Ohio State University. OptimIA is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy's Specialty Crop Research Initiative.

In vertical agriculture, produce grows using LEDs as the sole lighting source.

"It is the fastest-growing sector of controlled-environment ag," Mitchell said. "There are new startups going on in urban and para-urban



Photo courtesy of Jessica Kerkoff, Purdue Agricultural Communications

Fatemeh Sheibani, a PhD candidate in horticulture and landscape architecture, examines lettuce plants in a controlled environment chamber using LED lighting. Sheibani's research focuses on finding the best strategy for using LEDs in vertical farming that will maximize crop yield and decrease production costs associated with lighting.

areas all the time, and worldwide."

Fueled by an enthusiastic investment sector, the U.S. is a worldwide industry leader. But labor and energy costs, totaling about 60% of running an indoor farm, threaten the startups' future. Inflation and rising energy costs have made an already fragile industry even more so. Startup costs are also high, both for land in urban areas and for LED lighting system installment.

But indoor farms can easily lower energy use while achieving their usual yield with the close-canopy-lighting strategy. Or, they can increase yield while maintaining their previous energy use. Indoor farmers can dim the voltage of a 1,000-watt, high-pressure sodium lamp with a rheostat, but that merely turns the energy into heat without

any savings.
"It's hidden energy," Mitchell said. But with the LEDs, the current flow can be reduced, and light output is reduced proportionally.

Close-canopy lighting works because LEDs shine in all directions, like the sun. At standard plant/light separation distances, significant light streaming at wide angles over the plants misses them entirely. But with reduced separation distances, the plants absorb light that would

otherwise go to waste.

Today, indoor farms can affordably offer only leafy greens and culinary herbs to consumers. Their quick growth allows for many cropping cycles year-round, unlike produce grown in gardens or fields.

And once they reach high-cost urban areas, indoor-produced salad kits and leafy greens might sell for \$16 or \$17 a pound.

"What they sell you in the store in a clamshell or as an individual plant is just a fraction of a pound," Mitchell said.

LEDs are the lighting system of choice for indoor farming because of their relative energy efficiency and long

lifetimes, Sheibani said. But improved LEDs also have high photon efficacy, meaning that electric energy is more readily converted to light that

plants can use efficiently. Still, inefficient capture of LED light reduces their benefits. Many indoor farmers, for instance, mistakenly believe that they can place their LEDs anywhere. But Sheibani and Mitchell noticed both in vertical farms and in smaller-scale experiments that the light fell not only on the plants but also on the walls and walkways. By reducing the distance between the LED system and the leaf canopy, the researchers were able to reduce such wasted light.

"We can improve canopy photon capture efficiency, as we call it, as long as we use LEDs correctly," Sheibani said. "Canopy photon capture efficiency is the fraction of photons that reach the photosynthesizing machinery of the plants."

Sheibani measures waste via a ratio of plant growth to LED electrical energy consumption. The resulting energy utilization efficiency compares grams of fresh or dry biomass yield per kilowatt hour of energy consumed by the LED lighting system.

"The higher the grams of fresh or dry biomass produced per kilowatt hour, the better it is,' she said. And both of Purdue's tested scenarios found that the closest separation distance had the highest energy utilization efficiency.

Sheibani and Mitchell also are testing an energy-saving, focused-lighting approach that relies on a custom-made LED system with selective controls. How do small, individual, widely separated plants fare under slowly spreading beams of light rather than full coverage all the time?

"When seedlings emerge after germination, the very small plants are wide apart," Mitchell said.

"It takes two weeks for them to grow together and close a canopy of baby greens. Everything in between is mostly wasted light until then."

Sheibani and Mitchell's system minimizes that waste. When plants are still small, they use full-coverage LED lighting inefficiently, Sheibani said. But it is possible to save energy in the earlier growth stages with focused lighting.

"Then when the plants are at the stage that they can use light efficiently, we can upgrade to provide the optimum amount," she said.

OptimIA offers more information in free video presentations at OptimIAUniversity and the Indoor Ag Science Café.

"There's a lot of excitement about indoor ag and people are jumping into it," Mitchell said. "But they don't really have the secret for longterm profitability yet. That's where academic research such as the OptimIA project comes in to help.

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Consider This: Armed Hoosier Toddlers

The fact that there's been 67 mass shooting events in the United States this year by this date (Feb. 16) is ample evidence that something is going terribly wrong. Things are haywire in American society.

Now, consider this new phenomenon: Armed Hoosier toddlers.

In January, a 4-yearold Beech Grove boy was seen in a shocking live video during the TV show "On Patrol: Live on Reelz" that went viral nationally. According to Marion County court documents, Beech Grove Police found the boy in a diaper in an apartment complex hallway waving around a handgun. The father is facing three felony charges of neglect of a dependent and dangerous control of a firearm.

In early February, a Lafayette 3-year-old shot himself in the leg and was treated at the hospital for minor injuries. WFLI-TV reported that LPD Lt. Mike Brown said there were multiple people were in the house when the shot was fired.

Last November, a 4-year-old Muncie boy shot and killed himself in front of his 2-year-old sister. The boyfriend of the mother, according to Fox59, "routinely left his Glock on a dollhouse inside his girlfriend's home.

On Feb. 9, a 2-year-old Portage girl died after "accidentally" shooting herself. WLS-TV reported: Officials said the initial investigation shows that the child was able to gain access to a family-owned firearm and discharged a single round, striking herself.

In East Chicago a few days later, it was a 14-year-old boy who



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"accidentally" shot an 11-year-old boy, according to WLS-TV.

WRTV reported in August 2022 that 76 children had been gun violence victims so far that year, 11 of them fatally. In 2021, according to IMPD data, a total of 92 kids were victims of shootings, 12 of them fatally. In 2021, a record 48,000 Americans were killed by firearms, including suicides, homicides and accidents.

On Valentine's Day, the Washington Post's John Woodrow Cox and Steven Rich reported that the total number of children exposed to gun violence at school had risen from 187,000 in 2018 to a staggering 338,000 this year. "By nearly every meaningful measure, 2022 was the worst year of school shootings in history," Cox and Rich continue. "Across 46 acts of violence during school hours, 34 students and adults died while more than 43,000 children were exposed to gunfire at the places they go to learn and grow.

Kate Woodsome, a producer, writer and director, writes in a Washington Post oped, "American kids are unwell because American society is unwell. The systems and social media making teenagers sad, angry and afraid today were shaped in part by adults who grew up sad, angry and afraid themselves.

Woodsome cites a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released data from the first Youth Risk Behavior Survey collected across the United States since the start of the coronavirus pandemic. "It is devastating," Woodsome writes. "Nearly 1 in 3 high school girls reported in 2021 that they had seriously considered

suicide. There is a plethora of reasons for this deep funk, ranging from bullying to social media impacts, but the fact that our kids are stepping on to the school bus and having to take part in 'active shooter drills' and knowing, in the back of their minds, that they may leave school in a body bag is part of our harrowing reality.

At Michigan State University on Monday, a gunman shot and killed three students and critically wounded five others before taking his own life. As tens of thousands of students have endured in recent years, MSU students received the hallmark text of our haywire times: "Run, hide, fight.'

On Tuesday, the Indiana House Republicans passed a bill 71-24 that would begin a state-funded handgun training program for teachers. 'Sadly, it's something that's necessary for the tragic world we live in today," said Rep. Jim Lucas, R-Seymour.

Sadly. I personally know several teachers, and not one of them believes that arming themselves in the classroom is a good idea. It is a bandage step to a catastrophic epidemic

of violence. They are, to a person, thinking of leaving the profession. That's part of the reason we are having a teacher shortage.

"Guns are part of the American way of life," Lucas said. "It's enshrined in our Constitution. It's enshrined in our Bill of Rights."

I want to remind Rep.

Lucas that the preamble to the U.S. Constitution reads: "We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Our leaders and lawmakers are failing us; leaving our students vulnerable and frightened; many of our children exposed and endangered. In a nation awash in guns, they are refusing to take common sense preventative steps to staunch this violence. A society that refuses to protect its children is an endangered one

U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin, whose district includes MSU, said, "I'm filled with rage that we have to have another press conference to talk about our children being killed in their schools. And I would say that you either care about protecting kids or you don't."

The columnist is managing editor of Howey Politics Indiana/State Affairs at StateAffairs.com/pro/ Indiana. Find Howey on Facebook and Twitter @ hwypol.

And You Can Tell 'em I Said So

Wellsir ... ol' Dud did 'er again, he shore 'nuf did. This here's Alphonse Wilson, known around these parts as Windy Wilson, esquire, LTD and DDT at your service as always. Free to you and worth every blessed dime.

See ... t'other day I got into a little chat with Dud Campbell, and he says to me that I need to get me one a-them computers so I can be moderate like ever'body else. Had the nerve to just come out and say that!

Well, friend, that's when I made a big mistake. I asked him what I needed to get the ol' ball rolling and I should've shut 'er down right then. Yessir, your ol' pal Alphonse occasional makes mistakes.

Now you can dip my hat in sheep dip and paint Mary Lou's name on the barn with it if he didn't obsolete hisself right into a foreign language!

Didn't have nothin' to write with, so here's what he said, near as I recollect:

I need a cloud, he said. A cloud stores stuff. Well ... shore it does! It stores rain!

But he said no, a cloud isn't in the computer, but floats around somewhere and you get to it by buying an app.

Wellsir, I 'splained to Dud that apps are okay, but I've always pressurized my priorities 'long Quarter horse lines. Told



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him them spots don't make the horse go any faster. He started wavin' his arms then, and said I get these apps with a mouse.

And he 'spects me to believe that?!!!

Right!! Had a app oncet. Nice big ol' Appaloosa he was, too. But ugly? I was tellin' Dud about him. Them apps today are pretty horses, but back when I was younger, they all looked like they needed to pull manure

carts. It's a fact. Why this old pony I had ... I hate to admit this ... but his ol' head was the size of a door, and you could stick his

butt in a bottle! So I think I'll mebbe just use the computer down at the library for a while. Nice girl down there helps me out with

And you can tell 'em I said so!

Say thank you to the nice girl down at your library who helps old guys with the computer, will you?

PUBLIC NOTICES

City of Crawfordsville, Indiana
Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Annexation Ordinance
Notice is hereby given that on March 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., the Crawfordsville
Common Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to annex property
into the City of Crawfordsville. The public hearing will be held in the City Building's
Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana. Interested

Council Chambers, 2nd Proof, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsvine, Indiana. Intereste persons will be allowed to testify and be heard at the hearing.

The property proposed to be annexed is comprised of approximately 47.403 acres located at 164 W State Road 32 (parcel 54-10-06-400-016.000-027) and the associated right-of-way. A fiscal plan relating to the proposed annexation, description. and maps identifying the property, and the proposed annexation ordinance are available for inspection and copying at the office of the City's Director of Planning and

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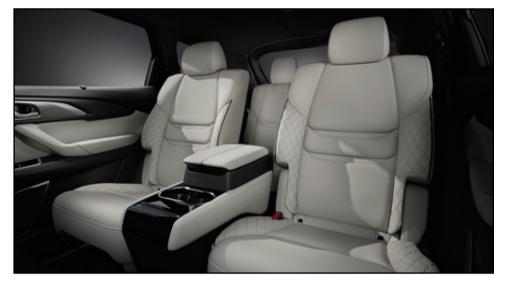
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Mazda CX-9 Is A Bridge To The First-Ever 2024 CX-90 Luxury Crossover

If every Mazda is created around its own piece of Miata soul, then the CX-9 three-row crossover receives a bigger helping than most. But, by now, it is only a bridge to the first-ever CX-90 crossover that recently debuted for 2024. Whether you buy now or later, there could be a very beautiful and practical Mazda in your future.

2023 Mazda CX-9

Signature Trying to find a reasonably affordable three-row crossover that's luxurious, family-friendly and offers fun to the driver is not that easy. Most threerow crossovers are way too big and tall to be fun and those Euro wagons that aren't cost big coin. However, if you need to carry your larger family on vacation or friends to dinner, the 2023 Mazda CX-9 Signature may be your ride.

Mazda gained a reputation of being a "Japanese Alfa Romeo" and that is evident in its styling. Looking like it came from an Italian carrozzeria, exterior shapes seem

as much hand formed as stamped. Mazda's trademark grille with precise edges stands tall, flowing back into the long hood, curvaceous fenders and low roofline. Bodysides are accentuated in all the right place. It's distinguished further by 20" wheels, LED headlamps, and signature lighting.

The art show continues inside where stylists embraced minimization and rich materials, highlighted by Deep Chestnut Nappa leather, Santos Rosewood trim, and controls kept low in the console. Rear passengers get twin captain's chairs with a large console. Heated/ventilated front seats, heated second row chairs, and a heated steering wheel sooth chilly souls. A power moonroof, crisp 12-apeaker Bose audio, and tri-zone automatic climate control add comfort.

Infotainment is handled via a console joywheel and new 10.25" display, employing Apple Car-Play, Android Auto, and Bluetooth to connect devices while rain sensing wipers and a head up dis-

play make driving easier. Charge phones wirelessly on a console pad. Safety is enhanced with radar adaptive cruise control, forward collision warning with auto brake, lane keep assist, blind spot warning, and rear cross-traffic alert.

There's not an over-abundance of power, but the CX-9 has enough. The 2.5-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine generates 227 horsepower and 310 lb.ft. of torque, all routed to the all-wheel-drive system through a six-speed automatic transmission. With a couple of people aboard, acceleration is fine. Load up with six and their luggage and it will be strained. Upgrading to an eightspeed transmission would improve fuel economy ratings beyond 20/26-

MPG city/highway.
Put it into the twisties, or attack a downtown onramp with vigor, and the CX-9 betrays its Miata DNA. The firm yet compliant suspension encourages you to travel far and wide, but you can also enjoy a weekend backroad hustle. I could do

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2023 Mazda CX-9 Signature

7 passengers, AWD Crossover
Powertrain: 2.5L T4, 6-spd trans
Output: 227 hp/310 lb.-ft.
Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind
Wheels f/r: 20"/20" alloy
Brakes f/r: disc/disc
Must-have features: Style, Drive
Fuel economy: 20/26-MPG city/hwy

Fuel economy: 20/26-MPG city/hwy Assembly: Hiroshima, Japan Base price/As-tested: \$38,750/50,130

without the cumbersome joywheel control, and the drive mode selector doesn't really do much, but the CX-9 is a beautiful place to spend time, is super comfortable for four passenger, and looks good in the driveway.

Prices start at very reasonable \$38,750, but came to \$50,130 as-test-ed. That's not cheap, but a fair price for all you'll enjoy. Competitors include the Acura MDX, Volvo XC90, Ford Explorer ST-Line, Toyota Highlander XSE and

Chevy Traverse RS.
Preview – 2024 Mazda
CX-90

As much as families will enjoy the CX-9, they should get one fast as

soon it will be completely replaced by the just introduced 2024 CX-90. A larger more sculpted body encompasses a roomier third-row seat and two hybridized powertrains for improved fuel economy and an alternative for those not quite ready to go fully

electric.

Beyond its voluptuous sheetmetal and lush interior, the CX-90 will be available with two powertrains: The base 3.3-liter V6 delivering 340 horsepower with a mild hybrid system to enhance fuel economy or an optional plug-in hybrid with a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine helping create a system



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

combined 323 horsepower. All-electric range was given as "competitive", which should mean something around 30

miles after a full charge.

Back inside, the comfy interior features Japanese aesthetics with wood and tone-on leathers plus a third row-seat with USB-C charging ports and cooling vents. Drivers will appreciate a large 12.3-inch infotainment screen. Sales begin in the spring with prices slightly higher than the current CX-9 – think \$40,000ish as a base.

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Are You Questioning Is it Alzheimer's?



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D. Montgomery Medicine

It's very common for people who are middle age or older person who have some lapses in memory to wonder if they might be developing Alzheimer's. Encountering someone with Alzheimer's dementia is becoming more common as the proportion of elderly individuals in our society increases. Forgetfulness is a normal part of aging and usually does not indicate impending dementia.

The word dementia stems from the Latin root de- "apart or away" and mentis "mind." It is characterized by a progressive decline in cognitive and behavioral function due to damage or disease in the brain beyond what is expected in normal aging. Alzheimer's dementia or AD is the most common

form of dementia.

Approximately 5.5
million people in the
U.S. suffer from clinically significant AD. There
are many more who have
mild disease (mild cognitive impairment) and
remain functional in their

day-to-day affairs. Most cases of AD are sporadic while about seven percent of cases are genetic in

About 14 percent of individuals over age 65 and 40 percent of those over 80 have AD. The good news is that 86 percent over 65 and 60 percent over 80 don't have it. It is estimated that by the year 2030 there will be 7.7 million Americans over age 65 with AD. Caring for Americans with various forms of dementia cost \$321 billion in 2022. The cost of caring for a patient with AD who requires nursing home care can reach up to \$100,000 a year.

Alzheimer's is a type of dementia resulting from specific anatomic changes in the brain. The two hallmark findings in brain tissue examined under the microscope are neurofibrillary tangles (NFT) and senile plaques (SP). German psychiatrist Alois Alzheimer first described these abnormalities in 1907.

Although NFTs and SPs are found in Alzheimer's, they can also be seen in other neurodegenerative diseases such as Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE), the degenerative brain disorder caused by concussions in athletes like NFL football players. NFTs and SPs must be found in sufficient numbers and in a specific anatomic pattern in the brain to make the diagno-

sis of Alzheimer's.
Normally, nerve cells

(neurons) are very organized and follow specific pathways that allow them to communicate with other neurons. These connections allow us to think clearly. The appearance of normal nerve cells would be analogous to straight strands of hair. The nerve cells in AD look like badly tangled hair and the senile plaques that form are like mixing bubble gum in the tangles. The resulting mess of nerve cells drastically reduces their ability to communicate effectively.

The diagnosis of AD is very complex and there are numerous criteria that have to be met that are too detailed to enumerate here. Diagnosis usually requires the involvement of a team of medical experts. Physicians start by doing a history and physical exam along with some basic blood work to look for other conditions that can mimic AD. These may include (among others): infections, vitamin deficiencies, depression,

and thyroid disease.

Additional testing usually involves brain-imaging using a CT and/or MRI scanner. A brain wave test or EEG may be performed and genetic testing may also be done if there is a family history of AD. Specialized neuropsychological testing may be performed by a clinical psychologist to identify exactly which parts of the brain are

The earliest finding in AD is that of slowly

progressive memory loss. Forgetfulness is what causes most people to worry they may be developing AD. Occasionally forgetting things such as where you placed your keys or why you came into a room is usually not a cause for concern. It's more worrisome when memory problems start to consistently disrupt daily functioning. There is a list of ten warning signs found on the Alzheimer's Association website at bit.ly/3ajnKKV. This site also contains a wealth of information about the

disease.

The underlying cause(s) of AD has been very elusive. Research has focused primarily on tau protein, a normal protein found in nerve cells. However, when tau protein folds incorrectly, it can cause the formation of neurofibrillary tangles found in AD. Researchers are working on treatments that reduce the formation of neurofibrillary tangles, alter the abnormal folding of tau protein, or increase the destruction of abnormal tau protein. Results have been very mixed, bringing the hypothesis of abnormal tau protein being the only cause of AD into question. Hopefully Alzheimer's will be a treatable or preventable disease in the not-to-distant future.

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

Valentine's Day Gift

My husband, Peter, does not believe in Valentine's Day. I mean, he knows it is a thing. It's just a thing he prefers to

"Stupid!" That is Peter's verdict.

Peter takes offense whenever there is a big marketing effort aimed at getting him to buy things in order to show affection. He feels this way about Christmas, believing it has become too commercialized. He feels this way about birthdays, insisting that the day of his birth is nothing to celebrate. Buying gifts for Peter is pretty easy because he doesn't want

But Peter is one of the most generous people I have ever known. He never hesitates to pick up the bill. He is always a generous tipper. He contributes to organizations he believes in all the time. It just bothers him when he is expected to come up with a gift. He finds it stressful and annoying, and so I learned, long ago, that he would not give me gifts on so-called special occasions, and I wouldn't try to figure out what he wanted.

I am very glad I don't have to guess what Peter wants.

Peter has very particular tastes, and he enjoys further refining those tastes. If Peter buys a new shirt, he can tell me more about that shirt than I have ever known about any piece of clothing I own. It will almost certainly be sun-resistant and probably bug-resistant and possibly provide protection against a thermonuclear attack. I don't even ask. This is equally true of every gadget he uses and every pot and pan in our house. Not having to figure out what Peter wants (or do that kind of research!) is a great relief.

Instead, I try to be nice to him.

I try to remember when I am stressed or bothered that none of these feelings ever have anything to do with him. If my mind is filled with things already, I try to make room and listen closely to whatever he is telling me. I try to stay



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

out of his way when he needs his space. I try to keep him company when he needs it.

And Peter is always giving me gifts. They are just not the kind that seem like presents

I hate the light in the kitchen of the little place we rent in Mexico. It is bright blue-white.

"I feel like we could be doing elective surgery in here!" I tell Peter.

But the ceilings are high, I don't have a ladder and we really do need light in the kitchen. The light does not bother Peter. He does not seem to notice the difference in light color the way I do. This is just one of the many ways (I am sure) I seem unreasonably fussy to him.

"Turn the light off as soon as you are through!" I always tell Peter, in an unnecessarily crabby voice.

But then, one day, I walked into the kitchen, and Peter was cooking in a bright, amber-colored light.

"You changed the bulb!" I said in delight. "I did," he said. "It

wasn't as high up as I thought."

I don't know how Peter got up to the ceiling

ter got up to the ceiling to change the bulb. But everything else, I know. He changed the bulb

because he understands me. He changed it because he wanted me to be happy. He changed it because he loves me, and this was his Valentine gift to me.

"Thank you," I said.
"You're welcome!" he answered.

And both the kitchen and my heart were bathed in a warm light

Till next time, Carrie

Photos and other news can be found at CarrieClasson.com.

Lt. Gov. Crouch, OCRA Announce New Grant Opportunity For Indiana Main Street Communities

Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs today announced the Taking Care of Main Street grant program is now open for applications. This Indiana Main Street grant program will award a total of \$150,000 in grants to eligible Main Street communities.

"The Indiana Main
Street program has
such a positive impact
on communities across
our state," said Lt.
Gov. Crouch, Indiana's
Secretary of Agriculture
and Rural Development.
"These additional grants
will help maintain this
success and fuel even
greater economic de-

velopment for our Main Street communities."

Street communities." The Taking Care of Main Street program aims to support Indiana Main Street organizations as they transition to the new accreditation standards, implemented by Main Street America. By providing this onetime financial assistance, Main Street organizations will be able to provide direct assistance to the economic development growth in their community, including business retention and recruitment, organizational growth, transformation strategy implementation and more.

nd more. "Our Indiana Accredited and Nationally Accredited Main Streets have some of the strongest downtown business districts in the state," said OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner. "This program will help communities to increase capacity and ensure the continued success of their main street and downtown districts."

Through a competitive process, 37 programs will be eligible to apply for funds ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 with a 50/50 match requirement.

Indiana Main Street, administered through OCRA, works with Indiana communities to build relevant and economically thriving places where people want to live, work and grow. OCRA works with local, state and national partners, including Main Street America, to provide resources and technical assistance to aid communities in shaping and achieving their vision for community and economic development.

Eligible expenses could include salaries, administrative or consultant fees, space and equipment rental, or staff development and training. For more program information, visit in.gov/ocra/mainstreet/taking-care-of-main-street.

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the back seat, and told him I was taking him to his parents' house. However, after driving a short distance, my little buddy in the backseat spit on the back of my head. And with my driver's side window down, I also felt raindrops on my left arm. No rain on the windshield...weird. Then it dawned on me. I glanced back at my drunk happygo-lucky rider. He had unzipped his jeans...and was spraying all over. By that time, the back of my seat and my duty shirt were drenched in urine. Sorry, bud, that was just not very polite. Off to jail he went.

On another warm summer night I came across a car parked on a bridge east of Ladoga. When I exited my car to see what was going on, I noticed a man standing near the bridge railing... pants down around his ankles...looking up at the starry sky...and urinat-

ing into the creek. After finishing his bladder duty, he wobbled over, "Hello, officer...how's it going?"...he was drunk as a skunk...beer on his breath. "Great, where are you headed to?" To which he replied, "I live in Ladoga...just headed home." And then I asked the usual question, "Well, how many beers have you had?" Ninety-nine percent of the time, intoxicated drivers say, "Only a couple." This fellow looked me straight in the eyes, "Well, officer, I ain't gonna lie...I had twelve beers, and I'm drunker than hell." An honest person. I couldn't resist. I grabbed his keys and took him hme...asleep on the couch as I shut the door.

When I was Sheriff, I was sent up north near Bowers at 2 a.m. to a report of a car floating in a small creek...no one around. On that partic-

ular road, there is no bridge. Seriously. You have to drive through the creek, which is normally very shallow. However, it had rained all day and the water was about 30 inches deep. As I pulled up, I aimed my spotlight at the car. My Lord...a Mercedes bobbing in the water! And standing in the water was a woman... wearing only a bra and panties. What the...? I motioned her over to the bank, handed her a blanket to cover up, and told her to have a seat. Yes, she was drunk. "I was headed home. and I got lost." "OK, where are you going?" I inquired. "Indy...I just got off work...but officer, I did have a couple of drinks." No kidding. After further questioning, I found out that this lady was a doctor. She lived in Indianapolis and was working at the Home Hospital emergency room in Lafayette. She had a horrible night in the ER...the deaths of two children. Now what? I called for a wrecker to remove the car. I had every right to arrest her. I just didn't have the heart to possibly ruin her life and career. I transported the 30-year old lady physician back to the Sheriff's Department, gave her an orange jail jumpsuit to wear, and called her husband. who showed up about an hour later to pick her up. I have no idea where the rest of her clothes were... she could explain that to her husband.

I could give numerous other examples. Most of the time, I made an OWI arrest. But sometimes, people just needed a break.

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 32 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

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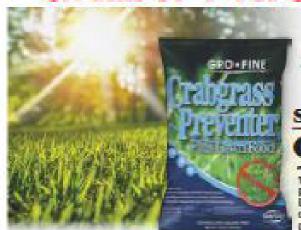


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