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▶ TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

▶ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Vernon Newman smiles brightly while returning to his spot in the flooring department. Thank you for your smile!

▶ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 It is said that the top two reasons to go whale watching are the experience and the thrill, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. But surely the passengers aboard Captain Dave's Dolphin and Whale Watching Safari off the coast of California recently got much more than an experience and a thrill of a lifetime recently. They got to watch a whale giving birth to an offspring. "For a minute, many of us thought it may be a shark or predatory event. But no, instead of the end of life, it was the beginning of a new one," according to a passenger who got it all tape.

2 Craig Lapointe, a homeowner in Saskatoon, Canada, returned home one afternoon recently to find two broken front room windows, apparently the work of a moose on the loose in his neighborhood, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Lapointe suggests the moose was foraging for food, got too close to his home causing a pet dog and a pet cat to make their presence known which, in turn, riled the moose causing it to break the windows. Ryan Brook, a wildlife researcher, says it is a likely explanation. "If there was a pet, and in this case, there sounds like there was more than one pet, the animal may have hit more than once on purpose. Moose can be very aggressive. They're big. Often the biggest animal around. They have a tendency, if they're startled by animals or people, they may go on the offensive."

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Crawfordsville Kiwanis Seeks Help For Local Child



Photo courtesy of Crawfordsville Kiwanis

The Crawfordsville Kiwanis is asking for your help in supporting a little boy in our community named Georgie. Georgie is 3 years old and has autism, which makes it difficult for him to communicate properly with his Mom or his teachers at school. However, with the help of a communication tablet, he has been able to make great strides in expressing himself and engaging with the world around him. Georgie is like most 3 yr. old boys and loves watching cartoons, bath time, riding in his wagon, and squish melloes. Most importantly though, Georgie would like to be able to communicate with his Mom and the therapist he works with. The Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club has decided to raise funds to purchase Georgie his own tablet so that he can continue to make progress in his communication skills both at home and at school. The device is quite expensive, and we need your help to make this a reality for Georgie. Please consider donating to support Georgie's communication tablet. Every little bit helps, and together we can make a big difference in his life. You can donate by sending a check to Crawfordsville Kiwanis, PO Box 611, Crawfordsville, IN, 47933 or by contacting us at CrawfordsvilleKiwanis@yahoo.com One more thing, any monies raised over the amount needed for Georgie will be used to help other children in our area who need Adaptive Equipment.

Many New Homes...But One Thing Is Missing...



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

As I drive around the county, I see many new homes that have been built in the last few years...not just near the edge of Crawfordsville, but also out in the country. Not near as many as have been built in Tippecanoe County, but when I look at

all of that county's problems... increased crime, traffic congestion, crowded stores and restaurants...I am grateful that we are not like them. There are many new subdivisions around Lafayette. The majority of the homes all look alike...same color and same design...I assume to save money on construction costs for the developer. How sad...

There is one thing that is missing from almost all new homes today...a front porch. Do you remember those? Perhaps the front porch has gone the way of the ice cream soda shop and small hometown schools. A few older homes still have front porches, but by and large they are rare. The farmhouse in which I grew up

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Crawfordsville Kiwanis Meets With Local Institutions

The Crawfordsville Kiwanians heard from a couple of local institutions recently. At their last meeting in March, Kathie Watkins and Amy King from the Linden Carnegie Library gave a presentation. And then Misha Anderson from the Montgomery County Animal Welfare League spoke at the first meeting in April.

Anderson has been with the Montgomery County Animal Welfare League for 9 years starting out as an Animal Control Officer and she currently serves as the Director of the AWL. Anderson shared her expertise and experience working in animal welfare and advocating for the protection and well-being of animals in the community.

The Montgomery County Animal Welfare League is a non-profit organization dedi-

cated to promoting the humane treatment of animals through education, advocacy, and services. Anderson has played a pivotal role in the League's success in providing animal control services, animal adoption programs, and community education on animal care and welfare.

During her presentation, Anderson discussed the mission and initiatives of the Montgomery County Indiana Animal Welfare League, as well as share information on animal welfare issues in the community and how people can get involved in supporting the organization's work.

Anderson spoke about some of the more interesting animals that they have had at the shelter

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▶ HONEST HOOSIER

We solemnly remember today as the day 58 years ago when the Palm Sunday tornado swarm ripped through Hamilton County. From touchdown in Montgomery County, through Boone and into Sheridan and Hamilton County, the storm left 28 dead. Altogether, 271 lost their lives through 47 tornadoes.



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▶ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Keep your fingers away from your eyes if you want to minimize your chances of getting "pink eye." 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

Patricia "Pati" Sue Temple

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



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▶ TODAY'S QUOTE

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves."

-Abraham Lincoln

▶ TODAY'S JOKE

What do you call a painting by your pet?
A paw-trait!

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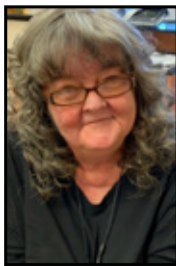
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OBITUARIES

Patricia "Pati" Sue Temple

October 10, 1957, Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Patricia "Pati" Sue Temple passed away at home on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. She was born on October 10, 1957 in Crawfordsville to Gene Leath and Sue (Sering) Watson.



Pati graduated from Crawfordsville High School, Lafayette Beauty Academy and Ivy Tech with an Associates degree in Business. She worked for Fiesta Hair Salon in Lafayette for over 10 years. She was a former member of the First Baptist Church in Crawfordsville. Pati loved doing crafts and cooking, especially crocheting and coloring. She enjoyed decorating her tree for every holiday, year round.

Patty is survived by her sons, Lucas Temple of Lafayette and Cory Temple (Eve) of Darlington; siblings, Larry Cummings (Karri) of Crawfordsville, Danny Cummings (Dawn) Kingman, David Cummings (Rita) of Waynetown, Jeffrey Leath of Crawfordsville, Brian Leath of Virginia, and Marcia Cummings-England (Troy) of New Ross.

She was predeceased by her parents, her dad, Lee Cummings and sisters, Julie Leath and Kathy Leath.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 from 2-4 pm at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington Street in Crawfordsville. Cremation will follow with Sanders Priebe Funeral Care entrusted with care. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the funeral home to help cover funeral expenses. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home or you may donate online by clicking on the Donate Tab on her obituary page. Share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

Ivy Tech Community College Provides Free Summer Courses To High School Students

Indiana high school students, ranging from grades nine through twelve, can enroll in courses for free this summer at Ivy Tech Community College.

Free summer courses provide an opportunity for students to explore possible career options while earning college credits. Students who qualify for free summer courses will receive free tuition and textbooks, with no limit on the number of courses students can take.

To qualify for enrollment for free summer classes at Ivy Tech, students must be Indiana residents at any high

school, including eighth graders entering ninth grade, graduating seniors, homeschool students, and students at adult high schools.

With over 70 degree programs aligned with the needs of the state's workforce, Ivy Tech provides career pathways and credentials that are made to prepare students for high-wage, high demand jobs. Ivy Tech also offers flexible and affordable course options to meet the needs of all students, with credit transfer options to more than 100 colleges and universities in Indiana and outside of the state.

Bill That Limits Local Governments Can Partner With Contractors On The Verge Of Passing

House Bill 1024 (Public works projects) is garnering mixed reactions in the Indiana Senate as its proponents attempt to move through the Senate Pensions and Labor Committee. If passed, the bill would prohibit local units of government from utilizing project labor agreement (PLA) on taxpayer funded projects. Units of government, as well as private companies, utilize PLAs to establish labor rules for construction projects. These agreements typically set pay rates for employees on the site and determine other labor aspects of the construction project. These labor agreements are established to ensure that local labor is being considered and utilized, ultimately reverting taxpayer dollars back into local economies and communities as a result.

La Porte Mayor Tom

Dermody, a former Republican state lawmaker, testified in opposition to the bill, highlighting the benefits PLAs can bring to local governments.

"Project labor agreements are one of the many creative tools that local governments can use to effectively build important capital projects," said Mayor Dermody. "As the entity entrusted to responsibly use taxpayer dollars, we must use every tool at our disposal to ensure these expensive projects are completed on-time and by the most responsible contractor. Project labor agreements help to ensure we are spending these public funds in the most responsible manner possible."

Under current law, local governments have the option to utilize PLAs for public works projects; however, they are not

required to do so. Often times, they are used only in highly specific instances where the agreement would benefit the community by helping to ensure uniquely critical jobs, which if completed wrong could have significant public safety impacts, are completed by the highest-skilled laborers. This, according to local governments who utilize PLAs, promotes the efficient use of taxpayer dollars and ensures public works projects are structurally sound and safe.

Jacob German, an attorney from Barnes & Thornburg who represents the City of Evansville, also testified in opposition of the bill. "PLAs have been a great tool for projects in Evansville," said German. "Should HB 1024 pass, it would remove a vital part of the city's economic development plan."

HB 1024 would eliminate local units' ability to use project labor agreements, ultimately removing a tool that many local executives consider vital in their public works efforts. Several mayors questioned why state legislators feel it necessary to eliminate something that is only an option, not a requirement.

"We, as a local government, do not need your help to solve a situation that does not need solving," said Mayor Dermody during his testimony.

Last week, HB 1024 was stymied in a 5-5 vote in the Senate Pensions and Labor Committee. It is scheduled for another vote this Wednesday, April 12th. If passed, it will move on to the Senate Floor for further consideration. Several local governments across the state continue to advocate against the bill.

It's Time To Watch For And Report Findings Of Spotted Lanternfly Eggs

An attractive but highly destructive invasive insect is making headway in Indiana, and the Department of Natural Resources seeks help in identifying the insect so that it can work to stop its spread.

Called spotted lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*), the pest is a major concern across most of the United States because of its adverse effect on fruit orchards, nurseries, and the logging and wine industries.

Adults and nymphs of spotted lanternfly (SLF) have piercing-sucking mouthparts and feed on the vascular tissue of leaves, young shoots, branches, and trunks of its hosts. Adults and older nymphs may feed in large populations. This extensive feeding results in oozing wounds on woody tissue and wilting and death of branches.

The lantern part of SLF's name comes from the inflated portion of its head, which was once thought to be luminous. Its wings are grayish with black spots. Flying displays its hind wings, which are black, white, and red

with black spots.

In July 2021, a population of the insect was identified in Switzerland County, near the Ohio River. A second population was found in Huntington last July. The DNR Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology (DEPP) and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) have been monitoring both sites.

With the insect's eggs typically hatching in late April, DEPP started scraping egg masses at the infested sites in early February and has destroyed more than 540,000 eggs.

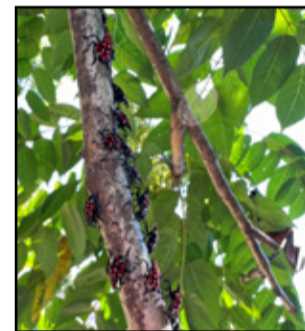
As DEPP and USDA continue to conduct surveys to find the insect's presence elsewhere in the state, ascertain the extent of current infestations, and determine what other management strategies to implement, Hoosiers are asked to watch for and report sightings of egg masses of SLF in the coming weeks, and for nymphs and adults after that.

Inspection of areas and objects near tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), an invasive plant that is common in the Hoosier

state, should be a priority because it is the insect's preferred host tree. SLF typically lays its eggs on smooth surfaces, and eggs may be in sheltered locations or in crevices on trees, rocks, fences, or other outdoor objects, which is part of the challenge of detecting them.

Egg masses are irregularly shaped and about 1 to 1 1/2 inches long. The individual eggs resemble wheat kernels strung together in several rows. After laying eggs, the female deposits a protective coating over them that resembles silly putty. As this coating dries and is exposed to the elements it begins to crack and takes on the appearance of dried mud. There can be 30 to 50 eggs in each egg mass.

Nymphs and adults tend to cluster at the base of trees or lower trunk during the day and are more active at dusk or early evening. Infested trees can show significant deposits of honeydew and sooty mold around the base of the tree to the point where the base and surrounding ground may appear black. Tree sap oozing from



SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

wounds on trees and the honeydew may attract ants, bees, and wasps.

Hoosiers are also asked to inspect any articles such as logs, firewood, other tree parts, decorative grapevines, any other outdoor household articles, and vehicles coming from Switzerland County, Huntington, or any other area identified as having an infestation.

Immediately report all suspected findings to 866-NO EXOTIC ((866) 663-9684) or DEPP@dnr.IN.gov, providing, at a minimum, the county of the find and contact information so DEPP staff can follow up.

More information is at on.IN.gov/spotted-lanternfly



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Motorists Should Remain Cautious On Rural Roads This Spring; Share The Road With Farm Equipment

Planting season is quickly approaching for Indiana's 94,000 farmers. With the warm weather and sunshine, Hoosier motorists will also see more large slow-moving farm equipment traveling Indiana's rural roads and highways.

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Department of Transportation, Indiana State Police and Hoosier Ag Today want to encourage motorists to slow down, be alert and be patient on roadways this spring.

"Indiana is the eighth largest farming state in the country and a national leader in the production of traditional row crops like corn and soybeans," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "Whether you live in rural, urban or suburban Indiana, remain alert on the road this spring as you may encounter large farm equipment moving between fields."

In 2020 three vehicles were involved in crashes with farm equipment in

Indiana which resulted in two deaths, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"During the spring, Indiana sees a drastic increase of large farm equipment on our rural roads and highways, and it is important for Hoosiers to know how to safely navigate around them," said Doug Carter, Indiana State Police Superintendent. "Patience, courtesy and understanding, along with the undivided attention of motorists and farmers will help ensure a safe 2023 planting season."

While the term "farm equipment" encompasses a wide range of vehicles, the most common types motorists will encounter during planting season include sprayers, tractors pulling planters or tillage equipment, and large trucks hauling agricultural products. These vehicles are wide, sometimes taking up most of the road, and often travel at speeds no greater than 25 mph.

The following list includes several safety tips for motorists approaching large farm equipment:

- Farmers will pull over when they are able to let motorists pass, but it may take time for them to get to a safe place to do so.

- Be patient. Farm equipment is wide, sometimes taking up most of the road.

- Be careful when passing. Do not pass in a designated "No Passing Zone" or within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, bridge, elevation structure or tunnel.

- Do not try to pass slow-moving farm equipment on the left without ensuring that the farmer driving is not planning a left turn. It may appear that the driver is pulling over to allow a pass when the farmer is actually preparing to turn. You will drive right into its path, endangering yourself and the farmer.

- Avoid tailgating, as some farm equipment might have to make sudden stops along the road.

- Allow plenty of time to get to a destination, be aware of alternate routes and avoid distractions.

Indiana State Department of Agriculture

Director Don Lamb wants to remind motorists that farmers work hard to ensure they are being as safe as possible.

"Indiana's corn and soybeans are utilized for a magnitude of products we depend on every day, such as food products like corn chips and sweeteners, livestock feeds so we can enjoy our favorite meats, fuel for our cars and more," said Don Lamb, director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. "It is critical that farmers get their crops planted in a timely manner to ensure a successful crop. If you encounter farm equipment on the roads, be patient and courteous so everyone can make it home safely to their families."

For a list of safety tips, click here or visit isd.a.in.gov. The following organizations will be working together to share this important safety message during planting season: Hoosier Ag Today, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Department of Transportation and Indiana State Police.



Photo courtesy of IMCU

IMCU presented the check to Sue Wynne, Operations Director, IWIN Foundation, and Debbie Laswell, Development/Program Director, IWIN Foundation, on Friday, February 24, 2023.

Indiana Members Credit Union Contributes \$10,000 To Iwin Foundation For Cancer Awareness Card

On behalf of Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU) members, IMCU recently presented a check for \$10,000 to IWIN (Indiana Women In Need) Foundation as part of its exclusive Cancer Awareness Debit Card Program. IMCU members nominate a different local cancer related organization to be the beneficiary each year. IWIN Foundation was the selected beneficiary for the past year, receiving a contribution for each signature based transaction made with

this card from March 2022-February 2023. "The IWIN Foundation is deeply grateful for the generous support of Indiana Members Credit Union," said Debbie Laswell, Development/Program Director, IWIN Foundation. "This donation will have lasting reverberations for dozens of Hoosiers and their loved ones struggling to afford basic needs, like transportation, meals and childcare, during breast cancer treatment. By engaging its members in initiatives like the Cancer

Awareness Debit Card Program, IMCU has found a way to make a measurable impact on an issue that affects virtually every member of our community." John Newett, President and CEO of IMCU stated, "IMCU is honored to present IWIN Foundation with this donation to support Hoosiers courageously battling breast cancer. Their programs provide the resources necessary to help relieve the financial, physical and emotional burdens faced when battling

cancer. We are delighted to connect our members to causes they are passionate about supporting through our Cancer Awareness give-back debit card." The card is available for issue to members at IMCU's 32 Indiana locations. The IMCU Cancer Awareness Debit Card is an option to members with a free checking account and can be issued immediately via IMCU's instant issue program, which allows members to receive their debit card on the spot.

Red Cross and PEANUTS®: Be Kind, Give Blood in April

Exclusive Snoopy T-shirt for coming to donate April 1-23. April is National Volunteer Month, and the American Red Cross is celebrating the millions of people who volunteer to give blood, platelets and plasma throughout the year. This month, the Red Cross and PEANUTS® are joining forces as a reminder that it's cool to be kind and help save lives. Don't wait until there's a crisis to give – donors of all blood types, especially type O blood donors and those giving platelets – are needed now to keep the blood supply strong enough to support critical patient care all season long.

American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

People coming together to care for one another is the humanitarian spirit shared by the Red Cross community and PEANUTS. Donors are encouraged to take a page from the comic strips that have charmed generations and take care of one another by making a blood donation. Book a time to give by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

As a thank-you, all who come to give April 1-23 will receive an exclusive Red Cross and PEANUTS T-shirt featuring Snoopy as the coolest beagle in town, Joe Cool, while supplies last.* Those who come to give April 1-30 will be automatically entered for a chance to win a three-night trip for two to Sonoma County, California. This getaway includes flights, hotel, a \$1,000 gift card and special tours of the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Snoopy's Home Ice, courtesy of Peanuts Worldwide. How to donate blood Simply download the

Amplify your impact ☐ volunteer! Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check-in and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive donation experience. Volunteers can also serve as transportation specialists, playing a vital role in ensuring lifesaving blood products are delivered to nearby hospitals. For more information and to apply for either position, visit redcross.org/volunteertoday.

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BRIAN HOWEY
Howey Political Report

For the first time in American history, a former president has been indicted, this time by a grand jury and District Attorney in Manhattan for allegedly making pre-election hush money payoffs to a pornographic actress and a Playboy bunny.

In the coming weeks, Donald J. Trump could be facing a cascading number of additional criminal in Georgia and by the Department of Justice for his scheme to overturn the 2020 election, his hoarding of top secret documents at Mar-a-Lago, and the Jan. 6 insurrection.

Trump is the current frontrunner for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination, even though he has called for the "termination" of the U.S. Constitution, while dining with neo-Nazis and white supremacists. He threatened "death and destruction" if he is indicted.

The most prominent Trump supporter in Indiana to this day in the 2024 cycle is U.S. Rep. Jim Banks, the probable U.S. Senate nominee, who was endorsed by Trump earlier this year. Banks told the Washington Examiner, "Donald Trump remains a very popular figure in the Republican Party in each corner of the country."

After Trump chose Indiana Gov. Mike Pence to be his running mate and won a freak upset victory in 2016, there were 25 or so Hoosiers who joined the administration.

How did that work out for them? Let's call the roll:

Vice President Pence: Once Trump's loyal vice president, Pence found himself under pressure to use his ceremonial U.S. Senate role affirming the Electoral College count on Jan. 6, 2021, to foil an attempted coup d'etat Trump was seeking. That resulted in the U.S. Capitol insurrection with seven

deaths and 140 injured cops. The mob chanted, "Hang Mike Pence" as he, his wife, one of his daughters and congressman brother fled for their safety just seconds ahead of the mob. "President Trump was wrong," Pence said in March. "I had no right to overturn the election. And his reckless words endangered my family and everyone at the Capitol that day, and I know history will hold Donald Trump accountable. Make no mistake about it, what happened that day was a disgrace."

Director of Intelligence Dan Coats: The out-going Indiana U.S. senator joined the Trump administration in the top intelligence post. It wasn't long before Coats began to think that Trump was impervious to facts. "To him, a lie is not a lie," Coats is quoted as saying to Defense Secretary Jim Mattis in Bob Woodward's book "Rage." Coats added, "It's just what he thinks. He doesn't know the difference between the truth and a lie." Coats was fired by a Trump tweet in 2019. Woodward writes that Coats believed Trump has "no moral compass" and couldn't shake the suspicion that Trump must be beholden to Russian President Vladimir Putin. Coats ended up thinking Trump was an "unstable threat to their country."

Former RNC Committeewoman Marsha Coats: She was a clinical psychologist who was initially skeptical of Trump, but helped Pence convince her husband to join the administration. Marsha Coats penned a letter to Trump after he had secured the nomination, raising her concerns. "I gave that letter to Donald Trump," Sen. Coats said of a meeting the nominee had with Republican senators. When Trump appeared in Fort Wayne, "He sought her out," the senator said. "He said, 'Marsha, I will not let you down.' Marsha Coats would say, 'God is so big he can even humble Donald Trump.'" In Woodward's book "Rage," Marsha Coats confronted Pence at a White House dinner after something outrageous had happened. "And I just looked at him, like, 'How are you

stomaching this?'" Marsha Coats is quoted as saying. "And he just whispered in my ear, 'Stay the course.'"

Surgeon General Jerome Adams: The former Indiana health commissioner was recruited by Pence to become Trump's surgeon general. After leaving office, he struggled to find a job before then-Purdue President Mitch Daniels hired him. "People still are afraid to touch anything that is associated with Trump," Adams told the Washington Post. "The Trump hangover is still impacting me in significant ways."

HHS Secretary Alex Azar: The former Eli Lilly executive became the second Hoosier to take the helm of the Health & Human Services post. When he resigned following the Jan. 6 insurrection, Azar said that Trump's "actions and rhetoric" had tarnished the administration's legacy. "The attacks on the Capitol were an assault on our democracy and on the tradition of peaceful transitions of power that the United States of America first brought to the world," Azar wrote in his resignation letter to then-President Trump. "I implore you to continue to condemn unequivocally any form of violence."

Medicaid/Medicare Commissioner Seema Verma: According to NBC News, she told staffers that she was "repulsed" by the way the vice president was treated outside and inside the administration. "It was very disturbing. And it was, it was very, very hard to watch," Verma said of the attack on the Capitol, having witnessed events unfold from her office window.

RNC Committeeman John Hammond III: Asked by the New York Times earlier this year if renominating Trump would be a mistake, Hammond said, "To win 50% plus one in the Electoral College requires us to find an alternative and I think we've got plenty of good choices. We can't be a cult of personality any longer."

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Spring mornings are a lot like Christmas. Each day we get up and go out into the yard, or walk along the creek or visit the horses in the pasture. And each day, each morning, we find something new the sun has brought us.

Pinfeather leaves of an unbelievable green now start showing on cottonwoods that have stood like stark ghostly frames all through the cold winter. Hopeful blades of grass peek through clumps of brown left over from last summer's verdant pasture. Everywhere we look there is something new and different.

A lot of this Christmas-in-spring is kept just among us, because we might be accused of being ... well ... poetic if we told people why we were really carrying that coffee cup out into the yard. So we say lame things like "I think I'll get some of that fresh air this morning."

What we really mean, of course, is "I want to see if Richardson's bay mare has had that foal yet."

Some of us have worked very hard last fall and winter to prepare for this spring. By grafting. OK, we have a Granny Smith apple tree. Let's see if we can't get a branch of Rome Beauties or Jonagolds to grow on it, too. And we understand completely that where we live no olive tree can survive the winter. That isn't supposed to stop us from trying, is it?

Nature pitches us a boatload of challenges each day that we're alive. This plant needs more water than falls naturally here. That tree can't take the temperatures we get. This little tree needs soil with more organic matter in it.

And those challenges are the stuff winter dreams are made of. We do the best we can to cure the lack, the freeze, the drought, and then we wait for April. We



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wait impatiently until we can come out of the house some morning and check the grafts on the apple tree and see tiny green leaves coming on the grafted branch. We search the bare ground where we planted that new kind of seed that won't grow here - to see if it'll grow here.

It is a continuing feast of green, a triumph of anticipation. An April morning can make us want to sing.

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Speaker Coordinator Gary Behling, Library Director Kathie Watkins and Children's Director Amy King.



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Speaker Coordinator John Trotter, Kiwanis President Jacob Moore, and MOCO AWL Director Misha Anderson.

that they have had at the shelter including, over the last 12 months, four alligators! The shelter is a no-kill shelter and has as many as 200 cats and 60 dogs at any one time. Although their goal is to lower the length of stay for the animals through adoption or other placement the current length of stay is about one and one-half years for the average animal.

For more information about the Montgomery County Animal Welfare League please visit their website at <https://mcawl.com/>

Kiwanians hear about the Linden Carnegie Library

The Linden Carnegie Library Director, Kathie Watkins and Children's Director, Amy King spoke to the Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club on Thursday March 30th, 2023.

The Linden Carnegie Library was a small, unassuming building on the corner of Main and Elm Streets in Linden, Indiana when it opened in 1922, funded by a \$7,995.00 grant from Andrew Carnegie, and it has been a fixture in the town ever since. When the library opened it had a total of 197 books and library articles on the shelves.

Today the library holds over 29,600 books with the ability, through its Evergreen Library partnership, to connect with over 120 other libraries throughout Indiana to get specific books or information that a reader may want.

The library became a popular spot for children and adults alike. Today the library offers arts & crafts days for children with special pumpkin

painting in the fall and this past year held a "Stuffed Animal Sleepover" where children could leave their stuffed animals at the library overnight and when they came back the next day the children could see pictures of all of the things the stuffed animals did during the night. What a story they told.

The library also offers a summer reading program which, last year, brought in over 100 kiddos to the library to participate in crafts and reading. The Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club has become a sponsor for this program over the last few years.

It has a wide variety of books, magazines, and newspapers, as well as a small collection of computers and internet access. The library also offers a variety of programs and events, including story time for children, book clubs for adults, and computer classes for seniors.

The Linden Carnegie Library is a place where people could come to learn, to grow, and to connect with others. It is a place where people can find a sense of belonging. It is a place where people can make memories that will last a lifetime. If you would like to see more about the Linden Carnegie Library you can check them out on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LindenCarnegiePublicLibrary> or you can visit them at 102 S Main St, Linden, IN.

To find out more about the Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club visit <https://k00404.site.kiwanis.org/> or come on out and visit us any Thursday at 11:30 am at the Crawfordsville District Public Library in the Donnelly room on the lower level.

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had one, as did a majority of the houses in Darlington. We had a couple of "tulip" metal chairs on our porch, along with a swing that Dad built and hung from the porch ceiling. At the end of a summer day, we could sit and watch the cars go by on County Road 400 North, read the paper, smell the new mown hay, view the sunset, listen to the crickets, and look up at the stars. During many afternoons, my folks could watch my brother and me, and neighbor kids, play baseball and golf...or my sister practice her cheerleading cartwheels in the front pasture, as they drank lemonade and cranked the handle of the homemade ice cream maker.

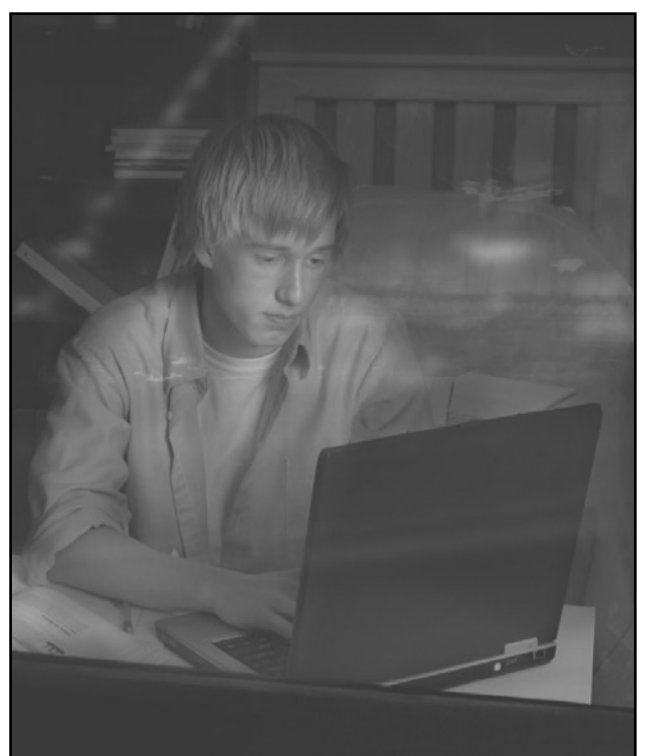
On the porches in town, people visited each other and caught up on the latest news and yes... the latest gossip. They sipped iced tea, discussed politics and local sports, listened to dogs barking in the distance, and watched kids ride by on their bikes. When Mom and Dad moved to town and purchased their first house in the mid-1960s, they made sure it had a front porch. And Dad brought his homemade swing and metal garden chairs from the farm.

So what happened? Our society today has become more private...mainly due to technology... television, computers, and video games. People communicate through Facebook, E-mail, and texts much more so than person-to-person. Several new homes have fences to

separate each from their neighbors. Some neighbors never even meet each other, let alone stop and chat. And in many backyards, homeowners have erected decks and patios and swimming pools and hot tubs... their own private little kingdom. And let's not forget the ultimate private "convenience," gated communities with private security. People leave their residence in the morning, work all day, and return through their automatic garage door or locked gates...never seeing their neighbors. In the evening, people are sitting in front of the TV or computer...or staring at their phone, not sitting on their front porch. For those people who live in a crowded city and have a front porch, they can't stand the noise from the constant traffic.

We live in a fast paced world in high tech times. Family members and neighbors used to congregate on the front porch. Couples held hands and kissed. Kids would stop and say "Hi." The neighbor's dog would saunter up and beg for a treat or a pat on the head. People could read, or just sit and enjoy the quietness and solitude at the end of the day. Porches were everything that today isn't. I miss them, don't you?

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



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