

➤ TODAY'S VERSE

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➤ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

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Kerry Koehler 51 is gathering supplies to paint her bathroom when she smiled for The Paper. Thank you for your smile!

➤ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 To mark Public Service Recognition Week, the U.S. Department of Education announced it has approved nearly 616,000 borrowers nationwide for approximately \$42 billion in Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) since October 2021.

2 Funding will support workforce development and educational programs statewide, including in Bartholomew, Dearborn, Floyd, Hamilton, Howard, Huntington, Johnson, Knox, Lawrence, Morgan, Montgomery and Owen counties The Duke Energy Foundation is awarding more than \$300,000 in shareholder-funded grants to 16 organizations providing job search, education and specialized training opportunities for Hoosiers. Wabash College (Montgomery County) was awarded \$15,000. Funds will support professional development opportunities for students to pursue career paths in engineering, energy and the environment.

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A Visit Back In Time To The Cox Cafe....



BUTCH DALE
COLUMNIST

It seems that in today's world the vast majority of dining establishments are large corporate franchises, none of which are located in small towns. But in the good old days, just about every little town had at least one family owned restaurant. My hometown of Darlington had a restaurant on Main street from the 1920s up until the early 1990s, and the most popular one was the Cox Cafe, which was started up by Cecil "Singer" Cox and his brother Kenneth Cox in 1930. It was certainly one of the busiest and most interesting business establishments in town. Four people who kept this cafe even more exciting were the four daughters of Cecil and Mabel Cox...Marta Cox Jeffries, Judy Cox Marquez, Jane Cox Stewart, and Margaret Cox Wray.

As teenagers these girls could always find a way to liven things up!

The Cox Cafe was located in the Chambers Hotel building in the center of town. To attract visitors during the Great Depression years, prices were kept low. Hot dog and hamburgers sandwiches were 5 cents, while ham, pork, and tenderloin sandwiches were 10 cents, as were french fries. A dinner meal, with meat, potatoes, a vegetable, side dish, and drink was 35 cents...or you could order a T-bone steak with french fries, salad, and a drink for the same price. A piece of homemade pie and fountain drinks were also 5 cents each.

The largest crowds were usually on Saturday nights when there were band concerts on Main street and the Sunshine theater had a feature movie playing. The downtown was packed with townspeople and country folks. The Cox Cafe was so busy serving their regular Saturday night customers that they had a hard time

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Campbell Promoted To Communications Director For The City Of Crawfordsville

Mayor Todd Barton announced the recent promotion of Sarah Campbell from director of the city's collaborative co-working studio, Fusion 54 to the city's communications director position. Campbell comes with a passion for promoting Crawfordsville and experience in storytelling to diverse stakeholders.

Campbell, received her bachelor's degree in business administration from Ferris State University and her master's degree in student affairs and higher education from Indiana State University. Prior to her role at Fusion 54, she was the assistant director of Front Desk Operations at Indiana State University.

"This is a key position dedicated to furthering the City of Crawfordsville's story and milestones," said Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton. "Sarah has demonstrated her ability to capture the essence of who we



SARAH CAMPBELL

are as a community and capitalize on opportunities to showcase our innovation and brand." "Joining the City of Crawfordsville's team last July was the perfect way for me to get more involved and connected with the community that I live in," said Campbell. "Moving into this new role as Director of Communications is something I am really looking forward to - Crawfordsville has a story and I am excited to have the opportunity to tell it!"

As communications director, Campbell will provide outreach and timely information to the community and the news media concerning city services, policies, major projects, and community events.

Campbell and her fiancé Nick Sommer live in Crawfordsville.

That's A Wrap For Readers' Choice 2023!

Readers' Choice is wrapped up for another year, and once again, The Paper's annual promotion to recognize your favorites in a multitude of categories was a huge success.

Back when our company was founded, we created this fun and good-natured promotion that features local businesses, people, products and more and gives you, our readers, the opportunity to vote for your favorites. We often joke that this is like Chicago politics and encourage you to vote early and vote often.

You see, this has never been about the rigidity of the process. Instead, it is designed to be an absolutely fun and very positive way for our readers to cast a good light on their favorites. And oh, how you have responded! We annually see ballots that number in the hundreds of thousands.

As we have done in the past, rather than unveil all the winners at one time, we are revealing several categories a day. Today's categories can be found inside. When all categories have been revealed, we will compile everything into one keepsake edition that will stay posted on our website for the entire year. We hope that you find it handy when you are looking for goods and services.

Lastly, we encourage you to pay attention to the many businesses who are saying thank you with their ads. Without those supporters, local news and specifically your daily edition, wouldn't be here.

Want MORE?

The results for winners, runner ups and honorable mentions of the following categories;

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 - **INTERIOR DESIGN**
 - **ISP**
 - **INVESTMENT BROKER**
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 - **KARATE STUDIO**
 - **LANDSCAPE**
 - **LAUNDROMAT**
 - **LIQUOR STORE** and
- MANY MORE** will be inside on A5!

The Daily Almanac

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High/Low Temperatures
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Today is...

- Lag B'omer
- National Teacher Day
- National Moscato Day

What Happened On This Day

- **1997** Pete Peterson becomes the first U.S. ambassador to visit Vietnam after the end of the war.
- **1969** Carlos Lamarca begins his fight against Brazil's military dictatorship.
- **1960** The first birth control pill is approved.

Births On This Day

- **1949** Billy Joel American singer-songwriter, pianist
- **1800** John Brown American activist

Deaths On This Day

- **2012** Vidal Sassoon English/American hairdresser
- **1805** Friedrich Schiller German poet, playwright, historian

Dancing With The Montgomery County Stars Sold Out

Tickets are officially sold out for "Dancing with the Montgomery County Stars," but that doesn't mean you won't get to enjoy the show and support your favorite dancers. The dress rehearsal on Friday, May 19th, will be open to the public for the admission price of \$10. Children aged twelve and under can attend for free when they come with an adult. The doors will open at 6:30 and the show will start at 7 p.m. at Wabash College Knowing Fieldhouse.

The dancers are Cameron Cole and Kashawndra Cooper, Brad Monts and Katie Wallace, Hannah Thompson and Preston

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➤ HONEST HOOSIER

Just for the record, I don't need politicians, athletes or famous people teaching me about morals, thank you very much. I turn to my clergy and Bible for that.



➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Exercise is one of the best ways to treat stress. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



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➤ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

City to Host County-Wide Job Fair

The city of Crawfordsville will host a county-wide job fair on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from 9 am - 6 pm at the 4-H Fair Grounds. Nearly 40 employers have already registered for the event with more continuing to be accepted. This job fair is available for all individuals looking for a job or a career change.

➤ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Be like a duck. Calm on the surface but always paddling like the dickens underneath."
-Michael Caine

➤ TODAY'S JOKE

What May flower grows on faces? Tulips . . . two-lips . . . (Sorry, we had to explain so the boss would understand.)

➤ OBITUARIES

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The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **Diane Thompson** for subscribing!



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U.S. Army Reserve photo by Spc. Jason Goselin

U.S. Army Forces Command Commanding General, Gen. Andrew P. Poppas poses with Soldiers at the training site Nighthawk on Camp Atterbury after recognizing Soldiers' contributions to the training mission on May 4, 2023. Poppas visited multiple training sites as part of his operations oversight in support of Guardian Response 23, a training exercise designed to simulate homeland emergency response to man-made and natural disasters.



U.S. Army Reserve photo by Spc. Jason Goselin

U.S. Army Forces Command Commanding General, Gen. Andrew P. Poppas interacts with United States Air Force medical personnel in the emergency medicine tent at training site Nighthawk on Camp Atterbury on May 4, 2023. Poppas visited multiple training sites affiliated with Guardian Response 23, a training exercise designed to simulate homeland emergency response to man-made and natural disasters.



U.S. Army Reserve photo by Spc. Jason Goselin

U.S. Army Forces Command Commanding General, Gen. Andrew P. Poppas is briefed on training operations by medical personnel leadership from the U.S. Army and Air Force at training site Nighthawk on Camp Atterbury on May 4, 2023. Poppas visited multiple training sites as part of his operations oversight in support of Guardian Response 23. The training exercise is designed to simulate homeland emergency response to man-made and natural disasters.



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U.S. Army Forces Command Commanding General, Gen. Andrew P. Poppas and Brig. Gen. Christopher Cook, commander of the 78th Training Division received a briefing from medical leaders at training site Nighthawk on Camp Atterbury on May 4, 2023. Poppas visited multiple training sites as part of his operations oversight in support of Guardian Response 23. The training exercise is designed to simulate homeland emergency response to man-made and natural disasters.

Commanding General Of The U.S. Army Forces Command, Gen. Andrew P. Poppas, Observes Training At The Muscatatuck Urban Training Center

The Commanding General of the U.S. Army Forces Command, Gen. Andrew P. Poppas, conducted a visit to the Muscatatuck Training Center and Camp Atterbury on May 4, 2023 to observe the final day of training for Guardian Response 23. During the visit, Poppas also met with Brig. Gen. Chris Cook, Commander of the 78th Training Division. FORSCOM is the largest

U.S. Army command, consisting of up to 75 percent of the Army's expeditionary, regionally engaged combat power. As such, Poppas leads approximately 225,000 Active Duty Soldiers, and an additional 175,000 Reserve Soldiers. Poppas assumed the role in 2022 after being confirmed by the U.S. Senate. The visit from Poppas highlights the importance of the GR23 exercise.

"It's very unique for any of our Soldiers to interact with a four-star general," said Cook. "As a reservist, I didn't interact with a four-star general until I became a general. As a leader, you have to go out and evaluate the training. And from the Soldier's perspective, seeing their leaders out there on the ground is immeasurable." During the visit, Poppas observed hazardous materials decontamination,

search and rescue, casualty evacuation, and aviation training throughout Muscatatuck Training Center, as well as offsite locations at the North Vernon Municipal Airport and Camp Atterbury. During training observation, Poppas also recognized Soldiers who made notable contributions and held key meetings with senior leadership. "Gen. Poppas is amazing with Soldiers. He enjoys talking with

Soldiers and they get a lot out of talking with him," said Col. Joe Benz, deputy exercise director. At Guardian Response 23, the U.S. Army, consisting of reserve and Active Duty Soldiers, as well as members of the U.S. Marines, U.S. Air Force, contract personnel, and other federal agencies, worked jointly to train for Defense Support of Civilian Authorities operations. Hosted annually at Camp

Atterbury and Muscatatuck Training Center, Guardian Response 23 is taking place from April 13 to May 11, 2023 and focuses on homeland emergency response to man-made or natural disasters. The Army's capabilities include aviation lift, search and rescue, logistics, medical, communications, transportation, civil affairs, and public information as well as full-spectrum engineering capabilities.

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Duke Energy Foundation Invests More Than \$300,000 In Workforce Development Initiatives To Strengthen Indiana's Talent Pipeline

Funding will support workforce development and educational programs statewide, including in Bartholomew, Dearborn, Floyd, Hamilton, Howard, Huntington, Johnson, Knox, Lawrence, Morgan, Montgomery and Owen counties.

The Duke Energy Foundation is awarding more than \$300,000 in shareholder-funded grants to 16 organizations providing job search, education and specialized training opportunities for Hoosiers.

"The most important investment we can make is in the people and communities we serve," said Stan Pinegar, president of Duke Energy Indiana. "Our Workforce Development Program grants aim to meet the needs of local employers while also providing resources and education to individuals to set them up for success in the workforce of the future."

The Vincennes Uni-

versity Foundation is the recipient of a \$50,000 grant that will provide scholarships for students enrolled in the university's newly launched Electric Battery Technician Training Program. To support the growth of electric battery manufacturers in the region, Vincennes University has partnered with the Battery Innovation Center and Radius Indiana to launch a 20-credit-hour program in which students can earn a certificate of completion in electronics technology with an electric battery certification. The first-of-its-kind pilot program will be conducted at WestGate@Crane Technology Park in Martin County.

"As technology has advanced, the professional skills required for success and career advancement in our region have evolved," said Kristi Deetz, executive director of the Vincennes University Foundation and senior director of

institutional advancement. "Through the generosity of partners like the Duke Energy Foundation, we're offering individuals the opportunity to master skills in the electric battery industry, opening the door to new career opportunities and meeting the workforce needs of local employers."

The grants are funded through the Duke Energy Foundation's Workforce Development Grant Program. For the past five years, the company has contributed more than \$1.2 million in grant funding to organizations that are helping to strengthen Indiana's talent pipeline.

This year, grants were awarded to several organizations including one in Montgomery County.

Wabash College (Montgomery County) - \$15,000. Funds will support professional development opportunities for students to pursue career paths in engineering, energy and the environment.

Auditor Klutz To Become Comptroller Klutz

Changing the name from State Auditor to State Comptroller became a soon-to-be reality for Auditor Tera Klutz, CPA, this week as Governor Eric J. Holcomb signed House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1001, the state budget legislation. Language within the budget allows the name change to take effect July 1, 2023, with the understanding all previous documents with "Auditor" remain valid.

"I want to thank the members of the General Assembly in helping to clear up common and frequent confusion as to what the office does," said Auditor Klutz. "When our forefathers created the official position of Auditor of State within the Indiana Constitution, they understood the importance of a balanced government.

"They created the Treasurer of State to manage the cash and the Auditor to issue warrants (checks) and report on state financial operations. However, the term 'auditor' means something entirely different to people two hundred years later."

A frequent and logical misconception of the State Auditor is that it audits the State, local units of governments or individuals - this is not the case. The Indiana State Board of Accounts audits the State and local units of governments, and the Indiana Department of Revenue audits individual taxpayers.

"Comptroller provides a more appropriate title that aligns with the services we provide," said Auditor Klutz. "We balance the state's checkbook, pay

state employees, distribute tax dollars and provide year-end financial reporting, among other responsibilities - and this won't change."

Indiana will join 19 other states who refer to their state's chief financial officer as the State Comptroller or Controller.

HEA 1001, authored by State Representative Jeff Thompson (R-Lizton) and sponsored by Senator Ryan Mishler (R-Mishawaka) passed out of conference committee in the House by a vote of 70-27, and out of the Senate 39-10.

"The name change does not change the functionality of the office," said Auditor Klutz. "The State Comptroller will continue with the same duties the office has had for more than two hundred years."

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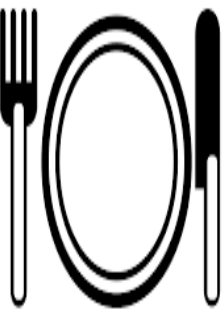
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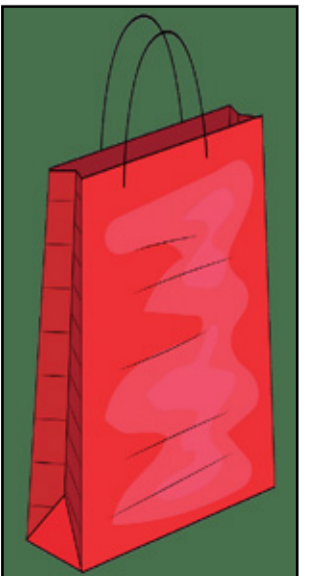
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Dominant Indiana GOP Taking Aim At Big Cities



BRIAN HOWEY
Howey Political Report

Indiana Democrats will be facing an existential election this November. Already purged from rural areas and many small to medium-sized cities, holding no Statehouse constitutional offices, only two of 11 federal offices, and with superminority status in the General Assembly, the party has been relegated to the state's big cities and college towns.

Now, Republicans will be taking aim at Indiana's biggest two cities, Indianapolis and Fort Wayne, where incumbent Democrats fit the description of "embattled."

In Indianapolis, self-funding Republican mayoral nominee Jefferson Shreve will take on two-term Democrat Mayor Joe Hogsett, who dispatched state Rep. Robin Shackelford, 58%-38% on Tuesday. The fact that 42% of Democrats didn't vote for the mayor has Hoosier Republicans licking their chops. They point to Republican Greg Ballard's 2007 upset for Mayor Bart Peterson as a historic parallel as well as Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot's primary loss in February, largely based on the crime issue.

Shreve spent more than \$2 million after filing his candidacy right at the filing deadline last February. He described Indianapolis as a "jewel" of a city that has been damaged by a rampant murder rate, high crime and a lack of cops. Shreve said his candidacy was "not a business decision; this is a decision from the heart. I'm running for mayor as a

Republican and it's gonna be tough. We live in a Democratic city. I'm not fooling myself, I understand the challenge. In my heart, I am convinced I can bring something better and bolder than what we have today."

Indiana Republican Chairman Kyle Hupfer said, "We're looking forward to partnering with Jefferson and his team over the next few months and helping to deliver much-needed change in Indianapolis."

Democratic Party Vice Chair and Marion County Democratic Chairwoman Myla Eldridge said, "Jefferson Shreve's message is already falling short. After spending more than \$2 million on Trump-style ads promoting his right-wing agenda, less than 30,000 Republican ballots were cast on Election Day compared to a historic 45,000 Democratic ballots. Jefferson's platform may resonate with hardcore conservatives, but it's clear Indianapolis voters aren't interested."

In Fort Wayne, four-term Democrat Mayor Tom Henry will face the only Republican ever to beat him. That occurred in 2003 when Republican Tom Didier upset him by 172 votes to win the city council seat Henry had held for 20 years. Henry recovered, winning the mayor's office in 2007.

On Tuesday, Henry easily dispatched a little-known Democrat challenger, Jorge Fernandez, with 78% of the vote. It's his first public test since being arrested on a DUI last October. He pleaded guilty in November.

Councilman Didier, who defeated Councilman Jason Arp 64-33% on Tuesday in the GOP primary, smells blood in the water. "Now I've got to

get checkmate, I feel very confident," Didier told the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette. "I really believe the voters are ready for a change."

Henry said his family and the Didiers have known each other for a long time and expects a donnybrook. "I think it'll be a very lively campaign," he said. "Aggressive, but in a positive way."

Indiana Democrats have other potential challenges. They have seen the GOP encroach in areas where it once dominated, including southern Lake County and St. Joseph County, where all three county commissioners are Republican.

South Bend Mayor James Mueller defeated Councilman Henry Davis Jr. with 68%. South Bend Tribune columnist Jack Colwell explained, "Davis had to top 30% to show he had any significant impact. He just reached that. But he fell short of the 40% that would have signaled Mueller was vulnerable for a possible fall upset by Republican challenger Desmond Upchurch."

In Anderson, Democrat Mayor Thomas Broderick defeated Councilman Rodney Chamberlain by a mere 32 votes and faces Republican Jon Bell, who won his primary by just four votes. Republican Kevin Smith won the Anderson mayor's office twice, in 2003 and 2011, before Broderick defeated him in 2015.

Indiana Democrat Chairman Mike Schmuhl said after the November 2022 elections, "Indiana Democrats laid the groundwork in 2021 and 2022, and now it's time to crisscross our state even more, build up our party from the grassroots, elect city leaders in 2023."

There may be some op-

portunities for Democrats as well.

There will be an open seat in Evansville, where Republican Mayor Lloyd Winnecke is retiring. He and his wife, Carol McClintock, recruited and helped newcomer Natalie Rascher win a decisive primary against Vanderburgh County Commissioner Cheryl Musgrave by 1,500 votes. Rascher will face Democrat Stephanie Terry in November. Democrats control seven of nine Evansville Council seats.

Another open seat comes in Carmel. Republican Mayor Jim Brainard did not seek another term. Councilwoman Sue Finkam won the three-way race with 36% of the vote and will face Democrat Miles Nelson in November. "We knew we had to be scrappy and tough and resilient and not back down from a fight," Finkam said. "They underestimated us at every turn."

Nelson told a gathering of 150 Democrats, "As we move toward the November election, I'm ready to continue engaging voters in our city on how we build an administration that's responsive to their needs, transparent about our spending and priorities."

In Terre Haute, Republican Mayor Duke Bennett is seeking a record-tying fifth term and will face Democrat Brandon Sakbun, who upset Tom Goodwin on Tuesday with 54%. Goodwin, running as an independent in 2019, came within 213 votes of upsetting Bennett.

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

"Ol' Max Evans, The First Thousands Years"



Slim Randles
Home Country

When Harley Jacobsen came into Doc's office the other day for his physical it was a treat for Doc. Harley is one of Doc's favorite

people. Harley is a farmer. A 24/7 farmer. Ol' Harley can make hair grow on a bald head and wheat grow on rocks.

When he'd been thumped and bumped and listened to and pumped up and partially drained, Harley asked Doc for the verdict.

"Not bad at all for someone your age, Harley," Doc said, grinning. "But you look tired. Take some time off and go fish-

ing or take Gladys to the beach."

"Can't right now, Doc," Harley said. "Plowing summer fallow."

"Well, how about later on?"

"There's harvest you know, and the trees will have to be pruned before winter, and then the winter wheat will go in. Have to overhaul the wheel tractor this winter and by then it'll be time to plant."

"Harley, you need two weeks with nothing to do. Get someone to help with the farm and go do something fun."

"I just can't do it in two weeks, Doc," Harley said. "Took 60 years of farming to get this tired."

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BUTCH

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moved away came back to visit with their friends and pay respect to those who had passed. Another busy time was during the summer when a carnival set up on Main street for three days of entertainment. During mornings and afternoons, many people would also stop in for a fountain drink or cup of coffee...or purchase candy or tobacco products...and catch up on the latest happenings, and yes...gossip, around town. And the Cox girls just might play a trick or some shenanigan on an unsuspecting customer!

When Kenneth took the job of postmaster, Keith "Skeeter" Cox became a partner and helped out until WWII started. Another brother, Alex Cox, who was a teacher and coach, also helped out. According to Marta, after basketball games, the Darlington coach brought his team to the cafe, and the ball players were allotted a certain amount of money to spend. It seemed they all wanted a milkshake with their sandwich...and that ONE milkshake machine was going nonstop! When Alex coached at Linden, he would also bring his team in for an aftergame treat. It was so crowded that you could barely walk through the cafe...hectic...but fun! Marta also mentioned that there was a jukebox playing, and a large table in the rear was often converted to a ping pong table!

Well, the Cox family finally gave up the business in 1951, and Clarence and Bertha Greatbach bought the cafe. Their daughter Josephine also ran it for a few years, until it was purchased by Raymon Brown, the Darlington

6th grade teacher, and his wife Grace. There were others who owned the restaurant through the years, such as Kate Newby, Billie Hall, and even two of my aunts, Dora Cohee and Ruth Wells. The work hours were long, and the profits were few, especially as fast food restaurants like McDonalds, Burger Chef, Satellite, and Just-Rite appeared on the scene. When Darlington High School closed in 1971, no more ball teams showed up after the games. And when Darlington grade and middle School closed for good in 1988, that not only doomed the restaurant business, it also doomed almost every other business in town. The cafe, the drug store, the barber shop, the furniture store, the dry goods store, the pool room, the beauty shop, the grocery, and many others...all gone now.

My wife and I eat out just about every weekend in Crawfordsville or Lafayette. The food is always good, and the waitresses are friendly, but I always think about those days when I was a youngster...the people, the camaraderie, the fun times...I had when I visited the restaurant in Darlington. The Cox Cafe and those who came after them...will always be a special memory for me and other Darlington folks. I'll bet many of you also miss your hometown cafe!

- 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.



STARS

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Dildine, Nick Sommer and Ashley Kight, Jacob Moore and Kaylynn Keedy Ranspach, Austin Earl and Stefanie Deaton, Dan Rogers and Anna Templeton, Jason Anderson and Ashley Clute, and Mikinna King and Georgia Taylor.

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