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➔ **TODAY'S VERSE**

Philippians 3:10 *That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.*

➔ **FACES OF MONTGOMERY**

People who call our community their own.



Jodi Myers of Nogginz gave one of our roving photographers a great smile inside of her place of work in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville.

➔ **THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** On Saturday, the singing of "On the Banks of the Wabash" and firing of the cannon will mark the beginning of the annual Flowering of Fairbanks competition at 9 am. Four local organizations are participating in this year's contest to design and execute the best flower plot underneath the arches of Fairbanks Park. The four community organizations competing in 2023 are the Honey Creek Garden Club, The Herb Society, Towne & Countrie Garden Club, and Master Gardeners and friends.

**2** The Honorable Tanya Walton Pratt, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, is pleased to announce the selection of Crystal S. Wildeman for the position of United States Magistrate Judge in the Evansville Division. Ms. Wildeman will fill the vacancy created by the recent elevation of the Honorable Matthew P. Brookman from Magistrate Judge to District Judge of the Southern District of Indiana.

**3** During National Police Week, Congresswoman Erin Houchin (R-Ind.-09) spoke on the House floor in support of police officers. During the speech, Congresswoman Houchin expressed her support for the package of bills supporting law enforcement up for a vote this week. The remarks follow her visit to the National Law Enforcement Memorial to pay her respects last week. "It's important that the American people see us supporting law enforcement as we debate and vote on this week's police bills, and throughout the 118th Congress. "I'm in awe of the incredible work they do to keep us safe, as they agree to take the oath to 'Protect and Serve' knowing that does not guarantee them a safe return to their families at the end of the day.

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Last year's Summer Slip n' Slide Event.

## 2023 Summer Kidstop Program

"Summertime is always the best of what might be."

- Charles Bowden

Summer at the club provides members with a great balance between a wide variety of activities and down time to just hang out with friends. Similar to our After-School program, each grade has their own classroom with activities tailored to them. Each day we provide a breakfast, lunch and snack. Weather permitting, we go outside and play on our playground, play a game of 4 square or we take a small walk to a nearby field which is full of many fossils and crinoids. (This is a club kid favorite activity).

We have a new pavilion so we can enjoy our lunches and snacks outdoors as well! Thursdays we take kids aged 7 and older to our community pool after lunch for a nice swim. Our younger members get to enjoy our pop-up water park. If circumstances permit it, we also take many varied field trips with our kids.

Our afternoon programming

is more structured involving things like cooking/baking lessons, a variety of crafts and many different mediums of art. S.T.E.M activities are also included. We do offer time for members to be on their devices but that time is limited and at the discretion of each classroom teacher(s) Each member's day is filled with well-rounded activities for their bodies, minds and spirits!

The summer membership fee is \$30/per child and weekly fee is \$80 per/child. We currently do not offer part-time options. Families will be required to pay for each of the 9 weeks of the program regardless of attendance. We accept credit/debit cards or checks/money orders. As of June 2023, we will no longer accept cash payments.

The summer program is set to begin on Monday June 5th, 2023 and will run until Friday August 4th 2023. Our program hours are 6:30 am to 5:30 pm- Monday through Friday with our only closure being for Independence Day (Tuesday this year).

**Want MORE?**

**Registration Fees**

Summer Membership Registration Fee: \$30 per child + 80 weekly fee for each child.

**Club Hours and Dates:**

Program starts Monday June 5th, 2023 and ends on Friday August 4th, 2023  
Monday - Friday: 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM

To register please email completed forms to wboyer@bgmoco.org. Once we receive your registration papers we will contact you for payment. To reserve your spot(s) the membership fee must be paid in full. We will charge the weekly payments on Fridays for the following week. You may pay your first weekly fee upon registration or by the deadline (Friday May 26th, 2023). Failure to pay for the 1st week by the deadline will result in your child/children not being able to attend.

### The Daily Almanac

**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 6:22 a.m.  
SET: 9:07 p.m.

**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 76 °F  
Low: 46 °F

**Today is...**  
• Don't Fry Day  
• Shavuot  
• World Dracula Day

**What Happened On This Day**

- 1972 The Soviet Union and the United States sign the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.
- 1908 Engineers make the first major oil find in the Middle East.
- 1896 The Dow Jones Industrial Average is first published.

**Births On This Day**

- 1926 Miles Davis American trumpet player, composer, bandleader
- 1907 John Wayne American actor, director, producer

**Deaths On This Day**

- 1994 Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis 37th First Lady of the United States
- 2008 Sydney Pollack American director
- 735 Bede English monk, historian, theologian

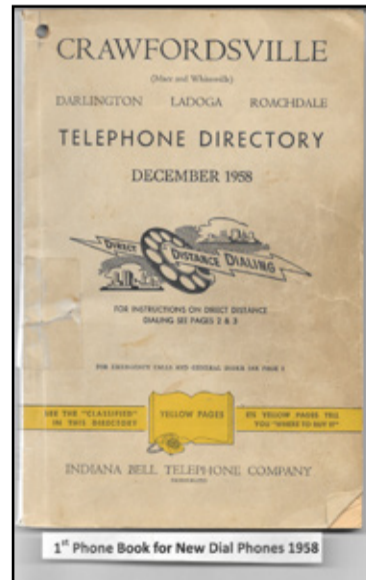
## Butch Gets A New Phone In 1958 !!!!



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

Except for a few diehard holdouts, just about everyone has a cell phone today. Teenagers consider their cell phones absolute necessities.

Many parents even purchase phones for their elementary school age kids. I resisted as long as I could, but when my wife decided to buy her first iPhone a few years ago, she gave me her old flip phone. The flip phone is much smaller and fits easily in my front pocket. I don't use it for anything other than calling...no financial transactions, ordering, etc., so when



unidentified cyber criminals

➔ See BUTCH Page A4



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Summer Reading Program begins next week!

## Summer Reading For Everyone!

Our 2023 Summer Reading program will be May 30 through July 11 for all ages. Log your reading time to win prizes. Plus, we have fun programs, contests, and crafts happening all summer long!

All Together Now Adult Summer Reading  
Come together now and log

your reading with CDPL this summer! From May 30-July 11, challenge yourself to read an hour every week. When you log your hour of reading, you will be entered into our weekly prize raffle for a chance to win 4-packs of Indiana State Fair

➔ See CDPL Page A4

➔ **HONEST HOOSIER**

For us Hoosiers, there's just something special about Indycar racing!



➔ **TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Men who swim for exercise have lower mortality rates than walkers and runners. 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.



➔ **INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION**

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➔ **THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE**

**Crawfordsville District Public Library:**

Crawfordsville Public Library is hosting a class in Meeting Room B to learn how to create your very own shabby chic bird nest. The materials will be provided and include; natural grasses, ribbons and lace. This a great chance to learn how to make a cute display piece for your home or even your garden. The class takes place this Saturday at 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. pre-register for the class on the cdpl.lib.in.us website!

➔ **TODAY'S QUOTE**

"Auto racing, bull fighting, and mountain climbing are the only real sports... all the others are games."  
-Ernest Hemingway

➔ **TODAY'S JOKE**

The boss tried to catch fog. He mist.

➔ **OBITUARIES**

Joanne Lynn Levato  
Margaret Ann (Crowder) Martz



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## OBITUARIES

### Joanne Lynn Levato

December 9, 1958, Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Joanne Lynn Levato, 64, entered into her rest on May 23, 2023 at Franciscan Health in Crawfordsville. She was born on December 9, 1958 in Chicago, IL to Carmen Levato and Rosemary DiNatale. Joanne attended St. Mary of Perpetual Help and graduated from Richards Vocational High School. Joanne was creatively talented, especially with painting and poetry.



Joanne is survived by her 4 children, Jennifer McKinsey (Zachary), Natalie Schrode, Joanna Levato (Sean Harrison), Brian Kolep (Samantha Melvin); grandchildren, Nathan Schrode, Kylee Harrison, Liam Harrison, Karolyne Kolep; and brother, Ralph Levato. She is predeceased by her parents, and sister, Edie Levato.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 30th from 1-2 pm with a service at 2:00 pm at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington Street in Crawfordsville. The service will be live streamed and available to view on her obituary page.

Cremation will follow with Sanders Funeral Care entrusted to care. Share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

### Margaret Ann (Crowder) Martz

March 13, 1939, Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Margaret Ann (Crowder) Martz, age 84, of Crawfordsville passed away on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at home surrounded by her sons. She was born in Rockville to the late Eston Ray and Velma "Dorine" (Newnum) Crowder on March 13, 1939.



Margaret graduated from Marshall High School in 1957. She married the love of her life, John Phillip Martz, on April 4, 1958. He preceded her in death on March 27, 2020. She worked at RR Donnelley in her early years and spent 14 years at Coast to Coast. Her favorite job of all was being a homemaker and raising her children. Margaret enjoyed going to church, reading the bible, canning, freezing, and gardening. She was member of Youngs Chapel Christian Church. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and her dog, Emma. Margaret enjoyed spending time with her husband doing DIY projects.

Margaret is survived by her sons, Jeffrey (Lori Rooze) Martz and Phillip Martz; three grandchildren, Shaun Martz, Chelsea (James) Logan, and Halley Martz; four great-grandchildren, Presley, Liam, James, Cassidy; four sisters; and a special cousin, Glenda Walther.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband John; three brothers; and one sister.

Cremation was chosen with a private family burial at Roachdale Cemetery. Sanders Priebe Funeral care is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com

## Young, Colleagues Reintroduce Bipartisan Bill To Help Communities Recover From Disasters

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) and a bipartisan group of senators reintroduced legislation to help communities recover from major disasters. The Reforming Disaster Recovery Act would strengthen the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) disaster recovery program for states, local governments, and tribes.

"Our legislation would streamline, reform, and inject greater fiscal responsibility into the broken CDBG Disaster Recovery Program," said Senator Young. "It is past time that we permanently codify the program to avoid funding lags and rid duplicative requirements in the wake of a disaster."

The bill addresses long-standing recommendations from the HUD Office of the Inspector General and Government Accountability Office to establish a permanent and predictable funding process.

More specifically, the Reforming Disaster Recovery Act would accelerate assistance to disaster-impacted communities by:

- Creating a disaster recovery fund to allow HUD to predictably assist communities;

- Authorizing HUD to issue regulations to codify program requirements and

reduce unnecessary red tape, delays, and unpredictability that stems from the current process;

- Supporting resilience as a part of - rather than separate from - disaster recovery;

- Authorizing "quick release" funds to support grantee capacity right after an event;

- Improving federal coordination by establishing an office at HUD devoted to disaster recovery and resilience; and

- Reducing unnecessary administrative burdens and interagency requirement conflicts.

In addition to Senator Young, Senators Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), Susan Collins (R-Maine), Patty Murray (D-Wash.), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), Bill Cassidy (R-La.), Jon Tester (D-Mont.), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.), Cory Booker (D-N.J.), and Alex Padilla (D-Calif.) also cosponsored this legislation.

This bill is also supported by more than 40 organizations including BPC Action, Council of State Community Development Agencies, Enterprise Community Partners,

Local Initiatives Support Corporation, National Community Development

Association, and National Low Income Housing Coalition.

"BPC Action commends Sens. Brian Schatz (D-HI), Susan Collins (R-ME), Patty Murray (D-WA), Roger Wicker (D-OR), Ron Wyden (D-OR), Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Thom Tillis (R-NC), Jon Tester (D-MT), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS), Todd Young (R-IN), Cory Booker (D-NJ), and Alex Padilla (D-CA) for their leadership in reintroducing the bipartisan Reforming Disaster Recovery Act. This much-needed legislation would permanently authorize HUD's CDBG-DR program, helping HUD and disaster-impacted communities address unmet recovery needs more quickly and impactfully. This bill aligns with the goals of BPC's task force on disaster response reform, formed in 2020, and advances a key priority of our Adaptation Working Group. With seven catastrophic disasters expected to cost over \$1 billion and 30 FEMA major disaster declarations issued in just the first five months of 2023, Congress should not miss the opportunity to put such a critical source of disaster assistance on more permanent footing. BPC Action looks forward to working with the 118th

Congress to enact this bill," said Michele Stockwell, Executive Director of BPC Action.

"The Council of State Community Development Agencies (COSDA) applauds reintroduction of the Reforming Disaster Recovery Act. As communities continue to experience major natural disasters, federal help is essential for rebuilding efforts and to mitigate against future events. The Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery program (CDBG-DR) facilitates this critical assistance for long-term recovery," said Dianne Taylor, Executive Director of COSDA.

"While CDBG-DR provides meaningful investments towards housing, infrastructure and related needs, the program experiences significant challenges including timeliness in assisting disaster victims. Program codification and related reforms are essential for improved performance and outcomes. The Reforming Disaster Recovery Act would streamline regulations, strengthen capacity and technical assistance, and enhance data availability among other key priorities. COSDA supports these updates to accommodate more expeditious and effective resources to populations in need."

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# Will Walters Be The Next Great Hope For Purdue Football?



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

At least one high school head coach has major expectations for Ryan Walters and the new Purdue football coaching staff.

As part of The Athletic's "recruiting confidential" series, high school coaches have been asked about their impressions of staffs from each of the major football conferences. The Big Ten's number came up earlier this week. In exchange for candid comments, the high school coaches were granted anonymity.

Not surprisingly, the usual suspects - Michigan, Ohio State, Penn State - popped up most frequently on questions ranging from what schools work your area the hardest to Name Image Likeness (NIL) offers.

Under "Which coach do you hear from the most?" a head coach in Detroit whose school regularly sends players to Big Ten and other Power 5 schools provided this surprising assessment of Walters. "The one that jumps out at me was Purdue's new coach, Ryan Walters. I really think they're about to revolutionize the Big Ten in terms of their approach and what they're looking to do offensively and defensively. You saw a part of that the last couple years at Illinois, running that defense. Just the energy and the way they've started to recruit, I think Purdue is about to make some people turn their heads."

As for the players Wal-

ters inherited, a handful were mentioned by Athlon Sports. In comparison, Michigan and Ohio State combined for 37 selections on Athlon's four preseason All-Big Ten teams.

Running back Devin Mockobee and center Gus Hartwig are second-team selections. Offensive lineman Marcus Mbow and safety Cam Allen were placed on the third team. Sophomore outside linebacker Nic Caraway is on the fourth team.

Mockobee rushed for 968 yards and nine touchdowns as a redshirt freshman behind Hartwig and Mbow. Allen ranked third on the team with 49 tackles and shared the team lead with three interceptions. Caraway had two sacks among his 22 tackles in a reserve role.

Indiana had a first-team selection in kick returner Jaylin Lucas. Linebacker Aaron Casey earned a second-team nod, and wide receiver Cam Camper is on the third team along with defensive lineman Andre Carter and punter James Evans. Offensive lineman Matthew Bedford made the fourth team.

Lucas returned 21 kicks for an average of 28 yards and scored two touchdowns. Casey paced the Hoosiers with 86 tackles a year ago. Camper caught 46 passes for 569 yards and two touchdowns.

Carter is a transfer from Western Michigan, where he earned second-team All-Mid-American Conference honors with 13.5 tackles for loss and seven sacks. Evans averaged 44.3 yards per punt.

On the other hand ESPN writer Tom VanHaaren is not as optimistic about Walters' transition to



Photo courtesy of Purde Athletics

## New Coach Ryan Walters

a first-time head coach.

In a story examining first-year coaches recruiting, VanHaaren notes that Walters' late hire (Dec. 13) led to a 14-person high school class that ranked 63rd overall.

"That said, the coaches currently have eight commitments in the 202 class and have been able to start building with more time," VanHaaren writes.

I'm skeptical, though, about VanHaaren's claim that Walters has been unable to capitalize on the transfer portal to its fullest because of his late hire. Getting one of the top quarterbacks in the portal, Texas' Hudson Card, may end up being the difference between a rebuilding season and a winning one.

Card wasn't even mentioned by VanHaaren, who singled out former Penn State cornerback Marquis Wilson, Auburn defensive lineman Jeffrey M'ba, Florida Atlantic wide receiver Jahmal Edrine and Arkansas safety Anthony Brown.

"Given the timing of the hiring, Walters is going to have to be given some patience to try to build a foundation and mold the roster into what he wants,"

VanHaaren writes. "With more time, he'll be able to add to the 2024 class and potentially add some impact transfers in the winter window come December."

Long odds Don't bet on a winning season for Purdue or Indiana. That's according to DraftKings Sportsbook and On3.com writer Jesse Simonton, who analyzed whether the win projections were too high, too low or just right.

At 5.5 (that half point has won Las Vegas oddsmakers a lot of money over the years), Purdue's projected win total was deemed too high.

"Hudson Card replaces Aidan O'Connell at quarterback, which was a good portal addition but is still a downgrade. Purdue also added a bunch of other pieces from the portal (lots of OL, DL and CBs), but lost its best receiver Charlie Jones and several notable defensive starters.

"The Boilermakers have a first-year coach who must navigate a schedule that includes non-conference games against Fresno State, Virginia Tech and Syracuse - all winnable but none that are gimmies - plus showdowns with

Michigan and Ohio State." It's no compliment to the Hoosiers that their 3.5 win total figures to be "just right."

"Tom Allen's team plays a Top 10 schedule, per ESPN, with road games at Michigan, Penn State and Maryland. Indiana opens with Ohio State and also plays a non-conference neutral site game against Louisville in Indianapolis.

"While Akron and Indiana State are auto-wins, outside of a home date with Rutgers, Indiana will be underdogs in every other game in 2023."

Purdue to honor Keady A week before Gene Keady is inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, the former Purdue basketball coach will be saluted in Mackey Arena.

The ceremony will take place Aug. 5 when the Purdue men's basketball team will host an alumni game at 11 a.m., followed by an intrasquad scrimmage in Mackey Arena. Tickets go on sale June 20 and will range from \$5 to \$15.

The scrimmage will be a tuneup for a European trip that launches Aug. 7. Purdue will play four games over 11 days while visiting Germany, Italy, Austria and Slovakia.

Purdue trifecta This news came as a surprise: For the first time in 40 years, the Purdue men's basketball program ranked in the top 10 for average attendance according to the NCAA.

Mackey Arena's listed capacity is 14,222 but the Boilermakers averaged 14,876 fans while selling out all 16 of their home games in 2022-23. The average is a school record

and ranks 10th nationally. During the 1982-83 season, Purdue was 10th in average attendance with 13,472 fans per game.

According to Purdue officials, the Boilermakers posted 100 percent capacities in men's basketball, football and volleyball this past school year. Purdue is the only school in the United States to accomplish that feat in 2022-23.

Purdue was the only Big Ten school to sell out every game, joining Gonzaga, Houston, Xavier, Kansas, Dayton, Duke and Auburn.

The Boilermakers will carry a 57-game sellout streak into the 2023-24 season, selling out every game since Jan. 15, 2019.

Adding to that streak will be a Gavitt Games contest against Xavier on Nov. 13 on FS1. The Musketeers break a streak of three consecutive Gavitt matchups with Marquette.

Purdue and Xavier meet for the first time since Dec. 1, 2012, a 63-57 victory by Xavier in Mackey Arena.

Indiana was not selected to participate in the annual series between the Big Ten and the Big East conferences. The other matchups are Michigan vs. St. John's at Madison Square Garden (Nov. 13), Wisconsin at Providence (Nov. 14), Marquette at Illinois (Nov. 14), Iowa at Creighton (Nov. 14), Georgetown at Rutgers (Nov. 15), Maryland at Villanova (Nov. 17) and Butler at Michigan State (Nov. 17).

- Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.

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# That's The Ticket!!!



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Funny Bone

I just got a call from my wife who is vacationing with my sister in North Carolina. This trip worries me. If my name

comes up, no one in that car will take my side.

Mary Ellen was just pulled over by the local police for a minor infraction. Mary Ellen never breaks the rules. She believes rules were made to be followed. This kind of harebrained notion caused a rift in the way we raised our son. To Mary Ellen's credit, in over 35 years Brett has not spent a single night in jail.

Getting pulled over has crushed her, ruined her clean record and put a damper on her vacation. My wife's life has been exemplary. She never had detention, never cheated on a test, never told a lie, never even hot-wired a car. The woman was a saint. Until today.

When you have a perfect record—not just in driving, but in your entire life—being followed by a police officer is a perplexing and nerve-racking experience. I have studied the best way to deal with cops when getting pulled over for speeding. For example, I know that saying, "Officer, I was running out of gas, so I had to get home quicker," just doesn't work.

Mary Ellen, on the other hand, has no experience in this area. When she noticed the lights flashing behind her, she waved the policeman around her. In fact, she waved him around her for about 23 blocks. Then it dawned on her that he was after her.

"When you stop crying, Ma'am, may I see your license and registration?"

"Oh, there must be some mistake, officer. I've never done anything wrong in my entire saintly life. You must have me confused

with my husband."

"Look, lady, I'm going back to the patrol car to check your record."

"While you're checking, you might take notice of the fact that I have never cheated on a test, from kindergarten through my MBA. And this is especially noteworthy: I never let anyone look at my paper, either."

"Ma'am, your license plates are expired."

"How could you possibly know that?"

"There's a little sticker on the plate. It says 2022."

"Well, how can you expect me to see that from the driver's seat?"

I actually tried that line myself once, hoping to get a laugh from a cop. I got a sobriety test instead.

Now back to the phone call from Mary Ellen right after she was stopped...

"Dick, I was just pulled over by the police."

"Why didn't you let my sister drive the get-away car?"

"Look, this is not a joke. Up until 20 minutes ago, I had a perfect record. I had never done anything wrong in my life. Do you know what this stain on my reputation means?"

"A big celebration at the convent! You've moved a lot of the sisters into first place."

This event apparently created some soul searching on Mary Ellen's part. "You know, Dick, this brush with the law has given me a new perspective. I've led too sheltered an existence. In fact, marrying you is really the only questionable thing I've done in my life until today."

"Mary Ellen, marrying me was not exactly committing a crime."

"No, but it's probably the closest I'll ever come."

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## BUTCH

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don't use it for anything other than calling... no financial transactions, ordering, etc., so when unidentified cyber criminals call, I can answer, wait a few seconds, and cancel the call. They can't obtain any information from my phone...because there is NO information to be had. Most of the time, if I don't recognize the number, I just don't answer.

When I was a youngster, our family had an oak crank-type phone, which hung on the wall in the living room. Sounds ancient, doesn't it? We were on an 8-party line, so seven of our neighbors shared access. We counted the number of rings before we answered to make sure the call was intended for us. The Dale family was 2-1/2 rings, so occasionally we mistakenly answered calls. To call someone, we cranked the handle to connect to the Darlington Phone Company, which was located in the upstairs room of a house on Main street. Operators manned the switchboard 24 hours a day, and they plugged in your line to the recipient's line. The telephone operators knew everything that was going on in the Darlington area, as they could listen in to all conversations if they so desired! Of course, we could also listen in on our neighbors' conversations...by gentling lifting the receiver and being very quiet. We knew darn well they listened to us, too! I remember one occasion when my little brother wanted to call his best friend, and a neighbor lady was gabbing on the line on and on and on...so he lifted up the receiver, and yelled, "Get off the phone, you old \*\*\*\*\*," and hung up!

When I was in the 4th grade in 1958, everyone in the community received brand spanking new rotary dial phones, and the old oak wall phones became

a thing of the past. The next morning at school, my classmates asked each other for their new phone numbers. I couldn't remember our number, so I just told them, "It starts with SWIFT and has a lot of 4's in it." (S=7, W=9) 4-854..."WOW, that's neat!" they exclaimed. The good part is that our neighbors could no longer listen to our conversations. The bad part is that we could not listen in on their conversations either!

My brothers and sisters and I were constantly on the phone talking to our friends. We also learned how to prank people..."Hello, could you tell me if your refrigerator is running?"..."Yes..."Well, you'd better try to catch it!" "Do you have Prince Albert in a can?"..."Yes..."Well, you'd better let him out, he might suffocate!"..."Hello, is John there?"..."No..."Well, where do you go...in the sink?".... and many other stupid calls.

From rotary phones we proceeded to touch phones...and now cell phones. Like it or not, today we are 100% connected 24 hours a day...by calls and texts. My wife receives at least 50-60 calls or texts every day. I receive only three or four legitimate texts and calls...and nine or ten "fraud" calls on average. We inherited my wife's grandmother's oak wall phone several years ago, and it hangs on the wall in our living room. Just a reminder of times past. There are many times when I wish that was the only phone we owned. At my age, I would be very content to be totally disconnected...

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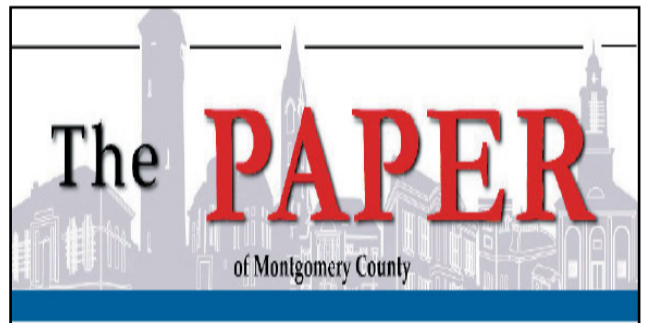
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