

➡ TODAY'S VERSE

Proverbs 3: 5-6 *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowl- edge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.*

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➡ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

**1** Renowned author Robert Louis Stevenson put it this way in his book, *Travels with a Donkey*: "For my part I travel not to go anywhere, but to ... travel for travel's sake." For Randy Williams, a San Diego DJ known as Ramblin' Randy, wanderlust motivated his goal of visiting every country on planet Earth and then some. It took him ten years but he finally achieved his ambition to visit all of the 193 nations recognized by the United Nations plus Vatican City, Palestine and the disputed lands of Kosovo, Western Sahara and Taiwan. Randy completed his bucket list just recently when he finally got to plant his feet on the ground of his final destination, Turkmenistan.

**2** "I couldn't breathe ... so I held my breath," said 7 year old Bauer Zoya, the catcher for the little league Ponte Vedra Sharks when a sudden whirlwind encircled him during a recent baseball game in a suburb of Jacksonville, FL. The unexpected dust devil sent the players running in all directions but Bauer was trapped in the cone. Umpire 17-year-old Aidan Wiles came to the boy's rescue; he told reporters that he was "freaked out" at first but quickly "decided to run in there and grab him out of it."

**3** The rare, fragrant, flavorful and extremely expensive white truffles that grow in Alba, Italy can put you back nearly \$7,000 a pound. A brand called Byakuya that would set you back \$6,696 per serving. According to the company, "It took us over 1.5 years to develop, with a lot of trials and errors to get the taste right."

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## The Combs Garden On Garden Arts Tour

When Bill and Dianne Combs married in 1990, they came from two completely different "growing" backgrounds. Bill grew up on a dairy and grain farm, Dianne had grown flowers and vegetables for years. Dianne started in with a large vegetable garden, and as long as Bill could eat all the tomatoes he wanted, he didn't fuss about the lawn slowly being taken over by her cottage flower garden.

Dianne gets her green thumb from her mother, Ann Hatfield, and her English grandfather, Harold, who raised food to feed the family during WWII and after. Dianne has visited many beautiful gardens in the UK, which probably explains her love of hydrangeas. Her collection begins with Bobo, a small, snowball-type bloomer, moves on to the native oak leaf, and on to the grand Limelight,

which grows blooms almost too big to be true! Looking around, you'll see that Dianne has some other obsessions in plant choices, as in ... how many dogwood trees can she plant in the front yard? Daylilies abound, in many different colors, a favorite being any two-tone bloom. Roses have found their place recently, some as edgings, some in pots.

Speaking of pots, Dianne recently re-potted two large geraniums from last summer that spent the winter in a warm window at her mother's house. Alongside these flowers are more geraniums, and a miniature rose. She has also planted several types of bush-type vegetables in pots in her recent interest in learning to garden differently as she ages. These will be scattered about the garden.

Growing native species is a

### Want TO GO?

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goal for Dianne. A fabulous native tree addition along the front fence is an American ash that was planted by either a squirrel or a bird! A large oak alongside the driveway began its life in a Purdue greenhouse. Redbuds are scattered about the edges. Native flowers include Ohio spiderwort, Zizia aurea (golden Alexander), varieties of milkweed, beebalm, black-eyed Susans, brown-eyed Susans,

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## Timmons Retiring? He Has A Plan



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Two Cents

This is my final column. I am sure I will miss writing, and I hope that the eight or nine of you who regularly read these scribbles miss it, too ... at

least a little bit.

And before anyone gets any wrong impressions, no, the Journal-Review did not hire me away. Oh, they could try but after what happened with their building falling in, well, I'd be a tad worried. I'm funny that way.

The plain and simple truth is; I plan to retire from newspapers. Today, I'll also share that this isn't a result of my genius investing strategies. I've got no rich relatives who have recently left me a small (or large) fortune. And we didn't sell out to the aforementioned competition - heck, they couldn't maintain

a building; you think they have cash to buy us? C'mon!

No dear friends, this is way better than all that. This, I might boast, is an idea that appeared like a 40-watt light bulb over my head.

I'm changing how I identify! Actually, a friend sent me the idea via e-mail. I didn't bother to read the whole thing, because after the first couple of lines I could see how this concept changes everything. And because you have been loyal readers and so kind, I am happy to share this with you. Just know that as soon as I write the next few graphs I'm getting started. I'll finish the column as soon as the plan starts coming together. For now, here's the scoop.

We all know the world is changing ... has changed. We live in times now where there no longer exists one truth. Yeah, yeah, I know. You and I grew up going to Sunday School and listening to Mom and Dad and

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## Hoosier Authors Book Club Announces 2023 Schedule

Club to Discuss "Somebody's Daughter" by Ashley C. Ford.

The Hoosier Authors Book Club is in its eighth year this year with four planned book discussions. The second meeting for this season will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 22. The General Lew Wallace Study & Museum's book club will discuss *Somebody's Daughter* by Ashley C. Ford. Books are currently available for checkout at the Carriage House at the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum.

This is an Amazon Best Book of June 2021 and a New York Times Best Seller. This book is a special memoir by the author. She is candid, inquisitive, vulnerable, and present in the moments she shares—especially

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## Strawberry Festival

Each year in June, Crawfordsville and Montgomery County residents come together to create the largest local event of the year, the Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival. For three days, the grounds of the historic Lane Place is transformed into a strawberry themed festival featuring food, fun, arts & crafts and top notch entertainment for all ages. It's truly a family friendly atmosphere designed to bring back those fond memories of a time when the pace of life was slower and families were able to spend time relaxing together. We invite you to come to Crawfordsville and experience the festival first hand.

Join your family and friends on Friday evening, June 9th to enjoy the music of Steve Trent and Small Town. A local favorite for many years, Steve has a unique musical style that

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➡ HONEST HOOSIER

So long merry ol' month of May. I'll miss you.



➡ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you're trying to get pregnant, or are pregnant, be sure to take 400 micrograms of folic acid a day to help prevent birth defects.

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](http://www.thepaper24-7.com).



➡ OBITUARIES

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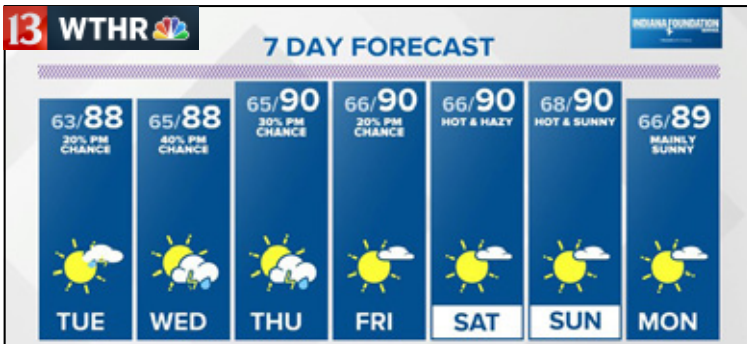
The Neighborhood Cafe will be hosting a Police Breakfast for all active duty and retired police officers on June 20, at 9:30 a.m. Contact Gary Bell by June 15 to RSVP. 765-366-3688

➡ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Never say never because limits, like fears, are often just an illusion."  
-Michael Jordan

➡ TODAY'S JOKE

Two hikers see a huge bear coming toward them. The first hiker kicks off his boots and whips on a pair of running shoes. The second hiker said "you can't outrun a bear." The first hiker yelled back "I don't have to outrun the bear, just you!"





## Summer Reading At CDPL

Join us for Crawfordsville District Public Library's Summer Reading Program, beginning May 30th for all ages—children, teens, and adults.

Children can register for the youth summer reading program, "Sweet Reads," and track their reading from May 30th to July 11th. Registration begins May 30th at the library's Youth Service Desk. When children register, they will be given a chart with pictures of treats to check off as they read, earning a fun plastic brag tag for each box. Once all reading is completed and ten brag tags are earned, the elementary children will earn a t-shirt and a book to keep, and preschoolers will earn a book bag and a book to keep.

There will be activities, crafts, and contests for children at the library through the summer. Every day children may find the bubble gum machine and enter a weekly drawing to win a small prize. There will be picture searches up for children to find pictures of sweet treats, and a new drop-in

craft every week.

We have story times for multiple ages each week. Story times for babies are on Tuesdays at 9:30 am, for toddlers on Wednesdays at 10 am, and for preschoolers on Thursdays at 10 am. No registration is required for these. Just drop-in and join us!

We have activities for elementary students on Tuesdays at 4 pm. Registration is required for these activities so we can have enough supplies for everyone on the list. Call 362-2242, Ext. 2 to sign up.

We have activities for tweens, ages 11-14, every other Thursday at 4 pm. Registration is also required for this so we can have enough supplies for all coming. Call 362-2242, Ext. 2 to sign up.

Teens have their own "Sweet Reads" reading program. They can sign up at the Youth Services desk at the library. They will keep track of time spent reading from May 30th to July 11th and fill out tickets to earn prizes and enter into weekly and grand prize drawings.

Adults can complete their "All Together Now" reading challenge online by going to [cdpl.beanstack.com](http://cdpl.beanstack.com) or downloading the free Beanstack app on any smart device. If you prefer paper, stop by the second floor reference desk to pick up a summer reading challenge brochure. Challenge yourself to read at least an hour every week from May 30th to July 11th, plus complete an activity challenge to enter into our weekly and grand prize drawings.

We also have several events for adults happening throughout the summer. Visit our website at [www.cdpl.lib.in.us](http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us) to see the events calendar and register for upcoming programs.

Thank you to the Friends of the Library and our community sponsors for supporting our programs. We can do so much more with their generosity. We hope to see you this summer at the library!

*Karen Record is the Youth Services Manager at CDPL.*

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# Cool Tools To Elevate Summer Celebrations

(StatePoint) As temperatures rise and the days get longer, it's time for grilling and get-togethers. Make sure your summer soirees are extra special by stocking up on top kitchen essentials.

**Gear for Grill Masters .** To be a great grill master, you need the best gear! Build up your BBQ basics with a new Prep & Serve BBQ Tray Set. Available in medium and large sizes, each set features a two-piece nesting design. One white and one black tray allow you to easily separate raw and cooked food or meat and vegetables to prevent contamination. (\$21.99 – \$23.99)

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those of her childhood. From the absence of her father and the shocking revelation of his incarceration, to the grandmother she adored, and the men who both protected and hurt her, *Somebody's Daughter* shows how people and critical moments—both big and small—can become hardwired into our lives and affect the way we react to and experience the world.

Ashley Ford is the former co-host of The HBO companion podcast *Lovecraft Country Radio*, and the current host of *Ben & Jerry's Into The Mix*. She currently lives in Indianapolis, Indiana with her husband, poet and fiction writer Kelly Stacy, and their chocolate lab Astro Renegade Ford-Stacy.

Ford has written or guest-edited for *The Guardian*, *ELLE Magazine*, *BuzzFeed*, *OUT Magazine*, *Slate*, *Teen Vogue*, *New York Magazine*, *Allure*, *Marie Claire*, *The New York Times*, *Netflix Queue*, *Domino*, *Cup of Jo*, and various other web and print publications.

She's also developed special projects for companies like *Medium.Com*, *Mailchimp Presents*, *Condé Nast Entertainment*, and *MasterCard*. She's taught creative nonfiction at The New School in Manhattan, served as Ball State University's Writer-In-Residence Fall 2021, and taught the Creative NonFiction Workshop at Butler University in spring 2023.

In a former life, Ford worked as an executive for Matter Studios, focused on developing web series and documentaries. She was also the host of the first season of Audible's literary interview series, *Authorized*. She has been named among *Forbes Magazine's* 30 Under 30 in Media (2017), *Brooklyn Magazine's* Brooklyn 100 (2016), *Time Out New York's* New Yorkers of The Year (2017), and *Variety's* New Power of New York (2019).

For more information about the Hoosier Authors Book Club visit <https://www.ben-hur.com/programs/hoosier-authors-book-club/>.

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has made him a fan favorite everywhere he has performed. The Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival is excited to welcome Steve Trent and Small Town to our stage beginning at 8:30pm. Come early and enjoy the festival before you set down in your lawn chair for an evening of great country entertainment.

Steve has been around music his whole life. Born and raised in a very talented musical family, Steve has had many opportunities to fulfill many musical dreams. Playing with such talented people in wildly popular bands Trent Thompson and Steve Trent and Small Town. Steve has had a blast hanging out with old friends and making new ones at his acoustic and DJ shows! <https://stevetrentmusic.com/>

This year's Saturday night headliner will be hard to beat. Together since 2007, Heartache Tonight is without question the finest Eagles tribute band in the country. With five number one singles and six number one albums, the Eagles are one of the most successful American rock bands of all time. With meticulous attention to every detail, Heartache Tonight manages to reproduce "live" all the fabulous hits that the Eagles have made part of our everyday life. Close your eyes and you'll swear you're hearing the real thing. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and get there early for a good seat for their FREE 8 pm Strawberry Festival performance.

You won't be disappointed!

We hope to see you this June!

COMBS

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coneflowers, and many more. The state flower, the peony, not a native of Indiana (let's change that!), appears on the Westside as a memorial to both of the couple's fathers. Most annuals you will see have been grown from seed in the backyard greenhouse.

A sweet spring ephemeral shade garden on the east side of the house is filled with bleeding heart, bloodroot, wood poppy, trillium, and squirrel corn. In mid-May, a Jack-in-the-pulpit pops up, near the dainty little primroses that live in the same bed.

Dianne can often be seen around the neighborhood

in late autumn collecting leaves for her compost heaps in her little blue truck. In her quest to use natural garden methods, she has several compost areas scattered about the property. She grows comfrey to use as fertilizer, compost accelerator, and mulch. Fish emulsion, along with rotted sheep and rabbit manure are utilized as organic fertilizers. She is probably the only person on the block who rakes leaves INto her garden in the fall, using them as winter protection for plants and any small insects and critters who live there.

  
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