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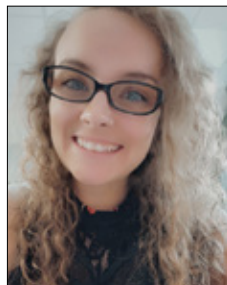
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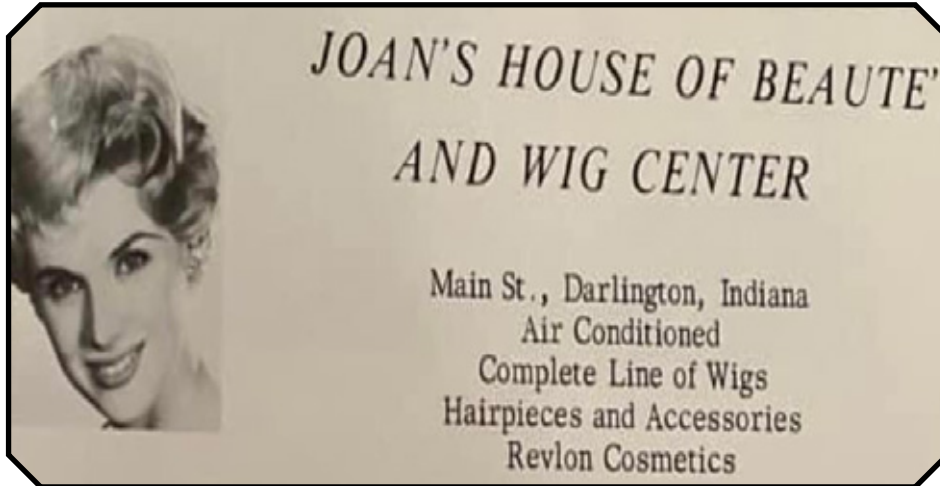


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May Feature:

Jeanie Walden - Beauty Shops of Darlington



Thru the Years Growing up in Darlington, Indiana in the 50's and 60's was an ideal situation and our little town was thriving. This was a minor thing, but we took for granted that we usually had 2 or 3 beauty salons at a time and never even had to leave town. Starting in the mid 50's, Harriet Cooper had a shop in the basement of the grocery store building and later moved it to her home at the corner of E. Harrison and School Street.

In the 60's Kay Dale started a shop in the two-story yellow phone office that was downtown. It was called Kay's Cut & Curl. She later moved it to her home south of Darlington. In the late 50's Betty Jo Booher Reagan had a shop in the basement of the little white house across from the school.

In the early 60's Joan Evans started a beauty shop in the dining room of her home north of town on Stockwell Road. She washed customers' hair in the kitchen sink until they built on an addition to the house that included a shop. In Jan. '68, Joan remodeled the old drugstore downtown and made a beautiful beauty shop called Joan's House of Beauty. She employed several hometown girls that were just starting out. This shop was quite an asset for our small town. The shop continued to the mid 80's and was loved by all. Joan sadly passed away Nov. 2010.

In approximately 1962, Iris Hudson started a shop in her kitchen with a hair washing sink, a counter, a big mirror and a chair. A few years later as the business grew, they built an addition to accommodate a new shop, plus a garage. This was on 590 East, or as we lovingly refer to it as the old dump road.

From 1975 to 1982 Nance Dice opened The Curling Iron on South Street. In 1984 Sally Ray had The Hair Den in the old post office building.

Sherry Hampton Mahoy went to Darlington School for 12 years and graduated in 1966. She has taken care of the locals for all of these years while raising her 3 children, working part time at the Library, caring for grandchildren and her parents. After working in other people's shops, she moved to her own shop at the corner of E. Harrison and School Street in 1972. In 1988 Sherry opened The Cut Above in her new home on 47 outside of Darlington and remained there until 2020 when she closed her shop. Sherry felt so fortunate to work from home and schedule her hours around her children's needs and activities. She always felt blessed to have so many wonderful clients for 53 years.

Last but not least, Patsy Hodges went to Darlington for her first three years, but then moved to Linden and graduated there. She moved back to Darlington in 1981 and was able to open her own shop in 1984 in a small building on their property on the corner of Academy and Meridian, that at one time was the Maxwell's Flower Shop. Interesting fact, Patsy has the workstations that were in Oscar Endicott's Barber Shop and uses them every day in her Hair Mill. She also has assembled a shadow box of old items that were entrusted to her from different Darlington folks thru the years. (thanks so much for the wonderful photos). When



Patsy first got her license, she worked in Lafayette. She had a family that trusted her so highly, they are now on their 3rd generation of clients. Patsy feels so blessed to have a job that she dearly loves and has no immediate plans to retire. Hope you've enjoyed going back in time on a tour of our little town beauty salons.

Odds & Ends – Collected & Commented on by Karen Bazzani Zach

Never done this before but thought it might be fun. So, here I'll have some of the beauticians from the different areas and a bit about them. So many folks helped me on the town Facebook pages (started thanking everyone individually but quickly ran out of room) but let me tell you many helped ... a lot!

Well, these ladies (and fellows) totally amaze me – you can see why if you read the Grandcestors page – lol. So, let's start with:

Alamo – one of my all-time fav beauticians was Elaine Stevens Miller Trout. She always had the most beautiful smile on her face, a twinkle in her eye and boy, could she do hair! Currently, Jan Edwards has a shop there and has had for many years. She attended Lafayette Beauty College, worked at the Vogue Shop in C'ville for awhile before having her Alamo shop.

Crawfordsville – see County Connections.

Darlington – see Feature article by Jeanie Walden!

Ladoga – Marie Poynter was born April 20, 1918 in Somerset, Kentucky. A dozen days before Christmas 1943, she married Robert Dellinger near Crawfordsville at Rev. John Servies' home. In the 1940s, Betty Ashley Elless and Marie worked together doing hair. Marie graduated in 1937 from LHS and attended the House of James Beauty College (Indy), opening her own shop in 1939. Sadly, she passed in September 1962 at just 44 years old. Others were: Janet Moore, Peg Ambrose, Lynn Rains, Carla Bradley (Styles R Us), Rosie Wilson, Chris Todd and Debbie Cross remembered her first permanent that Chris did a great job on, but that Debbie hated. "Riding my high handle bar banana seat, blue Stingray bike home as fast as I could, I was thinking I could blow out the curls" and smell. Funny, when Debbie got to school, a lot of her friends had perms too so then "I probably thought we were cool!" Edna Elliott's shop was in her home from 1948-1998, often having gals working with her such as Judy Deck Chastain, Linda Vice Jeffries and Pat Woods Jeffries. Thanks to one of my bud's Jill, we learned her mother Joyce Harris did hair at the Golden Manor Nursing Home. I know Ladogian, Larry McKinstry also entertained and beautified the folks at Whitlock Place when my mother-in-law was there - she adored him! Lois Kessler did hair east of Ladoga for quite awhile, too! Loved that lady!

Linden – In the 60s, Mary Guinn had a shop on Walnut Street and Phyllis Twitchell had one. Phyllis was active in the Order of Eastern Star and had her shop on Walnut Street. Mary Jean Lochar, born in MoCo May 4, 1927 married Harold Harshman in Garfield March 1947 and owned a beauty shop in her home for 50 years – that's amazing! She too was an active member of OES as well as the Linden United Methodist Church. Essie Lutes had a shop in the North Addition and Ginny Padgett Edwards had one right by the ball diamond for 16 years. Since 1970 her license is still current – pretty neat! Another was Janice Kiger on 231 North. Also add Dorothy Michaels on South Street, Debbie Switzer and Sandra Conley as well as Nevada Allen and Maxine Lytle. Deb and Sandra both attended the Lafayette Beauty Academy and have been doing hair about 30 years, Sandra's shop at Linden on West Walnut "His and Hers Beauty Shop" – love it!

New Market - Loved to go to Connie Tolin there on the main street near the Methodist Church who began her shop across the street. At least two gals were with her, Jane Edwards and Brenda Hendrickson. Paula said, "Connie would get me out of a hair jam when I'd try to do it myself!" There was also Terrie Bray Newlin about that time (70-80s). Pat's Pleasant Parlor (Busenbark's) shop was in her home and Marilyn Grayson also styled hair :) Juanita Taylor Sutherlin known as "Queenie" married a cool guy, Vern and the two resided in the same place in New Market for at least 50 years. Multi-talented, kids came for miles around to get her home-made sugar cookies at Halloween and Christmas, too. Oh my I can taste one now – mouth's watering! She was a

great gal and had Juanita's Beauty Shop in New Market for three decades!

New Richmond – One New Richmond beautician (1950-60s) was Betty Fry and her worker was Martha Wright. Mary Lou noted that when she'd go to Martha, she would tell her, "Cut my hair long," but she never did! Nearby gals were Lorene Davies and Marsha Goings, Lorene moving her shop to Lafayette later on. Marsha's shop was from the 1970's forward. Peggy Lyon Fyffe is in the New Richmond History book as being one of the beauticians of the fair little town.

New Ross – Carolyn Norris owned Carolyn's Hair Plus for a decade or more in a cute little house by the post office. She was good at it because she loved people and making them happy. We'll add Joan Gray as well as Irene Bratton who had a shop on the Boone-Montgomery County line.

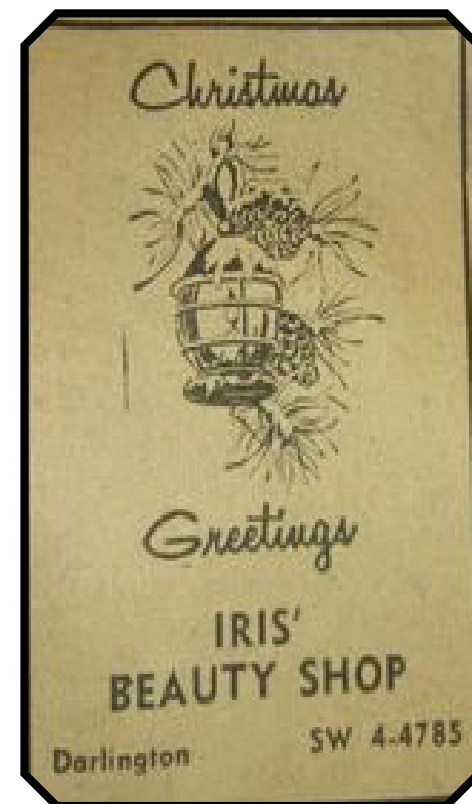
Waveland – see Grandcestors

Waynetown – Russ Harris cut and styled hair for many years at Waynetown in the early 1960s-70s and Harry Krug had room for at least three barbers in his shop, but Miss Nevada Inlow in the summer of 1927 (Despatch 15 July 1927) opened up one of

the first beauty parlors after a couple of week's training session at her home on South Vine where she would be trained to do marcelling (hot curling tongs used to "induce a curl into the hair" – Wikipedia), round curling and scalp treatments ... starting August 1st! In May 1930 going rate for a permanent at Mrs. HM Quillen's salon was \$5. June Snelling operated June's Beauty Shop in her home on E. Walnut from 1949-1971. Cable's and Ethel's were also active in that time and in the late 1950's Mi-Own Beauty Shop and Alta Murdock's Beauty Form Massage. In the 60s and early 70s, Naomi Kinney owned her shop, Curlette Beauty with Betty Carver as stylist. Other salons were (Joe Servies, owner) Jo-Son Beauty Salon, 202 W. Washington; Marge's Beauty Shoppe (Francis Bratton, Owner – N. Vine); Rovene's (Bunnell) Beauty Salon. Loved this name (Glenda Hunt's) Tip and Tease. Wait, there's more: Amber Rusk; Pat Alward; Mary Livingston; Ella Raisor; Lillian Reeder; Marjorie Simms; Jennifer Thomas Mermoud; Bev Vansickle; Patti's; Mildred Kerr; Sue Price; Betty Hobson; Shelly Shute; Martha Perkins and Denise Raffignone (Unique Boutique); Martha Perkins and Angela Brown (All-American Salon); Stephanie Perkins; Linda Houser and Crystal Townsend – thanks so much to a great Waynetown history guru, Jan Fay.

Wingate – Folks on the Wingate FB remembered Mary Kay Mitchell, Priscilla Meharry and Sheila Bane as hair dressers there. Mary had a little pink, one-room house where she had the beauty shop and it "smelled like perm solution." Add Mary Gross in Wingate during the late 60's and Bertha Lewellen, too.

Thanks, thanks, thanks "to infinity and beyond" for all the SUPER help from the town Facebook pages. Great fun!



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Nifty at Ninety - And Beyond

Joy Willett, Montgomery Memories

For May's column, I researched the history of women's hair care. According to the National Museum of Natural History, prior to 1900, "Hair washing, like bathing, was not an important part of Americans' hygiene practices. Rather, hair care practices focused on keeping hair thick, young-looking, styled, and free of parasites and dandruff." These practices make it clear why women typically wore hats. As the importance of routine hygiene gained acceptance, and especially beginning in the 1920s, having one's hair done was in vogue. Yet women still relied on their local milliner.

During the early part of the 20th century, the women in Waveland, Indiana, depended on Florence Cowan for their hat-making needs. Florence was born north of Waveland on August 6, 1860. She was one of Aaron and Sarah (Crist) Cowan's five children. One wonders what made Florence take an interest in hats. Possibly, like any entrepreneur, she saw a need among the women in Waveland. We can imagine, too, that she had an appreciation for the way in which a hat set off a woman's hair. Given hair care standards at the time, we can see a hat as a fashion necessity.

Florence came from a family of farmers. Her paternal ancestors, the Cowans, were reported to be Scots-Irish in origin. They lived for a time in North Carolina and Virginia. By 1810 they migrated to Warren County, Ohio. Her great grandfather James Cowan Sr. served during the Revolutionary War and became a judge in Ohio. Her grandfather James Cowan Jr. served during the War of 1812 (U.S. War of 1812 Pension Application Files Index). Florence's maternal family, the Crist's, emigrated from Germany to the colonies in 1729 (Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500s-1900s). They settled first in Orange County, New York. Sarah's great grandfather Christian Crist served during the Revolutionary War (U.S. Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783). He migrated to Hamilton County, Ohio in ca. 1800. Sarah Crist's father George moved to Indiana in 1812 and settled in Union County. Sarah was born there on December 16, 1830.

The 1900 census lists Florence's occupation as "milliner." This was considered the "Edwardian" period in hat history. The style during this time could be quite elaborate, and simple. According to clickamerican.com: "At the turn of the century (the 20 century, that is) and in the early 1900s, hats were a big part of everyday life for both men and women — in fact, it was considered completely inappropriate to go out without one!"



By 1910, Florence moved to Main Street in Waveland and owned her home. She continued to work as a milliner in her "own store" (1910 U.S. Census). On March 24, 1911,

the Waveland Independent included this advertisement for Florence's store, The Ladies Millinery and Apparel Shop: "Will Be on Special Exhibition at Our Store, Thursday & Friday, March 30 & 3. Our Hats are Distinctive and Our Prices Very Reasonable. A cordial invitation is extended to you to visit our display" (courtesy of ingenweb). Below are examples of popular hats at the time. As you can see, they serve as a compliment to the hair and facial features.



By the 1920s, hats took on a simpler, more utilitarian look. The hat on the left, pictured below, was referred to as a "Fancy Dress Hat" from 1923 and cost \$6.45. The one on the right on the right is a "Close Fitting hat from 1928, and cost \$2.98. (Photos courtesy of thepeoplehistory.com)





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By 1930, Florence was living as a boarder at 144 East Green Street in Waveland with Marjorie McMurty Noel, a widow, and Marjorie's sister Sophinia McMurty. At the age of 68, Florence continued to own and operate the millinery shop. Hats during this time, possible because of the Great Depression, were markedly more simple. The hats pictured on the next page, courtesy of vintagedancer.com, were referred to as slouch or cloche hats. Women also wore berets, closely fitting caps, and turbans.

In 1940, Florence was again living independently and regardless her advance years still ran her business. In addition to her work life, Florence was a devoted member of the Methodist Church. She was known for her skill at needlework and her love of gardening. She was a founding member of the Women's Department Club and she was a member of the House and Garden Club (ibid, 26 Mar 1942). By 1940, she was living on her own at 51 Howard Street in Waveland.

Florence passed on March 22, 1942. Her Prior to her death, she had a series of cerebral hemorrhages yet continued to work. She was interred in the Waveland Presbyterian Cemetery next to her parents. May Florence, an enterprising and talented woman who brought beauty and fashion to the women of Waveland, rest in peace.



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BOOMER! GROOMERS

Story & Graphics by Chuck Clore

“Good morning!” “Great Day.”

The happy greetings came from a couple of old coots drinking their morning brew outside the Panera Coffee Shop. A bright smile from a striking young lady boosted my spirit again. As she exited, she held the door open for me.

“Thank you, Miss.”

With a spring in her step, she made strides to her Bronco. Out of the corner of my eye, I caught a glimpse of the coots staring across the parking lot and smiling much broader than before.

There is no fool like an old fool, I thought to myself. But to be honest, just for a few seconds, I, too, was transported back to the days of my youth. Then, my scuzzy reflection in the store window jolted me back to reality.

“Oh, crap! I am 75. Those old coots are younger than me.”

What was so striking about the young lady? Well, for one thing, she had no rhinestone booger on the side of her nose. And no hula-hoops were disfiguring her ear lobes. No metal rivets were holding her eyebrows on. No barbed-wire tattoos adorned her neck. She possessed a natural, wholesome beauty.

Oops! I just gave myself away. Yes, I am a narrow-minded crusty old boomer. Yeah, I know every generation goes to extremes to be different. But in the 50s, most of what we did to our appearance grew back in three or four weeks.



Buzz-cuts and flat-tops gave way to sideburns and duck-tale hairstyles. Brylcreem sales soared as we sculpted pompadour waves and swirls. We all holstered a jet-black comb in the hip pocket of our skin-tight jeans. Long before the Fonz, there was Kookie (Edd Byrnes) on the TV series 77 Sunset Strip. The song Kookie, Kookie, Lend Me Your Comb paid homage to his constant primping. Our folks thought we were crazy. It was just the result we were hoping for. We tried so hard to be different that we all looked alike.

The folks were ancient, like 49 and 50 years old. My assumption was they had always been sloth-ambling geezers. One Sunday night, while listening to The Lawrence Welk Show, they broke into dancing the Charleston. Wow, what moves!

Could it be they were once young rebels too? Sure enough, they were outrageous in their day. While dig-



ging through a dusty family album, I discovered this picture of Mom straight out of the Roaring 20s- all bobbed hair and finger waves. I am sure she raised the ire of her 19th-century grandparents.

Hidden away in the back of her closet Mom still treasured the short bright red flapper dress. That frock must have given her mom, Hattie Mae Cole, the vapors. The thought of her daughter, Georgia, headed to the Crawfordsville High School dance with that Clore boy must have wrinkled Hattie Mae's Baptist brow.

What is the world coming to?

The quest to express individuality has evolved through the years. Ladies have quaffed, teased, spit curled, permed, feathered, ironed, crimped, hot rolled, and frosted their hair into submission to achieve their own style. Inventing new ways to torture hair brought us trends like the Buster Brown, victory roll, pageboy, Marcel wave, beehive, flipped bob, pixie, afro, artichoke, bouffant, pompadour, poodle cut, Farrah feather, staked perm, Dorothy Hamill, and the list goes on.

Here is a 1963 photo of Delta

Mae, my sister, getting beautified at Jane Clore's Beauty Shop in Eastern Acres. It was an arduous process that raised such a stench. It was strong enough to make a skunk wrinkle his nose in envy. The torment we endure to make ourselves presentable.



Well, I might have to temper my disdain for the appearance of the XYZs. This morning while visiting yet another coffee shop, The Buzz, I noticed a couple of questionable young characters at table number seven. I was pretty sure they must be on a work-release program from the state prison. They had more tats than Mike Tyson. So, I sat in relative safety three tables away. Later, as I walked past them to get my second refill, I noticed a little black book next to the notepad where I had assumed they were planning their next heist.

“Holy Moley! It was the New Testament.”

They were a couple of youth pastors planning services for next weekend's big youth rally.

Guess I shouldn't judge young upstarts by the amount of ink on their covers.

A-stylin' We Go

By Joy Willett

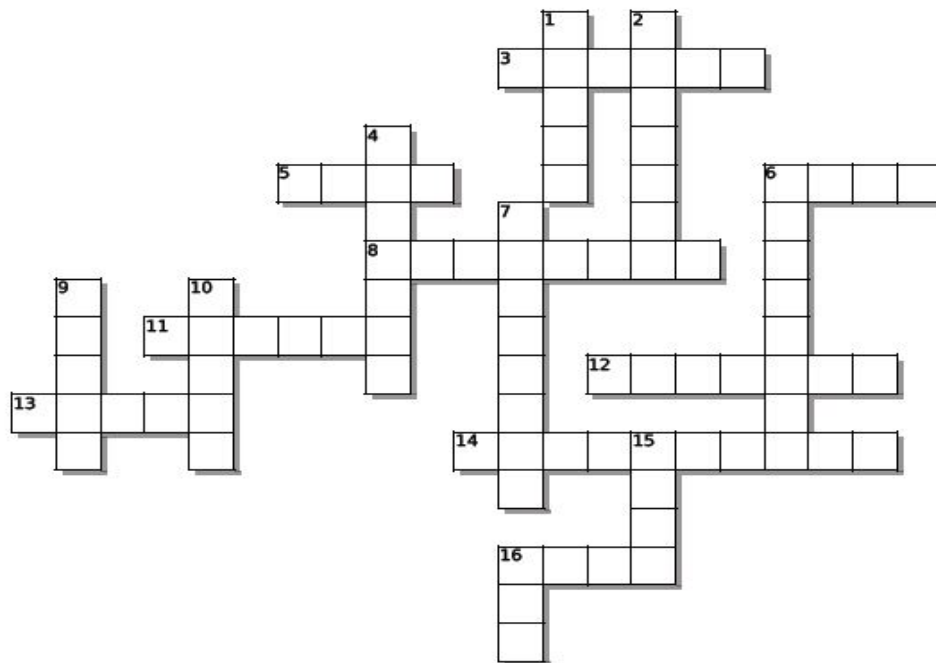
1 Piled aloft.
Plaited soft.
Parted sharp.
Combed back.
Strawberry blond.
Raven black.
Curled tight.
Left a fright.

2 Rows of corn.
Nappy worn.
Kept long.
Short shorn.
A bouffant.
Feather clipped.
Victory rolled.
Pixie trimmed.
High bun.
Pretty frill.
Braided chignon.
Pony tail.



Poetry and Puzzles

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Karen's Kitchen

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories

One of the four main ladies in the 1960-70 era with a beauty shop in Waveland was Geneva Weaver. She was one of the rare gals who had a year of college, as well, in our area (except for the school teachers, and a few others, of course). Interesting that she was the organist at the Log Church I assume at Turkey Run for 30 years. She was also active at the Byron Christian Church (over 60 years serving as their pianist for 50).

Well, I tasted her food several times at the American Legion get-togethers and I'll have to admit I'd not have tried this one, even though she was a good cook, but I also tend to use desserts for this column as that's what I love and this is totally different. Also, it comes out of the S&W 1983 Cookbook I mentioned last month as one of my all-time favorite local cookbooks!

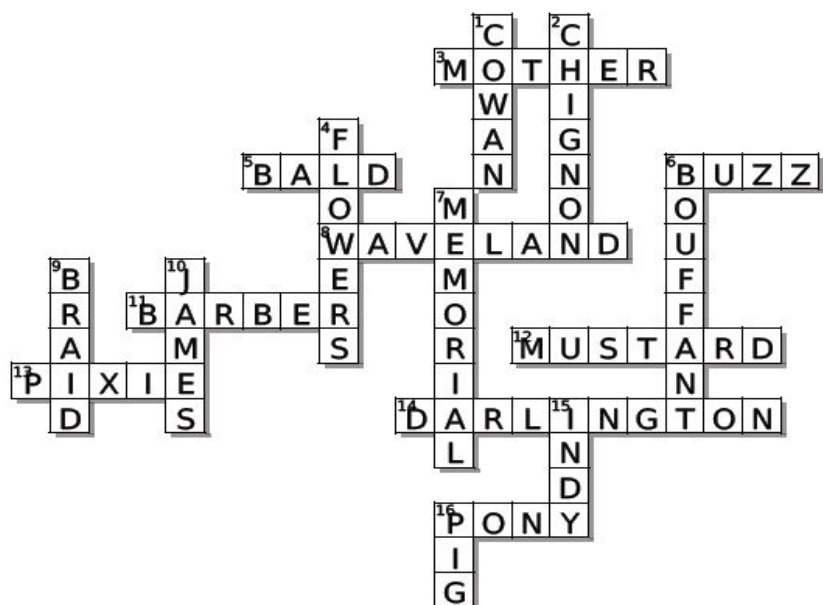
RED PEPPER RELISH

- 2 dozen sweet red peppers
- 7 medium onions
- 2 T. Salt
- 2 T. mustard seed
- 3 C. Vinegar
- 3 C. Sugar

Grind peppers (take out seeds and tops) and onions saving the juice;
combine with juice and other ingredients;
boil 30 minutes;



Stylin'!



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County Connections:

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories

Creating the Odds this month was so much fun but got a bit long, so just decided to do Crawfordsville's beauticians in this article or as many as I can find, anyway.

This was cool. Iva Douglas Weir owned a shop with her husband, Merl who was a barber in C'ville "for many years." She was extremely active in the community Trinity Methodist; Rebecca Circle; American War Mothers; Gray Ladies and the First Nurses Aid when organized here during WWII. She passed away in January of 1959 at age 63.

Lamoine Downs Wagoner owned the Wagoner Beauty Shop on South Washington Street but not sure how long she had it but I'd guess a good 40 years!

One of my favorite Crawfordsville ladies, Blanche Patterson was a podiatrist but she also was a beautician for 44 years, for a long time in the Ben Hur building. A pianist, she was quite musically talented including being a cellist. She was a long-time trustee of the AME Church, executive board member of the local branch of NAACP and overall well-loved in our community.

As early as the 1874 People's Guide several were listed as hair dressers (exL Nancy Smith born in Kentucky, a Methodist) often along with being a barber, including GW Bell, and Abram Richey, but thinking Hartwell Wilson, a "fashionable hair dresser and barber" in 1835 was likely the earliest. These early barbers also did tonsillectomies and Hartwell the day after Christmas that year put an ad saying "in the small building in the court yard, recently occupied as the clerk's office where (I can be) late or early found, duly sober (thank goodness), ready to improve the countenances of all bearded gentlemen who may favor me with a call." He boasted perfectly kept instruments wielded with a gentle, steady hand. James Lewis advertised in the same and noted he'd rise at midnight if requested to shave a man ... dead or alive!

Harriet Harding was listed as a hair dresser and member of a new club, "The Hit and Miss Club" who were going for a two-week outing in the Cliff Dweller's Cottage near Bluff Mills. (Daily Journal 25 Aug 1893). The next year in October found Lucinda Hunt "the fashionable hairdresser from Indianapolis in the city spending a week in seeing her large number of customers here!"

Paul H. Moody born in Waveland in Feb 1899 married Helen Lytle and spent about four decades in C'ville as a barber but then moved to Gary

where he switched gears just a bit, becoming one of Indiana's leading overall hair stylist.

A few years back, Rosie Keller from the New Market area had a shop (Crystal Rose) in Crawfordsville and added her daughter, Marcie, as a nail specialist. Rosie spent about three decades (plus) of her life in the business. I had the privilege to do an article about them a few years ago and grabbed this picture. Two pretty ladies – nifty shop! At this point in time, Rosie is operator of the Beauty Bar on the Boulevard. Quite knowledgeable, energetic and creative! Fun too!



Tammy Tauscher-Surface was the instructor – director of the House of James Beauty College in the early 70s, (the school very new at that time) then worked at Regis and the Magic Mirror, spending 23 years styling. Tammy said when she was instructing, there were both day and night classes, days costing \$595 and nights a hundred less. The school was the next building south from Sherwin-Williams on Washington Street. The girls would build a float for the Christmas parade and several would wear formal gowns and had a temporary color on their hair to match, such as apricot, pink, green, blue and that was a big deal because wearing "out of the normal" hair color was just not done in that time frame! Betty Munro, one of Tammy's students had Merle Norman's a block away from downtown on West Main for many years.

Diana Myers Cummings did hair at Jeannie's Majic Lamp, Powder Puff and Head Hunters before retiring. Today, in the city there seem to be about a dozen or more – some of which I've patronized, others not even sure where they are. Some mentioned are: Savvy Chic; Studio 32; Smart Style; Beauty Bar; Blondies; Stop One; Main Street Unlimited; Hairport; Hairloom and Great Clips plus there are several nail places, as well.

So, go get beautified and tell 'em I sent ya'!

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In Mo Co, it was a very good year in 1977 . . .

Glen Sillery was county sheriff!

Monon Hotel was built in 1927 and condemned this year.

Jan 1 – Mike Kadinger was hired on the Fire Department today and served more than 20 years, retiring 7-1-1997

Jan 13 – lowest temperature -20 degrees

Feb 14 – Four wonderful young men were murdered in next-door Parke County at what would to this day be called the “Hollandsburg Massacre!” Yet, many in Montgomery County were involved. Policemen, family members and anyone with a heart. One of the saddest things we all experienced!

May 1 – WCVL’s Girl Talk Cookbook was published this month and it’s a great one!

July 16 – highest temperature 97 degrees

Nov 26 – Wabash played Knox College in their first basketball game, winning 86-83.

December 4 – Richard Elwell Banta born in Martinsville Feb 16, 1904; the family moved to C’ville where Richard went to CHS and Wabash. He ran an advertising business for 10 years after graduating, later worked as a bookseller, the director of public relations and assistant to the Pres of Wabash College. He passed away OTD in 1977.

December 6 – highest precipitation – 9” of snow

Sources used: H. Brothers Inc; Crawfordsville.net; cookbookvillage.com; archives.iu.edu

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Grandcestors

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Well the grandcestor article should be easy this month as I've had so many great hair gals, mostly in Waveland but elsewhere as well. Now, I do not have any idea who did my hair very early (I do know my brothers' first haircut was by Dean Murray) but imagine it was mom, who had a real knack for doing hair. Mom never got certification, took any schooling or anything but people always wanted her doing theirs, anyway. She finally got in trouble and was made to quit doing that but ya' can't say anything about doing your kid's hair – lol.

Sadly, I didn't take after mom – I have absolutely no flair for doing hair. Anyone knowing me can agree with that one (yet my mom did, my daughter does, my granddaughter does – hmmm I got left out). The first time I remember Mom going was probably her own fault. She wanted me to cut her hair. I told her there was no way but she kept talking and begging and I finally said yes, saying, you remember who is to blame for this if it doesn't come out. So, I'd cut and she'd tell me to take the other side and make it just like that. Well, it didn't come out quite the same way and by the time we got done cutting and comparing with little hair left, she had to go to one of our local beauticians, Vera Pittman, to have Vera really “cut her hair” which is what I told her to do to begin with (wanted to save money for a dress she wanted) – I know my strengths and weaknesses and the weakest link is hair! Oh, and I had to pay for it, too – go figure!

I also had to go to Vera as I let my sister-in-law's sister, Martha, talk me into putting some coloring on it – it turned out some really ugly deep purple, so Vera had to pull each strand up into this hat like thing and strip the color from it but I will have to say I loved the completed color which was kind of a strawberry blonde. I had one of the lead roles in our high school play that night and I know Mr. Williams would have been extremely angry. Had to pay for that too. Well, I never let anyone do anything like that again. My hair is just my hair – thin, fine and yukky, well, until someone who can do something with it does something with it!

Did luck out that both my Waveland sister-in-laws, Linda and Arlene, were good with hair and they'd help me out when I needed it, especially for cheer-leading or a date. I also went to my God-Daughter, Michelle but that was in Rockville and out of the way but she was really great.

I went to both the great kiddos in Waveland in the 80s + – Brenda Myers Sommerville and Charlotte West Thomas New and they were both a lot of fun and quite knowledgeable and astute at their profession. Thanks to Char for the super picture of her doing Jordan Plessenger's hair. This is so neat as Jordan now owns Salon 36 in Bainbridge. Char graduated from the House of James in Crawfordsville and worked from 1982-2004 –Charlotte's place always had a nice décor, often Western oriented and Brenda and I both shared a love of clowns and enjoyed seeing all of hers when I'd get my hair done. Also went to Elaine Stevens Miller Trout in Alamo – she, too was very good and a lot



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of fun. Been several other places for a few times (Connie in New Market) and now, I've gone to Hope Watson York whose shop has been in her grandmother's home for several years – we have a lot of fun, too and guess I think that's part of what getting your hair done should be all about.

Other hair dressers in Waveland that I remember but didn't go to were Rosie Hester, Geneva Weaver and Jerry Holland. My mom had two brain tumors (both benign but the operation sure changed her personality and looks and she had no hair) so she went to Delores Thomas Reynolds (now Farley) uptown in Waveland who had a really nice wig shop. DJ would fix the wig and mom looked pretty great!

Waveland has been super gifted with hair folks both women and men, most serving the community for many, many years. Blessings hair folks!

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