

▶ TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

▶ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Katherin Shelton was on a walk by our office this morning and was kind enough to offer a smile. Thank you for your smile!

▶ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 The Indiana Department of Transportation announces restrictions on U.S. 36 starting on or after Tuesday, for bridge maintenance work near Rockville. The road will be down to one lane, with traffic being controlled by temporary traffic signals. The road will be restricted between State Road 59 and E. Old 36 Rd. through the end of June, weather permitting.

2 Ladoga Public Library Summer Reading program is hosting a Foam Party at the Ladoga Park Shelter House on Wednesday at 2 pm. Refreshments will be provided. Please bring a towel! Look forward to more from the Ladoga Public Library as the whole month of June is full of events that will be open to the public!

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Emily Weliver is painting strawberries on the windows of TCU for the upcoming strawberry festival. Emily is very artistic and was painting for the National Art Honor Society from CHS. Nice job Emily.



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

Butch's Childhood Keepsakes



BUTCH DALE
COLUMNIST

I admit it...I am a saver. I hate to throw anything away. I was brought up that way. My folks rarely threw anything away. When Dad made something from wood, he kept all of the scrap pieces... "These might come in handy later on." And if Mom made an item of clothing with her trusty Singer

sewing machine, she kept the scrap pieces... "I can use these for patches." Old clothing was kept for cleaning rags, old toys were saved for the next member of the family, cards and letters were placed in a basket in the closet...and on and on. However, they never saved leftover food from the table... because there was NEVER any food left over. "You don't leave this table until you clean up everything on your plate... You know, people in Africa are starving!" Both of my par-

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Something Fun This Way Comes

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.

The Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival begins this Friday at 11 am to 10 pm. The rest of the schedule is Saturday 10 am to 10 pm and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. There will be live music performances, competitions, activities for kids, food, shopping, and other events. We hope to see you there!

Longtime Trustee Leaving Union Township Post

Longtime Union County Trustee Sally Evans has notified Montgomery County GOP Chair Jim Johnson that she is leaving the job, prompting Johnson to set a mandatory caucus to see who her replacement will be.

"It's too bad that Sally has to step away, she's done a really good job," Johnson told The Paper.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the Trustee's office," Evans told The Paper. "Unfortunately, health insurance dictates that I find a job that offers health insurance. I could ask the board to pay for health insurance, but it's not the taxpayers' responsibility."

Evans has been in the job for more than 12 years. She is just beginning her fourth term, and said that looking out for the taxpayer has always been a priority.

"I think we've been a good steward for the taxpayers," she said. "We have held taxes down, even when we could have raised them."

The caucus to fill the seat is scheduled for 6 p.m. June 20 at

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:17 a.m.
SET: 9:15 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 83 °F
Low: 59 °F

Today is...
• D-Day
• Atheist Pride Day
• Drive-In Movie Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1984 The video game Tetris is published.
- 1946 The National Basketball Association (NBA) is founded.
- 1944 On D-Day, 160,000 Allied soldiers land in Normandy, France.

Births On This Day

- 1963 Jason Isaacs English actor, producer
- 1799 Alexander Pushkin Russian author, poet

Deaths On This Day

- 1968 Robert F. Kennedy American politician, 64th United States Attorney General
- 1961 Carl Jung Swiss psychiatrist

Strawberry Festival Blood Drive

The Strawberry Festival, in conjunction with Versiti Indiana Blood Center, will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Life-saving blood transfusions are very commonly required for people of all ages. About one in seven people entering a hospital will need blood. Every three seconds, someone needs blood.

Nearly half of the U.S. population is eligible to donate; yet only five percent do. Every blood donation can save as many as three lives. Indiana Blood Center encourages

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▶ HONEST HOOSIER

Counting down the days until the first official day of summer. But who cares - it's June and life is good!



▶ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Chronic sinus and nose problems can often be solved by using a salt water nasal irrigator like a neti pot or Sinus Rinse®. 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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Darlington Library Summer Reading Program

The Darlington Library will be sponsoring its annual Summer Reading and Activity program for children age 12 and under from Monday through July 14th. The program is for kids who live in Franklin and Sugar Creek townships. You may sign up in person or call the library at 794-4813 to sign up over the phone.

▶ TODAY'S QUOTE

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Then quit. There's no use being a damn fool about it."
-W.C. Fields

▶ TODAY'S JOKE

Combine an elephant and a fish and what do you get?
Swimming trunks!

▶ OBITUARIES

Jenny V. (Nanny) Britt

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



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OBITUARIES

Jenny V. (Nanny) Britt

October 6, 1938, Friday, June 2, 2023

Jenny V. (Nanny) Britt, age 84 of Crawfordsville, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, June 2, 2023 at Whitlock Place. She was born in Glasgow, Kentucky on October 6, 1938 to the late Rosco & Flora (Decker) Nanny.



Jenny attended Wood High School in Indianapolis and on April 16, 1955 she married the love of her life, Walter Thomas Britt Jr, who preceded her in death on September 27, 2018. She was a loving mother and homemaker and worked in several area school cafeterias and was a baby sitter for many. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, crocheting, entertaining her son-in-law's and playing games with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by a son, Doug (Niki) Britt of Crawfordsville; two daughters, Teresa (Loren) Stephens of Waynetown and Debi (Jeff) Griffin of Williamsport; two sisters, Minnie Epperson of Southport and Melinda (Larry) Heath of Brownsburg; one brother, James (Betty) Nanny of Indianapolis; seven grandchildren, Tina McClure, Derrek (Kimberly) McClure, Brookanna Walters, Brandon Stephens, Bryant Stephens, Chastity (Rich) French, and Zach (fiancé - Kasey Krutch) Schoenfeldt; 16 great grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Walter; two sisters, Carolyn Dolph and Darline Slayton; two brothers, Larry Nanny and Dwight Nanny; a grandson, Jason Britt.

Visitation will be at Fremont Street Baptist Church, 1908 Fremont Street in Crawfordsville on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 from 11:00am till the time of funeral service at 1:00 pm with Rev. Dan Aldrich officiating. The service will be recorded which can be viewed on her obituary page. Burial will follow at Indian Creek Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Fremont Street Baptist Church. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

Ivy Tech Community College President Emeritus Gerald I. Lamkin Passes Away

Ivy Tech Community College President Emeritus Gerald I. Lamkin has died. He was 86.

Lamkin served as the president of both Ivy Tech Community College and the Ivy Tech Foundation from 1983-2007.

In his 40 years with the College, Lamkin served in a variety of roles, starting as a part-time instructor in 1967, just four years after the College was created by the Indiana General Assembly as the Indiana Vocational Technical College. He served as a full-time accounting and management instructor before moving into administrative roles including the business manager and director of education for the then-Indianapolis Region, dean for the then-Muncie and Richmond regions, and statewide vice president of operations before assuming the presidency in 1983. During his tenure, Ivy Tech went from an enrollment of approximately 45,000 to over 120,000 students in 13 individual regions with no transfer degrees to one comprehensive statewide community college with 23 locations.

"Our dad lived his life to help others and always wanted to see others improve their lives. A problem solver by nature, he did not believe in the word 'can't'," said Jeri Criddle, his daughter and family spokesperson.

A Hoosier native, Lamkin was born in Rising Sun, Indiana in 1936 and graduated from Rising Sun High School, where he played baseball, basketball and ran track. After graduating, he joined the

United States Air Force. He later attended Indiana State University, where he earned both a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Business Education. He worked for St. Louis Public Schools, the Ford Foundation Project, Ford Motor Company, and Indianapolis Arsenal Technical High School.

"No single leader has had more impact on Ivy Tech than Gerald Lamkin; he was the father of Indiana's community college system," said Ivy Tech President Sue Ellspermann. "His visionary leadership transitioned the College from a vocational school and positioned it to become what it is today: Indiana's workforce development engine."

"His commitment to student success and serving community needs led to the College's expansion in locations, programs, degree offerings, and transfer opportunities," Ellspermann said. "As the College celebrates its 60th anniversary, we owe a debt of gratitude for Jerry's vision and effort. Indiana's higher education and workforce development landscape is forever changed because of him."

Among his many professional accomplishments, Lamkin was known for the love of his family and friends. He was a devout Christian and always had a positive attitude. He would lend a helping hand to all those in need. He was steadfast in his commitment to help others change their lives and make Indiana better.

A five-time recipient of the Sagamore of the Wa-

bash, the highest honor an Indiana governor can bestow, Lamkin volunteered and served on numerous community boards and organizations. His affiliations included: American and Indiana Vocational Associations; American Association of Community Colleges; American Legion Post #59 - Rising Sun, Indiana; American Technical Education Association; Association of Community College Trustees (Advisory Committee of Presidents); Association of Governing Boards (Council of Presidents); Athenaeum Foundation - Indianapolis (past chairman); Building Trades Apprenticeship Coordinators (directors of Indiana); Clan McLaughlin Society; Columbia Club Foundation - Indianapolis (past chairman); Council of North Central Two Year Colleges; Indiana Chamber of Commerce (Life Member, Emeritus); Indiana Conference of Higher Education; Indiana Council of Vocational Administrators (past president); Indianapolis-Cologne Partnership Cities (past member and chairman); Indiana German Heritage Society; Indiana Manufacturers Association; Indiana National Guard Foundation; Indianapolis-Cologne Partnership Cities (past member and chairman); International School of Indiana (past board member); International Sheet Metal Workers of America Accreditation Board; Phi Theta Kappa International Society of Two Year Colleges (president ambassador); Scottish Society of Indianapolis; Project 21

Planning and Assessment Committee for Vocational Education; and Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ - Indianapolis.

Lamkin is preceded in death by his parents, Robert Clayton and Ethel (McLaughlin) Lamkin, and brothers Robert James Lamkin and Clayton Byram Lamkin. He is survived by his wife, Louise (Theilig) Lamkin, son, William Ray Lamkin of Indianapolis, daughter Jeri (Lamkin) Criddle and son-in-law Troy Dempsey-Criddle, III of Florida, four grandchildren (Tyler Gerald and Nolan Leo Lamkin, Alison Louise Shields, and Ethan Ryder Criddle), and one great-grandson (Tyler William Lamkin).

Funeral and visitation arrangements are forthcoming, but the Lamkin family has requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Gerald and Louise Lamkin Scholarship with the Ivy Tech Foundation.

"Ivy Tech has always been a big part of our family and we hope to continue our father's legacy by creating more scholarships for students and staff. Nothing would make him more proud than for his family and friends to continue to support a cause that was most important to him, helping others to succeed," said Criddle.

Gerald "Jerry" I. Lamkin

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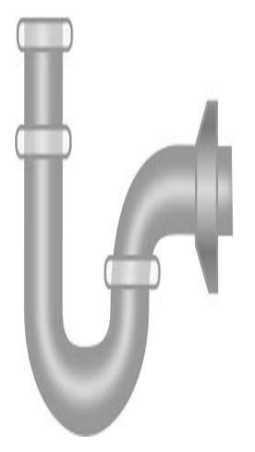
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The Man Who Built Lucas Oil Stadium



BRIAN HOWEY
Howey Political Report

The mammoth NFL gridiron sprawling out across this city's southern flank has long been called "the house that Peyton Manning built," a tribute to the Hall of Fame Colts quarter-back. But it was a man who stood nearly a foot shorter and, perhaps, 75 pounds lighter, who really was responsible for building Lucas Oil Stadium.

Gov. Mitch Daniels had campaigned on a 70-plus point agenda when he defeated Gov. Joe Kernan in 2004. By the time he took office, the capital city was at loggerheads with the Colts, the NFL, and the General Assembly over building a new stadium. There was no funding mechanism in place. The team, it appeared, would be headed to Los Angeles. Mayor Bart Peterson and his team approached the new governor. "They came to see me, asking if could we pull it off, could we do it," Daniels told Howey Politics Indiana in a February interview.

"Having looked at it, we thought it was in the broad public interest. It's always important to point out to people that 90-plus percent of the events were not Colts games. We wouldn't have built a stadium just for the football team, much as I love the Colts. But it was the convention business and the almost year-round revenue that made it a real good idea." The Daniels Team focused at first on a 2% restaurant tax, but the city already had a 1% tax and a 2% difference with its neighboring counties was deemed unacceptable.

"So that's why we decided to talk to the surrounding counties," Daniels said. "We finally worked out a proposal where after it was paid and we knew this would be more than enough to cover it, they would share in the overage." Two audacious strategies emerged.

The first was to convene county officials from the doughnut counties to make a pitch from out of left field. The second would be to use the new governor's nascent political capital to make the sale, sans Mayor Peterson and General Assembly leaders. "In one of the most interesting moments in the entire eight years, I invited the county elected officials, commissioners, county counselors from the doughnut to a confidential meeting at the Governor's Residence," Daniels said.

Gov. Eric Holcomb, who was Daniels' deputy chief of staff at the time, told HPI in January, "We were there. We got criticized for breaking the Open Door Law because we had every county commissioner there and politely pointed out every single commissioner was a Republican." Daniels explained, "It happened that they were all Republicans at that time. That was crucial, because then the meeting could be held in confidence and not in public. This thing would never have happened; you'd have no stadium, no convention expansion and no Colts, probably, if that meeting had been held out in the open. Anyway, we had that meeting. We showed them a lot of data, how many people from their counties worked downtown, worked in hospitality, how many hotel rooms in their county filled up during conventions or even games.

And then we said, 'Go to separate corners here, and tell us whether you can help us with this.' "All but one county did," Daniels explained. That set the stage for the rookie governor to make the case for a tax increase in the doughnut counties to pay for a downtown Indianapolis NFL stadium. Gov. Daniels showed up at a Golden Corral in Shelbyville, the Hamilton County Council chambers, as well as stops in Greenfield, Lebanon and the three other counties.

In Lebanon, Gov. Daniels politely accepted a question from a Boone County man wearing a green "My Man Bitch" tee shirt and earnestly answered. It was the kind of moment that would have made other governor handlers cringe and steadfastly avoid. Gov. Atlas just shrugged. The Greenfield Daily Reporter's headline read, "Don't force-feed food tax, citizens warn governor" and its lead story began, "A vocal group of Hancock County residents told Gov. Mitch Daniels Monday they object to a 1% food and beverage tax being shoved down their throats."

After Daniels appeared in Noblesville, Hamilton County Council President John Hiatt said he had initial misgivings about the proposal, saying feedback from the public had been 50/50. "I was on the fence before tonight, but I'll probably vote for it," he told the Noblesville Daily Times. Commissioner Christine Altman agreed. "He opened it up to all the questions, he addressed all the issues, and I was just very impressed," she said. When it was all said and done, all one county approved of the plan. Lucas Oil Stadium was built (with the state

in control), the Colts (and Peyton Manning) staying put. "The point is, after all the consternation, on the back side of that we had a great venue, a new convention center, all that new business and we had a Super Bowl, and we kept the Colts," Daniels said. "And, believe me, without that process, that doesn't happen. I've told people over the years, here's one of the untold stories." In the June 9, 2005, edition of HPI, this was the observation: "The people loved this governor coming to their hometowns to sell and defend something that would have been unfathomable in times gone by. Many of them didn't agree with him on the tax hikes. But few were rolling their eyes or spewing under their breath as they left.

In the Nov. 27, 2012, edition of HPI, it was observed: "By definition, the word 'transformation' is a thorough or dramatic change in form or appearance. In a political or policy context, the word is often used in association with war, revolution or economic crisis. And in the Hoosier experience, the word clashes with 196 years of stereotype: We are a conservative people, cautious, suspicious, resistant to change. Interrupting this history in key moments has been the transformational governor, almost always thrust into that role by the churning events of the day. As Hoosiers at the turn of this century, we have witnessed such a governor in Mitch Daniels Jr."

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

Different Ways Kinetic Energy Will Reduce Carbon Footprint



Dear EarthTalk: Can we harness kinetic energy to reduce our carbon footprint?

Harnessing kinetic energy as a means to reduce our carbon footprint is indeed a promising avenue for a sustainable future. Kinetic energy is the energy possessed by an object due to its motion, and finding innovative ways to capture and utilize this energy can have significant environmental benefits.

Wind turbines are a prime example of harnessing kinetic energy from the movement of air molecules. These turbines convert the kinetic energy of the wind into mechanical energy, which is then transformed into electricity. Wind power has already become a substantial contributor to global electricity generation, and its continued expansion can play a crucial role in reducing our carbon footprint. By investing in wind energy infrastructure, we can shift away from fossil fuel-based electricity generation and achieve a more sustainable and clean energy mix.

Another way to harness kinetic energy is through the use of kinetic energy recovery systems (KERS). KERS technology allows for the capture and storage of energy that is typically lost during braking or deceleration in vehicles, such as cars, buses and trains. By retrofitting vehicles with KERS, the kinetic energy generated during braking can be converted into electricity and stored in batteries or other energy storage systems. This stored energy can then be used to power vehicle systems or assist with acceleration, reducing the overall energy consumption and carbon emissions of the vehicle.

The potential for KERS technology extends beyond transportation. Some energy harvesting systems can convert the kinetic energy generated by human footsteps into electrical energy. Specialized flooring or walkways can convert this mechanical stress (called footfalls) into electrical charges. This energy can be used to power various applications, such as lighting, sensors or

even charging stations for small electronic devices. Implementing footfall energy harvesting systems in high-traffic areas, such as shopping malls or train stations, could significantly contribute to reducing our reliance on conventional energy sources.

There are still challenges to overcome in the widespread adoption of kinetic energy harnessing. The efficiency and cost-effectiveness of these systems need further improvement to make them economically viable on a large scale. Research and development efforts should focus on enhancing the efficiency of energy conversion, optimizing storage capabilities and reducing manufacturing costs. Policy support and incentives can also play a crucial role to promote the deployment of these technologies.

Indeed, harnessing kinetic energy in multiple ways can undoubtedly contribute to reducing our carbon footprint. By capturing and utilizing the energy generated by motion, we can decrease our reliance on fossil fuels and mitigate the environmental impacts associated with traditional energy sources. However, it is important to view kinetic energy harnessing as part of a comprehensive approach to sustainability, combining multiple strategies to achieve a greener and more sustainable future.

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So, How You Get So Fly?



Slim Randles
Home Country

Watching the fly fishing going on down at Lewis Creek is a little like box seats at the Bolshoi ballet. You might not even know what those old guys are doing, but dang they seem to do it well.

Long, sinuous casts out from the bank to the Lunker Hole. The Lunker, often dreamed, never caught, but our community would be the poorer without him.

"Fly fishing," said Marvin Pincus, "is just another name for life."

"Or love," said our cowboy, Steve.

"Or frustration," said

Dud, who was about to shinny up a tree to cut loose a tangle made by his back cast. He wouldn't have bothered, but that fly hanging down from that tall branch was tied by Marvin Pincus. And was therefore an objet d'arte, which we learned is a French term meaning darned cute. But if left in that tree, it might cause death and suffering to a bird.

"It could be a metaphor," said Windy, making a little scud fly skitter across the surface.

"Metaphor?" Steve said. Windy shrugged.

"Heard that the other day. Means somethin' like that there, I think. Might be a metafive ..."

"Don't think so, Windy."

"Thanks, Doc. Jest cog-

mitatin', you know, 'bout life and when to use a dry fly or when to drag one a-them streamies along and temptationize them fish."

"That's pretty deep, Windy," said Dud, nodding his head.

"Don't think so," Windy said, "Last time I fell in 'twas 'bout three foot or so. I jest fly fish cuz it's more funner than drownin' worms."

"You can say that again!"

"Okay, Doc... I jest fly fish cuz it's more funner ..."

Were you aware you can hear six men groan above the noisy chuckling of a creek?

-Fly fishing with a tenkara outfit is even more funner than you thought. www.tenkarausa.com.

BLOOD

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anyone who has never given or who has not given blood in the last several months to consider donating. The only requirements are that donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and be in good general health. Donors who are 16 may give blood with parental permission and a completed donation permission form. Blood donors must present a picture ID such as a driver's license.

Versiti Indiana Blood Center is a vital link in Indiana's health care

infrastructure, supplying an average of 550 units of blood to more than 60 Indiana hospitals every day. The Versiti Indiana Blood Center is a non-profit community service organization that has served Indiana hospitals since 1952.

The Indiana Blood Center mobile unit will be located on East Pike Street, across from the City Building, on Sunday. You may pre-register by going to <https://bit.ly/TheStrawberryFestival-BloodDrive-6-11>

[www.donorpoint.org].

UNION

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the Crawfordsville District Public Library and is closed to the public. The process is simple. Johnson said that each of the 17 precinct committee chairs (or their vice chairs acting as proxies) will listen to timed-speeches from any candidates vying for the position. A vote will follow and if no clear winner is determined, the lowest vote getter is dropped and another ballot takes place. This process will repeat until one candidate is elected.

BUTCH

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ents grew up during the Great Depression. No one threw out anything of value in those days.

Mother was also a sentimental saver; she kept various items from my childhood, and compiled a scrapbook which held my school report cards, newspaper clippings from all of my high school basketball games, and articles from the county and sectional tournaments. She saved the first book that Grandma Dale gave me, "Teddy Bear of Bumpkin Hollow," and even my 7th grade A+ science report, "The Blue Jay," which is now framed and hanging on my wall! I have always been a sentimental saver, too.

I would imagine that many of you also have items from your childhood which you or your parents kept for nostalgic reasons...such things as a lock of hair, a teddy bear or stuffed animal, a special doll, your first lunchbox, a toy or collectible figure, artwork, photos, a musical memento such as a concert ticket or 45 rpm record, a letter or card...the list is endless. An item that has no meaning to anyone else may hold a

very special memory for you.

I have also accumulated several items from my teenage years...my high school athletic honor jacket, my "senior cords," and even my high school track fiberglass vaulting pole, just to name a few things. There are items from my adult life that I also want to pass down to my kids...my police badges, the

Sheriff watch my wife bought for me, my Smith & Wesson revolver with my name engraved on it (a gift from the Indiana Sheriff's Association), my artwork and writings... along with many other sentimental possessions. My wife has also saved back many items that are special, such as the figurine that topped our wedding cake, her mother's dishes and jewelry, her grandmothers oak wall phone, along with thousands of photos of our four kids and nine grandkids.

Some of my childhood keepsakes include my Gene Autry cap gun and holster, my arrowhead collection, my first baseball mitt, my Methodist church attendance pins,

a special card from my Grandma Dale, and of course...my 1959 and '60s Topps baseball card collection in an old cigar box...just to name a few. I know that many of these items are worth some money, but I would never sell any of them for all of the money in the world. They remind me of a special time or event in my life, which evokes in me a feeling of nostalgia and pleasant memories.

You see, part of my life is within each keepsake item...and they are an enjoyable way to reconnect with the past and remember those good times. I hope that you are lucky enough to still have items from your childhood. And if you have young children, please consider keeping some of their special items, mementos, and memorabilia in a safe place, and encourage your kids to do the same. Many years from now you will be glad you did!

- 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.

Trimester 3 Honor Roll North Montgomery High School

Seniors- High Honor Roll

Teegan Bacon, Madison Banta, Noah Barnhart, Cassandra Bone, Dylan Braun, Payton Bush, Elizabeth Cain, Denisha Dowell, Rylan Dowell, Benjamin Eldridge, Hailie Gartin, Rylie Gayler, Nevaeh Griggs, Adrian Hall, Brecken Hardy, Marc Infantes Mancebo, Shelby Kammerer, Cascie Keller, Meagan Lyon, Isabella Mattingly, Taylor McCollum, Drew Norman, Kayden Russellburg, Hayden Turner, Clayton Tyo, Kendall Williamson, and Matthew Willis

Juniors High Honor Roll

Gavin Berry, Kyle Bowman, Grace Brewer, Bryce Callis, Alexander Chapman, Sophia Craig, Miranda Crowe, Ella Fritzen, Ellen Gable, Brooklynn Hamm, Jarrod Kirsch, Brooklyn Kruse, Payton Kunz, Ashlyn Lee, Paul Lueking, Sophia Morris, Sydney Neidoffer, Eva Rose, Brent Runyan, Kennady Sanders, Zurisadai Santana Roldan, Samuel Sheetz, Trista Thomas, Trevor Voorhees, Gavyn Waldon, and Tacie Woodall.

Sophomore High Honor Roll

Noelle Barnhart, Alek Bayless, Krestyn Bradford, James Brooks, Cade Cole, Justin Coleman, Sarika Gabhawala, Charlotte Garver, Avery Gayler, Ashlyn Godbey, Zachary Herron, Abbie Johnson, Makenzie Jones, Brooklyn Kerns, Hailey Kunz, Ava

Mershon, Blair Nichols, Ava Nunan, Bailey Patton, Kayla Sankey, Julia Shea, Katelyn Shepherd, Jovie Simpkins, Clauddia Smedley, Jayden Thompson, and Callie Wright.

Freshman High Honor Roll

Tapia Ambriz, Jeramy Baity, Ayden Braun, Emma Brown, Hunter Colinger, Brylee Cowan, Hope Delp, Jaylyn Easterly, Jackson Grundy, Lucy Hess, Taylor Hudson, Ella McManomy, Audrey Morris, Macee Norman, Sophia Powell, Kyle Ratliff, Dusty Robinson, Sophia Shea, Cassidy Thomas, Anabelle Verduin, Katelyn Woolwine, Nathan Woosley, and Cole Yeager.

Senior Regular Honor Roll

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Junior Regular Honor Roll

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on, Gage Edwards, Jordyn Frommer, Kayla Hoffman, Paige Hudson, Jacob Hughes, Kennedy Isbell, Isabel Jankowski, Nathan McCoy, Corbin Meadows, Shayna Ratcliff, Jacob Rice, Israel Rose, Emily Schaub, Tanner Stultz, and Kaitlyn Waddell.

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Freshman Regular Honor Roll

Owen Arthur, Keaton Brown, Lillian Bryant, Cole Crew, Lacey Conover, Meadow Douglas, Dane Elliott, Kiefer Ervin, Alannis Garcia, Cambria Hall, Laine Hayes, Kayden Hodges, Makenna Hutson, Aaliyah Jewell, Zoey Jones, Luke Kirkpatrick, Brenley Lauderbaugh, Emma Leonhardt, Reece Lowe-Harwood, Hailey Michael, Kale Mitchell, Jazmen Newlin, Ariannah Norman, Heaven Pruettt, Kaleb Rescigno, Nicole Rhude, Kylie Sankey, Vanessa Schultz, Tobias Simons, Gage Taylor, Blake Welch, and Jordan Young.



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