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**➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** Turkey Run State Park was named the seventh best state park in the United States in a list of 15 according to Travel-Awaits, a website dedicated to travelers 50 and older. The site mentions the park's sandstone gorges, suspension bridge, and Sugar Creek as reasons why Turkey Run stands out. For more details on the list TravelAwaits compiled, see [travelawaits.com/2885378/best-us-state-parks](https://travelawaits.com/2885378/best-us-state-parks). For a similar landscape to Turkey Run that can have fewer crowds, try Shades State Park. It's located a 20-minute drive northeast at 7751 S. 890 W. in Waveland, 47989. See on [in.gov/shades](https://www.in.gov/shades) for more information. Turkey Run State Park (on [in.gov.turkeyrunsp](https://www.in.gov/turkeyrunsp)) is at 8121 East Park Road in Marshall, 47859.

**2** Walnut Township Community Organization's annual "Home-town Fish Fry". Saturday June 17th. At the New Ross Fire Station. Serving 5:30 to 8 pm. Menu: Delicious Cod fish sandwiches, Hot Dog, Sloppy Joe, and Coney sandwiches, Bake Beans, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Onion Rings, Desserts, Drinks

**3** The Arts Federation (TAF) will present the 2023 TASTE of Tippecanoe on Saturday, June 17 from 6 pm to midnight! Proceeds from this event support TAF's mission to grow the arts in north central Indiana. TAF is looking for individuals and groups who can volunteer before, during, and/or after the event on June 17. All event volunteers receive free admission and a t-shirt. You can sign up to help with entry gates, food ticket booths, restaurant services, the beer gardens, and more. Shifts are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so sign up early!

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The Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival begins today!

## Have A Berry Fun Time With Family And Friends

The Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival begins today at 11am! Join the community in tons of fun, a lot of tasty food and some interesting shopping until 10pm! 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 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://stevetrent-music.com/>

### The Daily Almanac

**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 6:16 a.m.  
SET: 9:16 p.m.

**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 80 °F  
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**Today is...**

- Donald Duck Day
- Writers' Rights Day
- National Marriage Day

**What Happened On This Day**

- 1967 Israel captures the Golan Heights from Syria.
- 1957 Four Austrian climbers become the first to conquer Broad Peak.
- 1934 Donald Duck makes his film debut in The Wise Little Hen.

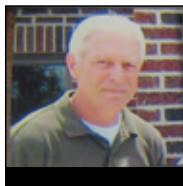
**Births On This Day**

- 1963 Johnny Depp American actor, singer, producer, director
- 1961 Michael J. Fox Canadian/American actor, producer, author

**Deaths On This Day**

- 1870 Charles Dickens English author
- 68 Nero Roman Emperor

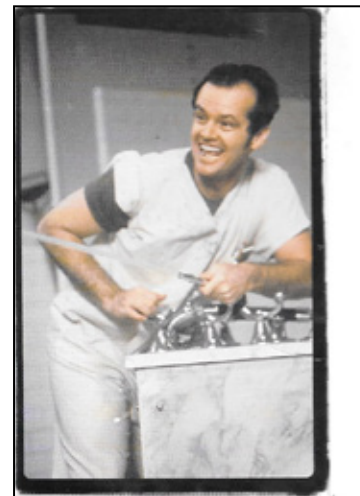
## Butch Wants to Fly Over the Cuckoo's Nest



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

Vintery, mintery, cutery, corn... Apple seed and apple thorn... Wire, briar, limber lock... Three geese in a flock... One flew east... One flew west... And one flew over the cuckoo's nest.

I sometimes think the American people have become like Randle McMurphy, the main character in the 1975 movie "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." We seem to be trapped in a psychiatric hospital. Our behavior is constantly being controlled and manipulated through both subtle and coercive means...not by the tyrannical nurse Ratched, but by our own government and the liberal media...what we do, what we say, what we believe, how we think. If we refuse to conform to the "proper" views and beliefs, we face invisible,



Jack Nicholson in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (1975)

Photo courtesy of Butch Dale and sometimes direct, forms of censorship and public shaming. And just like nurse Ratched, the actions of government and media are so insidious that we often don't realize that we are being controlled at all.

One example is the current

➔ See BUTCH Page A5

## Real Men Wear Gowns: Encouraging Men's Health Awareness



**MONICA NAGELE**  
Purdue Extension Office



Men often face barriers when it comes to seeking help and support for their health and well-being. This month in honor of Men's Health Month we want to encourage men to seek medical care before an emergency occurs. Seeking help and support is a sign of strength, not weakness. Unfortunately, many men do not go to the doctor regularly for various reasons, such as fear, distrust, or negative experiences.

Even if you are not a football fan, you may recall the recent

cardiac arrest of Buffalo Bills' safety, Damar Hamlin, during a game. Damar experienced a phenomenon called commotio cordis, which can occur when an athlete is hit hard in the chest by force from another player or with a hard ball. While Damar was fortunate not to have an underlying health condition that could have ended his career or life, many men are not as lucky. Neglecting regular check-ups and ignoring body pain can be detrimental to their health.

Men should focus on their health and well-being by scheduling regular check-ups with a healthcare provider. Preventive care is cheaper and less complicated than treatment, and it can lead to a longer and healthier life. The man panel, which includes screenings for prostate, colon, testicular, and

➔ See MEN Page A5

**➔ HONEST HOOSIER**

Hot dog! The Strawberry Festival is back! See you there!



**➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Kids who are allowed to add sugar to unsweetened cereal end up eating less sugar than those who eat pre-sweetened cereals. 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).



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**➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE**

**Community Announcement: Crawfordsville Investment Club to Meet Tuesday:**

The Crawfordsville Investment Club will meet Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at the Crawfordsville District Public Library. The program is about Investment Opportunities. The Crawfordsville Investment Club meets for educational purposes only. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 765-362-2826.

**➔ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"When in doubt, look intelligent."  
-Garrison Keillor

**➔ TODAY'S JOKE**

I wish my gray hair started in Las Vegas because what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas.

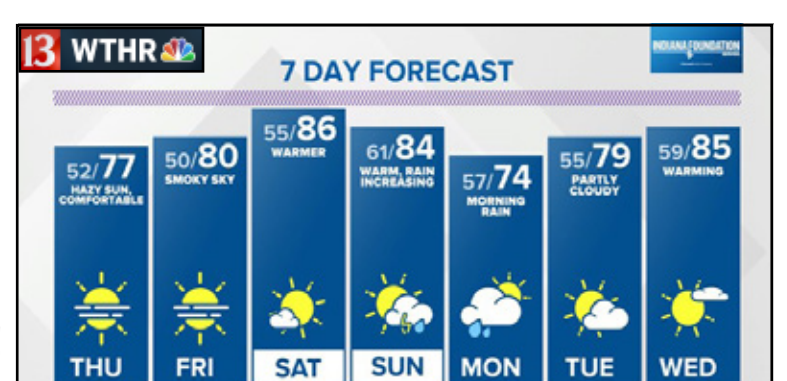
**➔ OBITUARIES**

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## Dusk To Dawn Celebrates 10 Years

Dusk to Dawn continues celebrating 10 years of nonprofit work in the community with our Summer Fun & Fitness event on Saturday, June 17. The event boasts a variety of family friendly activities. Our day will kick off at 8am with our inaugural Fun Run/Walk along the beautiful Sugar Creek Trail. To participate in the run/walk, we ask you to register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Crawfordsville/D2DSFF>. Participants can also register until 7:30 the day of the event. There is a \$20 fee for the run/walk. Those registering by Friday, June 9 will receive one of our 10th Anniversary commemorative T-shirts. After that date, T-shirts will be as supplies last. Top finishers will receive gift certificates from local merchants.

After our morning walk/run, a number of other activities will take place 9am-12pm and are all free and open to the public to drop in as desired. Activities include a meet and greet with our Crawfordsville firefighters, where we can learn some fire safety tips and tour the fire engine. The Home for Friendless Animals will be onsite

with pets available for interaction. Pets looking for a forever home are waiting for their family to start the adoption process. Then you can take a stroll out to the Seeds of Hope Community Garden where you can get your hands dirty with an interactive experience in gardening. Last year the garden raised over 1000 pounds of fresh produce to help feed those in our community who struggle with food insecurity.

Be sure to come inside where you can enjoy a relaxing 10-minute morning stretch with yoga instructors Kim Green of Quest for Balance Wellness and Tanya Snell Milano of Find Om in Mom. You can also stop by to help the Knots of Love Quilters tie knots to ship quilts to third world countries around the world. Last year they sent over 200 quilts to those who found themselves homeless as a result of disaster, famine, war, or persecution. The Versiti Blood Bank will be onsite for those wishing to donate blood and save the life of another. Those wanting to donate blood are welcome to walk-in, but if you'd like to schedule a specified time, go to <https://donate.indiana.ver>

siti.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/158462.

Finally, a scavenger hunt will entice kids to visit all the various activities offered throughout the day. Prizes and coupons for free ice cream will be awarded to any youngster completing the scavenger hunt!

Cheryl Fuhrmann, founder of Dusk to Dawn stated, "At Dusk to Dawn we work to restore wellness in the lives of others. This event is our way of giving back by promoting family-friendly activities to enhance wellbeing of ourselves, our community, and our world." We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, June 17 8am-12pm at 300 W South Blvd for a fun-filled day.

Dusk-to-Dawn Bereavement Services is a local nonprofit organization. Our mission is to help alleviate the suffering associated with loss and grief by providing support, counseling, education, and resources for anyone in need. To learn more, donate, or make an appointment, contact us at 765-267-1760, [info@dusk-to-dawn.org](mailto:info@dusk-to-dawn.org) or [www.dusk-to-dawn.org](http://www.dusk-to-dawn.org) You can also find us on Facebook and LinkedIn.

## Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau Bingo Event



Youth as Resources, a youth-led philanthropic program of the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau, will be bringing back their annual Bingo fundraising event on Tuesday, June 27th.

Prizes will be Pampered Chef, Thirty-One and Vera Bradley items!

This bingo event is a crucial fundraiser as it finances the Youth as Resources grant pool for much of the year. The event will take place at

St. Bernard's Catholic Church on Tuesday, June 27th from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$13.00 at the door. Extra bingo cards can be purchased for \$5.00. Concessions will be available. You must be 18 to play.

All proceeds benefit the local community through grants and awards to youth volunteer organizations. These organizations need funding to complete projects that benefit people in the community and the community as a whole. Local youth groups receive funding by filling out grant applications and presenting their

projects to our youth board. The board may grant up to \$500 per project. Some of our previous grants include a project to aid teenage mothers, care packages to soldiers serving in Iraq, providing funds to get canned foods for FISH food pantry, and supplies to make blankets for Riley Hospital.

We are still looking for sponsors and / or door prizes. If your business would like to sponsor a purse or bag, provide door prizes or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Youth as Resources Coordinator, Cameron Cole, at 362-0694 Ext. 114 or by email at [cameron@mcybsb.or](mailto:cameron@mcybsb.or)

### Meeting Notes

## Crawfordsville Community School Corporation Board of Education - Regular Meeting

Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

Crawfordsville Community Schools Administration Building - 1000 Fairview Ave

- AGENDA
- I. Roll Call
  - II. CHARACTER COUNTS!SM Corporation - Pillar of Responsibility
  - III. Pledge of Allegiance
  - IV. Building Principal Report -
  - V. Consent Agenda: Previous Meeting Minutes, Construction Accounts Payable Voucher, Payroll Claims Vouchers, Register of Accounts Payable Voucher, and Surplus Items
  - VI. Old Business
  - VII. New Business
    - a. Consider Resolution

to Direct Unclaimed Lunch Funds

b. Consider Rule Regarding Access to CCSC Sports Programs for Students Enrolled in Non-Public, Non-Accredited Schools

a. Consider Dr. Patel as Corporation Doctor

VIII. Personnel

a. Consider Abigail Everling Resignation - CMS Assistant

b. Consider Christine Kelsey Resignation - Hose Speech Language Pathologist

c. Consider Beata Steiner Resignation - Hose Art Teacher

d. Consider Amanda Isajewicz Resignation - Nicholson Music Teacher

e. Consider Michael Jones Resignation - CHS

f. Recommend Ronda Branham - School Psychologist

IX. Change of Position

X. Associate Superintendent Report

XI. Superintendent Report

XII. Other

XIII. Board Member Communication

XIV. Patron Comments

XV. Adjournment

Patron's Comments are limited to 3 minutes per spokesperson for a total of 30 minutes.

The meeting site is fully accessible. Any person requiring further accommodations should contact the Superintendent at the School Corporation's central of ice.

## Witham Health Services Hosts Blood Drive

Witham Health Services will host a blood drive on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at our Lebanon campus. Witham has a long history of support for the Versiti Blood Center of Indiana and participates in quarterly corporate blood drives allowing Witham employees to give back to the community in the convenience of their workplace. The blood drives are also open to the public.

Just this week, Versiti Blood Center of Indiana issued an emergency appeal for blood donations. With less than a day's supply of available blood, communities throughout the state face a potential crisis as hospitals may not have the blood needed to treat patients.

Heading into the summer months, Versiti has seen a drastic drop in scheduled appointments, with nearly 2,500 open appointments over the next seven days. 25 percent of their blood collections come from their high school and college partners, meaning that when it's summer vacation, those community blood drives are not happening. Unfortunately, the need for blood does not take a summer vacation. While Versiti anticipates this dip every year, the situation is compounded by the fact that they are also seeing fewer first-time donors walking through the doors, which is adding to an already dangerous situation.

Potential donors must be at least 17 years old

(16 years old with parental consent form signed), weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good general health. Donors must also present a picture I.D., such as a driver's license. Donations are welcome from all community members, not just Witham employees. The blood drive location is at the hospital's main campus located at 2605 N. Lebanon Street. Please enter through the North Pavilion, Entrance A and follow directions to the North Pavilion Conference Rooms. Interested donors are encouraged to go online to schedule <https://bit.ly/WithamHospital-Blood-Drive-6-21>. Walk-ins are also welcome. For additional information please call 485-8120.

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# Top Ranked Baller Back For Possibly Best Season Ever



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

Not since the 1987-88 season has a Purdue men's basketball team faced higher expectations than the 2023-24

Boilermakers.

If Purdue reaches those expectations - a repeat Big Ten Conference championship, another run to a Big Ten Tournament title, the school's first Final Four in an astounding 43 years - it will be because of a decision announced shortly after 9 p.m. on May 31.

Zach Edey, once the 440th-ranked high school recruit in the class of 2020 and now the reigning college basketball consensus National Player of the Year, is back for his senior season.

In addition to having a chance to accomplish a feat not seen since 1983, Edey has a realistic shot at statistically becoming the greatest player in Boilermaker history.

For 53 years, Rick Mount's career scoring record of 2,323 points has not been seriously threatened by another Purdue standout. Jerry West Award winner Carsen Edwards likely would have broken that standard with 1,920 points through three seasons. The Boston Celtics gave Edwards approximately four million reasons not to stick around West Lafayette for his senior season.

Four other Boilermakers have reached the 2,000-point plateau. Dave Schellhase (2,074), like Mount, only played three varsity seasons due to NCAA rules declaring freshmen ineligible.

Joe Barry Carroll came the closest to Mount with 2,175 points in four

varsity seasons. However, Carroll was not a starter as a freshman and scored just 220 points in 28 games.

Troy Lewis (2,038) was incredibly consistent for most of his Purdue career, scoring 589 points as a sophomore, 556 as a junior and 590 as a senior. But the 1984 co-Indiana Mr. Basketball only started nine games as a freshman while putting up 303 points in 29 games.

E'Twaun Moore, who played nearly twice as many games (140) as Mount (72) in a Purdue uniform, started 135 times on his way to scoring 2,136 points.

Edey enters his senior season with 1,533 points, 790 behind Mount. After scoring 757 points in 34 games a year ago, Edey might have a shot if the Boilermakers can avoid a first weekend upset in the NCAA tournament.

Carroll's career rebounding record of 1,148 seems more likely to fall. If Edey comes close to the 438 rebounds he collected as a junior, that would put him well over 1,200 for his career.

Edey also has a chance to be the first repeat National Player of the Year since Virginia center Ralph Sampson won his third consecutive honor in 1983.

As for those team expectations?

In 1987-88, Purdue was ranked No. 2 in the preseason and dreamed of a national championship with a senior corps nicknamed "The Three Amigos." Lewis, Todd Mitchell and Everette Stephens believed they would take the Boilermakers all the way under coach Gene Keady. Not even an early season slip-up, a stunning 104-96 loss to Iowa State in Mackey Arena, lowered those expectations. Nor did the suspensions of key reserves Jeff Arnold and

Dave Stack for the season. Melvin McCants was an outstanding center and power forward Kip Jones made up for his inability to consistently make free throws with solid defense and rebounding skills. Backup point guard Tony Jones was a future star. So was a shy 6-9 center named Stephen Scheffler, who would become the 1990 Big Ten Player of the Year.

A 16-game winning streak after the Iowa State loss restored Purdue to its No. 2 ranking, where it remained for most of the season on its way to a 16-2 Big Ten record and a three-game edge over second-place Michigan.

Similar to a potential 2024 NCAA Tournament path (Indianapolis, Detroit in the Midwest Regional), the Boilermakers seemingly had the perfect road to the 1988 Final Four. Fairleigh Dickenson and Memphis were speed bumps during the first two rounds in South Bend. In the Sweet 16 at Pontiac, Mich., Kansas State - which had lost 101-72 in Mackey Arena three months earlier - was waiting.

Purdue got off to a 10-0 lead and fans were looking ahead to an Elite Eight matchup with Kansas. But future NBA All-Star Mitch Richmond got hot, even banking in a 3-pointer in the second half, and the Wildcats pulled off a 73-70 victory.

Few losses in Purdue basketball history have been tougher than that one.

Following Edey's announcement, ESPN's Joe Lunardi installed Purdue as the No. 2 overall seed behind Kansas in his projected NCAA Tournament bracket.

"Zach Edey's ultimate return to Purdue has already reframed the 2023-24 campaign," Lunardi

wrote. "Kansas remains the clear preseason No. 1, but the Boilermakers have slipped in behind the Jayhawks as a probable repeat 1-seed with serious revenge on their minds."

Purdue will be among the Big Ten's most experienced teams with all five starters, including Westfield's Braden Smith, and seven of its top eight scorers returning. Southern Illinois transfer guard Lance Jones, redshirt freshman forward Camden Heide and true freshman forward Myles Colvin could give the Boilermakers a boost of athletic skills.

As for the rest of the conference field, Michigan State has been receiving a lot of hype from the national media for some reason. Yes, the Spartans have a veteran backcourt of Tyson Walker (14.8 ppg.) and A.J. Hoggard (12.9).

But Tom Izzo's team lost a valuable scorer in Joey Hauser (14.4) and center Mady Sissoko was no match for Edey in either of Purdue's victories over MSU a year ago. The Spartans do have a highly regarded recruiting class but as the Boilermakers learned a year ago, freshmen aren't usually ready for the physical beating they will take in the Big Ten.

Indiana, which tied Northwestern for second place, has to replace 80 percent of its starting lineup. The NCAA gifted the Hoosiers another year of guard Xavier Johnson to go with promising recruits Mackenzie Mgbako and Gabe Cupps. But the question again is, where's the outside shooting?

Northwestern retained Boo Buie (17.3 ppg.) for a sixth season but backcourt mate Chase Audige (14.1) remained in the NBA Draft. Lafayette Jeff graduate Brooks Barnhizer

could make up for most of that scoring.

Illinois kept first-team All-Big Ten guard Terrance Shannon Jr. (17.2) as well as Coleman Hawkins (9.9), but once again the Fighting Illini will be a chemistry experiment on the court. Coach Brad Underwood doubled down on his transfer-heavy recruiting with five more players.

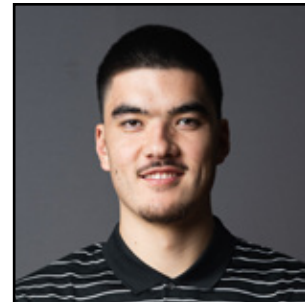
Only Michigan and Penn State were hit harder by departures/transfers than Iowa, which saw Kris Murray (20.2 ppg.), Filip Rebraca (14.1), Connor McCaffery (6.5) and Ahron Ullis (6.1) walk out the door.

Michigan second-team All-Big Ten center Hunter Dickenson followed the money to Kansas for his senior season. Add Jett Howard and Kobe Bufkin entering the NBA Draft, and the Wolverines must make up nearly 47 points a game from that trio. Michigan won't be Minnesota or Nebraska bad but an NCAA Tournament bid seems like a long shot today.

Maryland finished four games behind Purdue a year ago, but star guard Jahmir Young (15.8 ppg.), Julian Reese (11.4) and Donta Scott return. Circle the date when the Big Ten announces the Terrapins' trip to Indiana. Former Hoosiers forward Jordan Geronimo is one of three transfers into Maryland.

As for the rest of the league, Minnesota may not be much better than its 2-17 Big Ten record a year ago even with the return of Dawson Garcia (15.3 ppg.) Nebraska welcomes back fan favorite Keisei Tominaga (13.1) but the cupboard looks pretty bare in Lincoln.

Ohio State has underrated sophomore point guard Bruce Thornton (10.6 ppg.) and Zed Key (10.8),



ZACH EDEY

a good start on improving last season's disappointing 16-19 overall record and 5-15 Big Ten mark. Minnesota transfer Jamison Battle and a highly regarded freshman class will help, too.

Fans will need to buy programs to figure out who is playing for Penn State this year. Micah Shrewsberry's departure for Notre Dame triggered an exodus of talent that took Purdue to the wire in the Big Ten Tournament final. The Nittany Lions have two returning players who combined for less than five points a game in 2022-23. Eight transfers will have to figure out their roles quickly under new coach Mike Rhoades.

Clifford Omoruyi (13.2 ppg.) and Paul Mulcahy (8.3 ppg.) are two reasons why Rutgers will again be a tough victory for any visiting Big Ten team. Cam Spencer (13.2), who transferred to national champion Connecticut, is a major loss.

Wisconsin, which finished an uncharacteristic 11th in the Big Ten a year ago, mustn't be overlooked either with a veteran lineup of Chucky Hepburn (12.2 ppg.), Steven Crawl (12.1), Connor Essegian (11.7), Tyler Wahl (11.3) and Max Klesmit (8.4).

*- 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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# Hour Favorite TV Show



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Funny Bone

I'm a big "60 Minutes" fan. I remember watching the premier show in 1968. The producer of that show was Don Hewitt, an

alumnus of New Rochelle High School where I graduated in 1965. The high school has a list of famous graduates and Don is listed along with 29 other people. I must have been number 31 because I couldn't find my name. By the way, my mother also graduated from New Rochelle High and dated Don Hewitt. This has nothing to do with what I am writing about this week, but it may be the only opportunity I'll have to sneak that into a column.

This past week "60 Minutes" did a show about Artificial Intelligence and the story focused on how some of these AI programs can mimic someone's voice and be used to trick people into sending money or giving out personal information over the phone. This freaked out my wife who is very concerned about having her identity stolen. She is not

worried about my identity being stolen because to quote Mary Ellen, "I don't think anyone would want to be you."

She is very paranoid about this kind of stuff. She shreds everything, convinced that people will rifle through our garbage to find vital information.

"Mary Ellen, why are you shredding our junk mail?"

"Dick, I don't want people to know our address."

"Well, if unsavory people are going through our trash at the curb, they can figure out where we live, because we live right behind the trash."

Now, as a result of the "60 Minutes" story, she has heightened concerns about privacy. I called her the other day to ask a question.

"Hi Mary Ellen, It's Dick. I need your social security number to fill out a form here at the bank."

There was a pause on the phone... a long one.

"Hmm, when you call you never say 'It's Dick.' You always say 'Hi, it's me.' Now, who is this?"

It's your husband. Now can you give me the social security number, please?"

"I have a couple of questions before I give out this highly sensitive

information. What is your brother's name?"

Peter, of course.

And where were you born?"

"New Rochelle. Look if this is some kind of an IQ or memory test, you need to make the questions a lot tougher."

"This is my way of checking if it's really you. With all the new technology available a crook could be calling me and making his voice sound like yours."

"Okay, Mary Ellen, you may ask one more question. Make it a good one."

"Okay, Dick—or whoever you are, —when we got married, we stayed in a magnificent vacation spot in Big Sur, California. You said it was the most romantic, glorious hotel you had ever been in and it was a weekend you would never forget. What was the name of the hotel?"

"I don't have a clue."

"Oh, good it's definitely you! 897-006-0000

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# Red Cross: Blood Supply Facing Stress, Donors Needed

Help celebrate World Blood Donor Day June 14.

A concerning shortfall in blood donations last month could stress the American Red Cross blood supply. The Red Cross collected over 26,000 fewer blood donations than needed in May to meet the needs of patients. The need for blood is constant, with someone needing a blood transfusion in the U.S. every two seconds. Platelet donors are especially needed at this time. The public can help ensure continuity for patients by making an appointment to give blood or platelets now and in the weeks ahead.

World Blood Donor Day, gifts for donors

June 14 is World Blood Donor Day, a day meant to raise awareness of the need for a safe, diverse and stable blood supply and to recognize volunteer blood donors. This is the perfect time to give, especially for those who haven't given in a while, or who have never given before.

In thanks for taking time

to help, all who come to give blood, platelets or plasma June 1-30 will receive a \$10 gift card by email to a merchant of their choice. Those who come to give throughout June will also be automatically entered for a chance to win a backyard theater package. Details for both offers can be found at RedCrossBlood.org/June.

Help the Red Cross celebrate World Blood Donor Day and meet the critical needs of patients. Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule a time to give now at a blood drive near you.

How to donate blood

To make an appointment, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other

forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Amplify your impact — volunteer!

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check-in and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive donation experience.

Volunteers can also serve as transportation specialists, playing a vital role in ensuring lifesaving blood products are delivered to nearby hospitals. For more information and to apply for either position, contact or visit redcross.org/volunteertoday.

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# Former VP Mike Pence Launches 2024 bid, Criticizes Trump's Jan. 6 Actions

By Robin Opsahl  
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Former Vice President Mike Pence announced his candidacy for president to a crowd at Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny, focusing on the differences between him and former President Donald Trump, who is also running again in 2024.

While Pence praised the conservative successes he and Trump achieved in office, he said he is challenging the former president because of their "different visions" for the country's future, and his promise to uphold the Constitution.

During the Capitol insurrection Jan. 6, 2021, Trump "demanded I choose between him and the Constitution," Pence told the crowd.

"Now voters will be faced with the same," Pence said. "I chose the Constitution."

Pence said he stands by his decision to ensure the "peaceful transfer of power." He said his candidacy is not just to stop Dem-

ocrats from "trampling" over the Constitution, but to restore the Republican Party to the party that defends the U.S. Constitution.

"The American people must know the leaders in the Republican Party will keep our oaths to support and defend the Constitution, even when it's not in our political interest," Pence said. "I believe that anyone who puts themselves over the Constitution should never be president of the United States. And anyone who asks someone else to put them over the Constitution should never be president of the United States again."

Hitting the trail Friends, family and supporters from Indiana joined Iowans to officially welcome the former vice president to the 2024 Republican field. It's far from Pence's first time this year on Iowa caucus trail — he has been coming to Iowa for several months, including a motorcycle ride and speech Saturday at U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst's "Roast and

Ride." But his event at the community college's FFA Enrichment Center was his first as a presidential candidate.

Pence is entering a crowded field. In addition to Trump, the former vice president will face at least nine other Republicans including Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, U.S. Sen. Tim Scott and former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley. Former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum also entered the race Wednesday.

The Indiana Republican criticized other Republicans for "retreating" on their anti-abortion positions, called for supporting Ukraine against the Russian invasion and said entitlement programs like Social Security need urgent reform.

John Paul Strong, an 81-year-old veteran from Des Moines, said he wanted to hear more from Republican presidential candidates on their plans to address veterans' issues. He said while candidates like DeSantis have brought up military service on the

campaign trail, he has not heard plans to address problems with older veterans' accessing retirement or Social Security benefits, getting care at Veterans' Affairs hospitals and finding STEM job training.

Strong said he was hopeful Pence could address these issues, pointing to his track record on veterans' issues as Indiana governor when he supported multiple measures helping veterans enter the workforce. He said Pence has an opportunity to present a strong message that appeals to evangelicals that doesn't rely on "hate," contrasting with candidates like former President Donald Trump.

But Pence will have to fight to differentiate himself from the growing field of 2024 GOP candidates, Strong said.

"There are some of these people who are just running to run," Strong said. "It's going to be a matter of who drops off, and who can keep holding on."

While voters at Pence's kick-off event were supportive of the former vice

president's campaign, he may face difficulty gaining ground with people who still support Trump. Jayne Hawkes, a Des Moines resident, said at a DeSantis campaign event that she's looking for a "Christian conservative" to support, but said she was not sold on Pence.

"He has to be more bold and outspoken on some things," Hawkes said. "That's what I need from him."

Other critics say Pence may fail to gain traction because he does not have the personality and presence of GOP candidates like Trump. But Indiana House Speaker Todd Huston, when introducing Pence, said he looked forward to Iowa voters getting to know Pence. Huston said he read that someone called the former Vice President "mayonnaise on toast."

"Let me just suggest this: I think you're gonna get to know the Mike Pence that we know," Huston said. "... And there's a lot of Iowa bacon and maybe even some Tabasco sauce on that

toast too."

Iowa Democratic Party chair Rita Hart said Pence will push for banning abortion, cutting Social Security and undermining "our most basic freedoms," the same as other 2024 candidates.

"Mike Pence has long championed one of the most extreme, anti-middle-class agendas in Congress and Indiana," Hart said in a statement Wednesday. "Now, after serving as Donald Trump's wingman in Washington, he's looking to take the failed Trump-Pence policies that caused average farm income to fall to near 15-year lows and weakened our middle class even further."

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controversy concerning transgender behavior. I guess I just don't get it. I always thought there were two genders... biological male and biological female...depends on your "plumbing," just like the faucets on a sink...one HOT, and one COLD. But now a male can "identify" as a female and compete in a women's sport...and even use the women's restroom! And then there are those who do not want to declare their gender... they are "non-binary" and want to be addressed as "they." There are no sink faucets that are labeled "HOT, BUT IDENTIFIES AS COLD," or "LUKEWARM," or "GUESS WHICH." But we dare not say anything, or we will be labeled as uncaring or homophobic. Watch what you say, because there are numerous "informants" on social media and in various organizations who, just like the movie's Billy Bibbitt, do not hesitate to divulge your "traitorous and uncaring" beliefs to anyone and everyone. If a male decides he wants to be a female in his own mind, that's his choice. Just don't expect people to approve of he/she competing in a girl's sport and using the lady's restroom. And if he/she wears lipstick, makeup, and a dress, he/she should have enough common sense to know that a few people will stare.

We face the same problems in expressing our opinion about other concerns. As decrepit Ol' Joe mumbles and stumbles along, guided each step of the way by his liberal handlers and Obama, he demands that we accept not only behavior which we consider a little strange, but also all religions (even those who hate Christianity), unlawful immigration, crooked FBI actions, unmitigated federal spending on worthless and failed social programs, and his latest idea...cancelling student loan debt (with money from those who worked hard to pay off their loans).

If we oppose these actions and refuse to be good little patients in the ward, those in control, along with the liberal media, will use various types of "punishment," including social media scorn and criticism, or even use the law (their version of the law) to "correct" your behav-

ior. It's their way or the highway. Do not use the wrong pronoun in public. Do not criticize Islamic legislators who hate our country. Do not insinuate the FBI is aligned with the Democrats in power. Do not point out the unscientific claims of the climate alarmists. Do not suggest that China instigated COVID. Do not criticize the plans to defund the police and pay reparations to the descendants of slaves. Do not insist that those who tear down historic statues be prosecuted. Do not insist that welfare recipients get a job if they are physically able...or you will be forever condemned and ostracized. Remember what Nancy Pelosi said, "People will just do what they do." Great. I guess "anything goes."

I think that most people would agree that Trump is smart, but he is also a little crazy, and he did try to stand up to the establishment swamp. But nurse Ratched's interns and aides (Hillary, the FBI, and her Democrat buddies in Congress) decided he needed electroshock therapy...via a fake dossier, outright lies, and FBI corruption. After all, the primary goal of the current swamp creatures is total control...can't let a rebellious inmate stir up trouble now, can we?

This, my fellow Americans, is what you and I are up against. We may be like "Chief" Bromden in the movie. We have been acting deaf and mute for too long when it comes to standing up for what we believe in. We need to tear down the control panel and heave it through the window. Americans who possess common sense, time honored family values, and the ability to know right from wrong... must escape the current psychiatric ward and fly over the cuckoo's nest... or we may end up like Randle McMurphy... moved to the "disturbed ward" and lobotomized. I guess it could be worse though...just listen to the next speech from Ol' Joe and watch him trip and fall again. He is supposed to be the leader of the greatest country in the world. Sad...very sad.

- 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.

## Young, Colleagues Launch Bipartisan U.S. Senate Korea Caucus

This week, U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Jon Ossoff (D-Ga.), Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), and Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska) launched the U.S. Senate Korea Caucus to advance and strengthen the relationship and alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea (ROK). The caucus will work across the aisle to advance policies deepening economic, security, cultural, and scientific ties between the two nations. The launch of the caucus also marks the 70th anniversary of the U.S.-ROK alliance.

"I am proud to join Senators Ossoff, Sullivan, and Schatz to establish the new bipartisan Senate Korea Caucus. As threats continue to increase from China and North Korea, it's critical that the United States' relationship with Korea is not only active, but strong. This caucus will bolster the U.S.-Korea alliance, develop strategies for countering mutual security and economic threats, and advocate for greater U.S.-Korea cooperation on preserving a stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific region," said Senator Young.

"I am a champion of the U.S.-Korea alliance and Georgia's 100,000 strong Korean American community. That's why we're bringing together Republicans and Democrats to launch the Bipartisan Senate Korea Caucus. I've led two successful economic delegations to Korea to attract more jobs and investment to Georgia and will continue to lead on U.S.-Korea relations," said Senator Ossoff.

"I've just returned from Korea where I was promoting our common national and energy security interests, including in the Alaska LNG Project.

I look forward to working with my colleagues and the strong, patriotic Korean-American community in Alaska to deepen and strengthen this critical 70-year old alliance," said Senator Sullivan.

"The Republic of Korea is one of our most important allies. We share a deep commitment to democratic principles, including civil rights, free elections, and press freedom, and we work closely together to protect our citizens against military threats. Our strategic cooperation includes everything from resisting economic coercion to increasing disaster preparedness in the Pacific Islands to eradicating disease in southeast Asia. And commercial ties between our nations support nearly half a million jobs. That's why we're launching this bipartisan caucus and why we're committed to strengthening U.S.-ROK relations," said Senator Schatz.

Background: The Republic of Korea (ROK) is a major U.S. ally, and 2023 marks the 70th anniversary of the Korean War armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty of 1953. For 70 years, the United States and the Republic of Korea have been partners and friends.

The Republic of Korea is the United States' 6th largest goods trading partner with \$127.2 billion in total goods traded during 2020. Korea's FDI in the United States was \$61.8 billion in 2019, supporting over 94,000 U.S. jobs.

In April, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol was invited for a historic Official State Visit in Washington, D.C., honoring the strong ties between the two nations and pledging to work closer together going forward.

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skin cancers, diabetes, and lipid panels, should be taken by every man. Personalized care and advice based on their age, lifestyle, and family history can be provided by developing a relationship with a healthcare provider. Many men wait for an emergency before seeking medical care. However, prevention is critical in maintaining good health, and regular check-ups allow healthcare professionals to detect potential health issues early on.

Age is an important factor to consider when it comes to preventative health care. Men should start getting wellness check-ups at age 18 and continue throughout their life. As men age, they have more health risks and should start getting screenings as young as 40 unless their provider says different.

Some men lie to their healthcare providers, which can prevent accurate diagnosis and effective treatment. Men may lie due to fear of judgment, embarrassment, or wanting to avoid uncomfortable medical procedures or lifestyle changes. It is essential to be honest with healthcare providers to receive the best possible care. Medical professionals are trained to put their patient first and not judge them for their choices. Telling the truth about symptoms and behaviors can help providers make informed decisions about treatment options. Men should feel

comfortable discussing any concerns or issues with their healthcare provider to improve their health outcomes.

It is important to remember that even if you visit a doctor, and don't like them, you do not have to continue seeing them. There are different types of providers that are trained to help you such as, a nurse practitioner, osteopathic doctor, or physician assistant. Changing providers often is better than avoiding care altogether because your life depends on it.

By raising awareness about men's health and combating stigma and stereotypes, we can create a culture of acceptance and understanding. Real men do wear gowns - and they also prioritize their health. Let's continue the conversation about men's health and encourage men to seek help and support when they need it. "Healthy men, strong men: Let's take charge of our health!" This men's health awareness message is brought to you by your local Purdue Extension office, your educational partner for life.

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