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➤ TODAY'S VERSE

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

➤ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Jake and Remi Wemer enjoyed the beautiful weather at the Strawberry Festival on Saturday. Remi's favorite part was the bounce houses! Got a great photo of your loved one? E-mail it to news@thepaper24-7.com along with the pertinent info (and your contact information so we can reach you if we have questions).

➤ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Join your family and friends on Friday evening 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.

2 This year's Saturday night headliner will be hard to beat. Together since 2007, Heartache Tonight is without question the finest Eagles tribute band in the country. With five number one singles and six number one albums, the Eagles are one of the most successful American rock bands of all time. With meticulous attention to every detail, Heartache Tonight manages to reproduce "live" all the fabulous hits that the Eagles have made part of our everyday life. Close your eyes and you'll swear you're hearing the real thing. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and get there early for a good seat for their FREE 8:00pm Strawberry Festival performance.

3 We're hard at work on the annual Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival and sincerely hope you will be a part of the excitement at the historic Lane Place in Crawfordsville. What would a festival be without a Children's Area? We just happen to have a great area set aside for children of all ages. The majority of the booths are manned by local children's organizations and not for profits. We want to make this a true family fun festival. Some of the attractions are: Ring Toss - Bean Bag Toss - Fence Painting - Sand Art - Miniature Golf - Sketches - Frog Flipper - Dippin' Dots - Bounce House - Face Painting - Pony Ride - and many more. All booths are by ticket only. For complete Children's Area information contact the above listed Chairmen.

BTN

By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous details, bias or slanted reporting. To borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!

91 of 92

Rachel Blakeman, the director of the Community Research Institute of Purdue University Fort Wayne, analyzed the federal agency's quarterly report with a focus on annual wage data. She reported that for 91 of Indiana's 92 counties, Hoosiers made less than the \$70,343 national average.

\$70,834

Marion County is the only county to buck the trend this year, coming in at \$70,834. But Blakeman noted the data only considers county of employment, not county of residence, meaning that commuters in surrounding counties boost Marion County's wages.

\$58,604 Average

The statewide average was \$58,604, ranging from Marion County's high to a low of \$36,559 in Union County. However, many counties did have faster wage growth than the national average — and several counties had faster job growth — but not enough to catch up.

593 Participants

Of the 1,148 schools eligible for CEP in the last school year, 593 participated, according to federal data collected by FARC. That's up from 506 participating schools in the 2021-22 academic year, when 957 schools qualified.

40.6%

Across the country, 6,419 school districts — 67.5 percent of those eligible — adopted the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) in one or more schools for the 2022- 2023 school year, the Food Research & Action Center (FRAC) reported in a new analysis. But in Indiana, only 40.6% of eligible school districts — and 51.7% of eligible schools overall — adopted CEP in the most recent academic year.

40% To Qualify 62.5% For Full Reimbursement

For a school to qualify for the CEP, at least 40% of the individual school's enrolled population must already participate in another means-tested program or are part of a protected group, such as students experiencing homelessness, in foster care, or migrant students. Schools that meet the minimum threshold to qualify for the community provision receive reimbursement for 62.5% of meals served, according to federal guidelines. Schools with enrolled populations over 62.5%, where nearly two-thirds of students fall into the above categories, get fully reimbursed for students' meals.

From \$2,318.25 To \$2,455.76

Tech uses a banded tuition structure, which means students enrolling in 12 or more credit hours pay the same tuition regardless of the number of credits in which they enroll. This structure encourages students to graduate faster, improve their academic performance, and reduce the overall cost of their education. Banded tuition and mandatory fees for 2023-2024 will go from \$2,318.25 per semester to \$2,455.76 for 2023-2024 and \$2,577.11 for 2024-2025.



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:16 a.m.
SET: 9:18 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 72 °F
Low: 53 °F



Today is...

- Ghost in the Machine Day
- Loving Day
- Superman Day



What Happened On This Day

- 2016 Mass Shooting at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida Kills 49 People.
- 1991 Boris Yeltsin becomes Russia's first President.
- 1964 Nelson Mandela is sentenced to life in prison.



Births

On This Day

- 1924 George H. W. Bush
American politician, 41st President of the United States
- 1929 Anne Frank
German/Dutch author, Holocaust victim

Deaths On This Day

- 1963 Medgar Evers
American civil rights activist
- 1980 Billy Butlin
South African/English businessman, founded Butlins

➤ HONEST HOOSIER

Here's a tip of the seed corn cap to everyone associated with the Strawberry Festival. You guys are the best!



➤ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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➤ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Say Cheese!

Are you a proud parent or grandparent? Got a great photo of your loved one? E-mail it to news@thepaper24-7.com along with the pertinent info (and your contact information so we can reach you if we have questions). C'mon, let's show off as many bright and smiling faces as we can and make clear exactly why Montgomery County is such a great place to raise a family!

➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

It's important for women to know if there is breast cancer on their father's side of the family as well as their mother's.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



➤ TODAY'S QUOTE

"I see great things in baseball. It's our game - the American game. It will take our people out-of-doors, fill them with oxygen, give them a larger physical stoicism. Tend to relieve us from being a nervous dyspeptic set. Repair these losses, and be a blessing to us."
-Walt Whitman Brooklyn Daily Eagle 1846

➤ TODAY'S JOKE

The boss said his wife has given birth twice and still fits in her wedding dress. He hasn't given birth at all and hardly fits into XXL sweats!

➤ OBITUARIES

MARILYN JOAN DAVIDSON
Yvonna Abney

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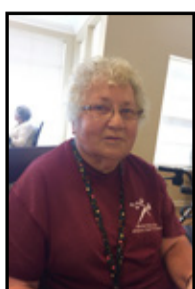
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OBITUARIES

Marilyn Joan Davidson

January 27, 1937, Friday, June 9, 2023

Marilyn Joan Davidson, age 86, of rural Ladoga, passed away on Friday, June 9, 2023 at Bickford of Crawfordsville. She was born on January 27, 1937, to the late Richard and Edith (Isenberg) Davidson in Crawfordsville.



Marilyn has lived in the Whitesville area her whole life, surrounded by her family. She went to Whitesville grade school and then graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1955. After high school she went to Indiana State Teachers College where she earned her Master's degree. Marilyn taught Physical Education, Health, and Drivers Education at Crawfordsville and South Montgomery High Schools. She also coached volleyball, basketball, and track. She purchased and owned her own farm in Whitesville where she enjoyed mowing and working in the yard.

After Marilyn retired from teaching, she and her nephew David started Davidson's Greenhouse. The greenhouse continues to be owned and operated by her family. She was a hard worker and in her free time she enjoyed watching sports and playing softball and golf.

Marilyn was a member of Whitesville Christian Church, Montgomery County Retired Teachers Association and was the treasurer for Delta Kappa Gamma.

Marilyn is survived by her brother, Warner (Jerry) Davidson; two nephews, David (Marsha) Davidson and Mark (Stacey) Davidson; her niece, Vicki Deer; several great and great-great nieces and nephews, and many special cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister-in-law, Ninalee Davidson.

A visitation will be held at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S. Washington Street in Crawfordsville on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. A visitation will follow the next day from 1:00 pm until the time of funeral service at 2:00 pm with Pastor Mike Whitacre officiating.

Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery North. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Whitesville Christian Church, or the Marilyn Davidson Athletic Scholarship fund at South Montgomery High School. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com

Yvonna Abney

September 16, 1951, Thursday, June 8, 2023

Yvonna Kay (Stonebraker) Abney, age 71 of Crawfordsville, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at her home surrounded by her children. She was born on September 16, 1951 to the late Hershell W. Stonebraker and Ivis Marie (Taylor) Pickell in Crawfordsville.



Yvonna attended Alamo and Turkey Run schools. She was able to spend 36 years with her long-time companion Dennis. Yvonna enjoyed mushroom and ginseng hunting, crocheting, and working in the garden. She loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her children, Chris (Misty) Abney, Julie Abney, Barb (Dave) Dewey, Gary Balser, Dennis Balser Jr, and Sandy Balser; her mother, Ivis Pickell; grandchildren, Kyle Abney, and Zoe Rich; great-grandchildren, Braxton Abney and Christopher Abney; siblings Joe Stonebraker, Bart Stonebraker, and Penny Stonebraker; and other special family, Candy, Debbie, Rosie, Mike, Jason, Jimmy, Timmy, and Lucas.

She was preceded in death by her father; Hershell; longtime companion, Dennis Balser Sr; grandson, Keaton Sanders; and siblings, Curtis Stonebraker, Brenda Amstutz, Linda Wise, Lola Manzanares, Rhonda Stonebraker, and Garry Stonebraker.

A visitation will be held at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S. Washington Street in Crawfordsville on Thursday, June 15, 2023 from 4:00 pm until the time of funeral service at 6:00 pm. The service will be livestreamed and recorded and can be viewed on Yvonna's obituary page.

Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Yvonna's honor to Trinity Life Ministry, 1101 Whitlock Ave, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 or Through The Gate, 811 Whitlock Ave, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com

Senior Golf Results

It is time to start another week and we are starting if off right, with another round of results from senior golf. The weather is balancing out and it appears so are the scores on the links.

In first place, with a score of eleven-under-par is the team of Rhett Welliever, Gary Enquest, Jeff Closson and Bill Sheldon. Not far behind and scoring ten-under-

par is the team of Scott Baker, Greg Simpson, Cliff Lunsford and Bob Stephens. With a tying score of ten-under and in third place is the team of Jim Long, Dick Baker, Bill Boone and Joe Irvin.

Denny Wilson and Baker won proxies on holes four and twelve, respectively. Longest drive for a player 80 years old, or older, is Fred Phelps.

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2023 Mercedes-EQS 450+ SUV Travels Far From Plugs With Panache To Spare

Like many of you, I'm slowly getting used to driving electric vehicles. Running in the city, where chargers are plentiful, I have no concerns. But, my recent mission was to drive from Indianapolis, Indiana to Danville, Illinois and back to visit my grandmother with enough extra range to pick up lunch and make it home with miles to spare. Fortunately, I had the 2023 Mercedes-EQS 450+ SUV at my disposal. No need to worry.

I checked before driving to my grandma's. There is no DC fast charger in Danville, Illinois, and the fastest commercial charger was at the Ford dealer. Tapping into her garage outlet would take days, so I wanted to avoid that! When I noticed the car was using less range than predicted on the drive over, I was able to de-stress with some left-lane shenanigans returning to Indy.

Range is listed at 305 miles, but I was seeing more like 320-340 miles. Good advice is to set the

2023 Mercedes EQS 450+ SUV Five-passenger, RWD Crossover
Powertrain: Li-Ion batteries/motors
Output: 355hp/419 lb.-ft.
Suspension f/r: Air Ind/Ind
Wheels f/r: 21"/21" alloy
Brakes f/r: regen disc/disc
Driving range: 305+ miles
0-60 mph: 6.5s
Recharge (10-80%): 30m
Economy (comb): 97 mpg-e
Assembly: Tuscaloosa, AL
Base/as-tested price: \$104,400/113,865

adaptive cruise close to 70 mph and relax. It's not slow given a system output of 355 horsepower and 419 lb.-ft. of torque. With my foot fully extended, it ran 0-60 mph in a respectable 6.5 seconds, but I could do without the faux engine rumble.

The EQS' neat trick is the DYNAMIC switch that configures the powertrain for quick get-aways in Sport mode, wafting cruising in Comfort mode, and ultimate range with a stiff accelerator in Eco mode. Plug into a DC fast charger to replenish 10-80% in

31 minutes, but my 240v home charger topped off in 12.5 hours.

Accompanying all of this technology is an amorphously sleek package that casts grilles and stand-up ornaments to the past. The front is dominated by a wide black panel with center star flanked of multi-pixel LED headlamps. Step to the side and you realize it is a very large car riding atop a thick battery pack. There's a connection to the CLS four-door coupe in its window profile, and 21" wheels mount meaty

LIKES

- Gorgeous interior
- Ample range
- Intuitive infotainment

tires, but a swoopy swath of LEDs across the hatch signify this one banished gasoline.

I remember when Mercedes interiors wore simple buttons and analog gauges with white and orange markings, but that's history. Now, flatscreen gauges and the infotainment screen dominate the dash. It takes a minute to learn how to pinch and expand functions, but it's easy to access navigation, Apple/Android connectivity, and the saturating Bestermer 3D audio system when you do. Ambient lighting with 64 color choices provides an ethereal glow to the personalized cabin.

It's clearly an S-Class with exquisite stitched coverings and soft leather seats with heat, ventilation, and massagers up front. Unlike the old Zebrano wood,

DISLIKES

- Amorphous styling
- Lofty price
- Useless running boards

ours was paneled in thin strips of walnut separated by aluminum to give the feel of a yacht deck. Four-zone automatic climate control keeps everybody comfortable - even under the enormous panoramic sunroof.

Out on Eisenhower's Autobahn, it was a joy to drive. The air suspension lends the iron sponge feel so common in older Mercedes sedans as its three tons are clearly present. Though big, four-wheel steering allows the vehicle to maneuver more like a compact. Just flick the turn signal to let the car safely change lanes autonomously. Should a lapse happen, adaptive cruise with lane-centering steering, blind spot warning, lane keep assist, and automatic emergency braking stand by.



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

Driving an EV long distances can cause anxiety, but there was no need to stress. The American-built EQS450+ completed its mission profile with panache, performance, and parade to spare. A very S-Class base price of \$104,400 or \$113,865 as-tested rivals the Tesla Model X, GMC Hummer, Audi Q8 e-tron, and upcoming Cadillac Escalade iQ.

Storm Forward!

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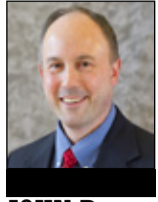
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What Actually Causes Lyme Disease “Footprints” In Cement



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.
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Medicine

Warmer weather means we have to start thinking about tick-borne illnesses like Lyme disease. Many people are aware of the association between tick bites and Lyme disease, but few know exactly what Lyme disease is or what causes it. The number of cases in Indiana has shown a steady increase from 23 cases in 2000 to 340 in 2020. Montgomery County typically has 1-2 cases a year, while Hamilton County has been seeing 5-6 cases a year over the last few years.

Lyme disease received its name in the late 1970s when a number of children around Lyme, Connecticut developed arthritis. The actual disease has been described since the early 1900s. It is mostly found from Virginia up through Maine on the east coast as well as Wisconsin and Minnesota with sporadic cases elsewhere. When a case does occur in Indiana, the news spreads rapidly, sometimes inciting panic. We see about 85 percent of infections in the spring and summer with the remainder in the fall.

Ticks do not actually cause the disease, though they do carry the organism that does, the spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi*. Spirochetes are bacteria that have a corkscrew shape. Another common misconception is that any tick can spread *B. burgdorferi* infection, when in fact only *Ixodes* (deer) ticks carry the organism. The accompanying photo shows a deer tick on a fingernail – they are very small.

The *B. burgdorferi* organism primarily infects field mice and white tailed deer during its life cycle. Humans are innocent bystanders when we wander into deer habitat.

The ticks lie in wait on the tips of grasses and shrubs and crawl onto us as we brush by. They then crawl about until they find a nice tender spot where they attach and begin to feed on the host's blood.

The risk of contracting *B. burgdorferi* is very small unless the tick has been attached and feeding for two to three days. Not everyone will develop clinically significant Lyme disease if they are infected.

Lyme Disease has three stages. The first two stages are termed “early infection” and the third is called “late infection.” The signs and symptoms are quite different during each stage.

Stage 1 consists of signs near the point of attachment of the tick. A characteristic rash usually develops called erythema chronicum migrans (ECM). The rash is red (erythema), lasts for a few weeks (chronicum) and tends to enlarge or migrate with time (migrans). Patients may also have fever, fatigue and headache.

Stage 2 involves more systemic signs and symptoms. This stage can involve virtually any tissue, but signs and symptoms usually develop in the joints, nervous system and heart. Two-thirds of people develop arthritis that can occur in various joints and may migrate from joint to joint. Weakness as well as numbness and tingling may occur in the nerves of the face and elsewhere. Infection of the heart can cause rhythm problems.

Step 3, or late infection, can present up to a year after the organism invades the body. Approximately ten percent of people develop chronic arthritis, usually of the knee. They can also develop infections of the brain and spinal cord and severe chronic malaise and fatigue can also occur.

Testing for Lyme is not always straightforward. Antibodies against the

organism may be found in the bloodstream but can be falsely positive or negative. Therefore, it's important to not test persons who don't have signs or symptoms of Lyme Disease. The CDC recommends that anyone with a positive test have it confirmed with a more specific antibody test called a western blot. People with neurologic symptoms may require a spinal tap to look for infection.

Treatment for Lyme disease is fairly straightforward. Most people are prescribed the antibiotic doxycycline. The length of treatment varies based on the stage and extent of infection. Some people with severe involvement may require hospitalization, usually in those who develop heart problems.

Simple steps can be taken to reduce your risk of contracting Lyme disease. Even though Lyme disease is rare in Indiana you should consider covering up when you're around plants. This includes wearing a long shirt and pants as well as a hat.

You should do a full body check for ticks after you've been in the woods and apply insect repellent with at least 30 percent DEET when going outdoors. Always be on the lookout for the signs and symptoms of Lyme disease if you have found a tick attached to your body.

Removal of ticks can be tricky. You need to get a fine pair of tweezers and grasp the tick's head as close to the skin surface as possible and pull slowly and gently upward until the tick lets go. You should then wash the skin with alcohol or soap and water. You should save the tick in alcohol in case it's needed for identification. If you can't remove the tick, call your health professional.

- Dr. John Roberts is a retired member of the Franciscan Physician Network specializing in Family Medicine



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

“They put in a new sidewalk,” my neighbor said, “and the first thing that happened was, a cat walked across the cement and left little footprints!”

My neighbor was amused. “I hope they leave them. They're so cute!”

I thought those prints would probably survive. No one was going to take the trouble to cover up a few cat prints on the sidewalk with concrete.

A few years back, they started putting poetry on the sidewalk, laid right into the cement. I stop and read the poetry on my walk. I'll ponder for a moment or two, then move on. I'm not great with poetry. It fills me with questions that have no answers.

I want to ask the poet, “Can you tell me the rest of the story?” But there is no more. I'm sure the poet would be disappointed in me. But I like reading the poetry anyway.

Some pavement was replaced recently, and a leaf landed on it. There remains a perfect leaf print, and I took a picture of it. If I see the cat prints, I'll take a picture of them, too. I'm proud of that cat,

leaving its mark.

Several years ago, I was camping in the northeast corner of New Mexico. I took a guided hike that showed prehistoric tracks. The tracks were made by dinosaurs when that piece of land, now desert, had been right at the edge of an ancient sea that stretched all the way to Canada. The land by the shore of this sea was jungle. The interpretive signs said there were a lot of animal tracks right there, because it was easier to walk on the beach than through the dense jungle. Just like today, creatures liked walking along the beach. The sand was dense, there was a lot of clay in it, and many of those prints were filled in and eventually turned to solid rock. The tracks on display in this park were estimated to be 200 million years old.

I tried to imagine leaving footprints that lasted 200 million years. I failed.

But the most interesting part, to me, was one particular dinosaur track where the paleontologists said the dinosaur had slipped. They knew this because dinosaurs held their tails aloft and only touched them to the ground when they needed extra stability—if they were going to fall. And that's what happened. A dinosaur was walking

along this beach—I'm going to imagine it was a nice sunny day—the sand (with all that clay in it) was slippery and... Whoops!

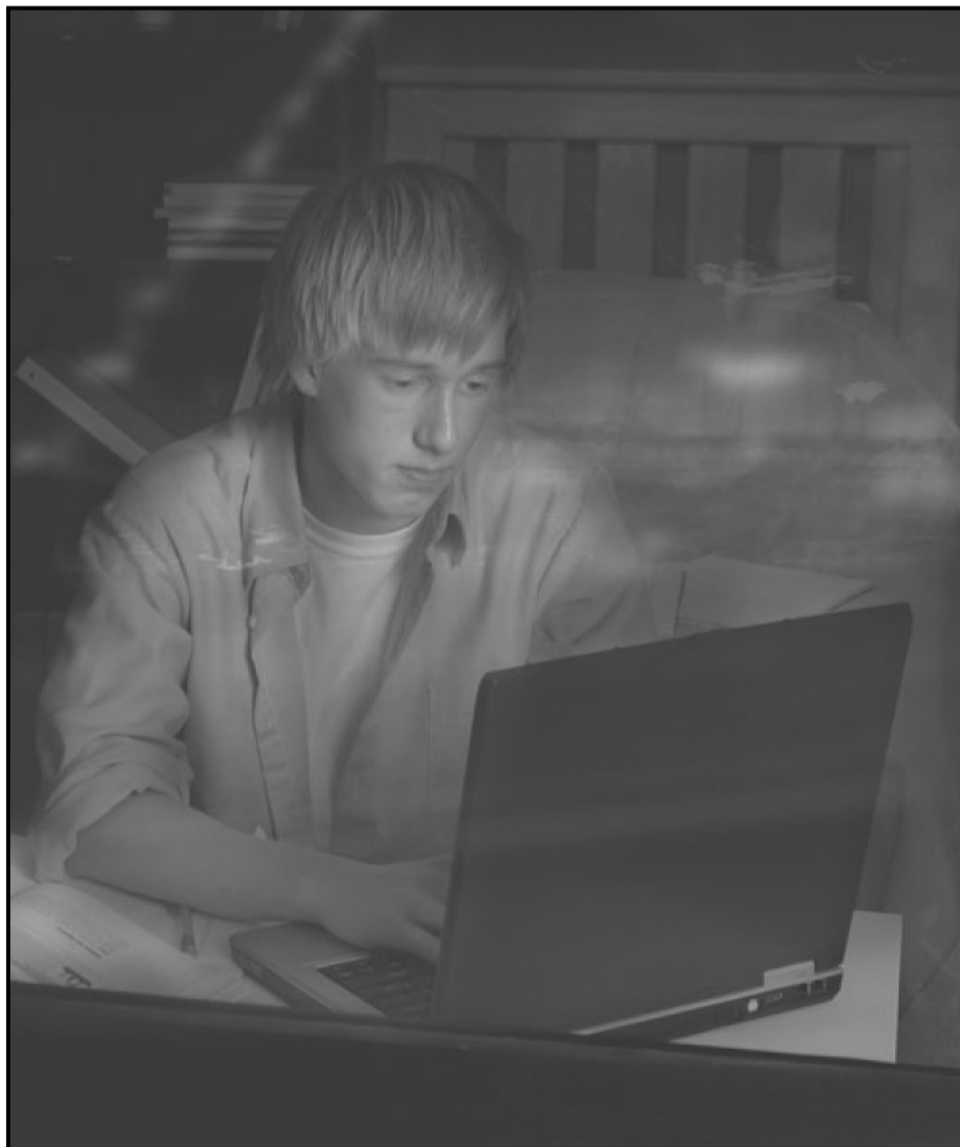
She slipped and caught herself in the nick of time with her tail. Then she kept walking. We don't know what happened after that one moment in time—that moment that happened 200 million years ago. Just like the poems in the sidewalk, there is no more. But today, we can still see her tracks.

I love that. The cat prints and the poetry and the leaf print in the cement will not last 200 million years. I've no idea if the planet will be here that long. But they will last longer than the poet who wrote the words or the cat who left the prints or the tree that dropped the leaf. And I think that is, somehow, wonderful.

I'd like to leave a small print somewhere. Nothing big. Nothing ostentatious. Maybe just a book that is in print for a few years before it disappears. That would be nice. Maybe just a record of a time when I slipped and—at the last moment—caught myself.

Till next time,
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