## **⇒** TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 12:1 "Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship." (NASB)

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Mayor Barton will be hosting his June Community Forum TODAY from 4 PM-5 PM at Kathleen J. Steele Park. This will be the Mayor's 121st community forum. This event is open to the public to come ask questions, discuss concerns, and learn more about anything regarding the city.

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) is launching a Housing Affordability Tour this week to outline his legislative agenda to address the significant shortage of affordable housing options in the United States. For years, Senator Young has worked on housing affordability issues in Congress. This week, Senator Young will visit Columbus, Clarksville, Indianapolis, Kokomo, and Merrillville to discuss bills he has introduced to increase housing stock, lower costs, and revitalize distressed neighborhoods.



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# **Longtime Director Of Boys And Girl Club Retiring**

Craig Reeves, longtime director and Chief Professional Officer of the Boys & Girls Club of Montgomery County is retiring at the end of July. Reeves began working for the club in 1988 as the Athletic Director. Three years later he was moved to the top spot as Executive Director. When Reeves came to the club, it was cash-strapped with a budget of less than \$50,000 and only two employees. Today, the Club's budget approaches \$1 million, and Reeves manages a staff of more than 20 employees.

According to longtime Board member Bobby Horton, "It is impossible to exaggerate the profound impact that Craig has had on the Club, its kids, and our community. He has helped improve the lives of thousands of kids and has jumpstarted the careers of countless employees through his intense devotion to the mission of Boys and Girls Clubs of America and his genuine concern for the welfare of our county's youth. I am proud to have worked with him and am excited by the foundation he has set from which the Club

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businesses would be interest-

ed in supporting those on the

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Community Smoke Off

July 4th weekend and BBQ's

seem to go hand in hand. Isaac

Weliver of Francis and Mount

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can build." Indeed, Reeves has been instrumental in establishing partnerships and building a strong network of support for the Club, including a Capital Campaign that raised more than \$2.5 million and enabled the club to move from an outdated facility on Chestnut Street to the beautiful facility the Club now occupies on Whitlock Avenue.

"I understand the time and hard work that goes into dif-

⇒See REEVES Page A5

# A Magical **Day That Butch Will Always** Remember



**BUTCH DALE COLUMNIST** 

On a hot afternoon in the summer of 1956, my Dad drove me to the Darlington baseball diamond to sign me up for Farm League baseball. At the age of seven, I

knew very

little about the game, and when long-time coach Marion "Runt" Maxwell asked me what position I played, I replied in no uncertain terms, "I bat!" Both of them got a pretty good laugh out of that, but I soon learned there was a lot more to the game than just batting.

During the next two years, I practiced at school and home, playing catch and practicing my batting with friends and neighbors. I also loved to pitch and often just threw at a circle drawn on the side of our barn. In the fall of 1957, the Milwaukee Braves won the World Series, with players such as Warren Spahn, Hank Aaron, Eddie Mathews, and Lew Burdette, and they subsequently became my favorite team. I also admired star players such as Ernie Banks, Mickey Mantle, and

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# The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 6:19 a.m. SET: 9:22 p.m.

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#### Today is...

- Decide to Be Married Day • National Bingo Day
- National Ice Cream Cake Day

#### What Happened On This Day

- 1986 The 1980s U.S. intervention in Nicaragua is declared illegal.
- 1972 Nolan Bushnell and Ted Dabney found Atari, Inc. • 1954 The world's first nu-

clear power plant is activated.

### **Births On This Day**

- 1869 Emma Goldman Lithuanian/American activist, writer
- 1846 Charles Stewart Parnell Irish politician, founder of the Irish Parliamentary Party

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Here's a tip of the seed corn cap to Hoosier astronaut and Crawfordsville favorite son Joe Allen who was born on this date in 1937.



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# lacktriangle The montgomery minute

**Darlington Library Summer Reading Program** The Darlington Library will be sponsoring its annual Summer Reading and Activity program for children age 12 and under 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

"Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country." -John F. Kennedy

# 🗢 TODAY'S JOKE

What was a popular dance in colonial times? The Indepen-Dance!

## OBITUARIES **None**



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









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# **PALNI Grants Support Textbook And Teaching Efforts**

Open textbook, digital media projects receive grant support.

Multiple Wabash College faculty and staff members have received grant support from the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana (PALNI).

The PALNI grants, financed with support from Lilly Endowment, will spur efforts in the areas of open textbook design and digital media alternatives to written research papers.

The competitive grants were awarded to Jennifer Abbott, professor of rhetoric, Todd McDorman, Dean of the College and professor of rhetoric, Jeff Beck, director of the Lilly Library, Andrew Taylor, educational technologist. and Laura Vogler, associate director of the Lilly Library.

Abbott, McDorman, and colleague David Timmerman, Provost, Chief Academic Officer. and professor of rhetoric at Carthage College, will develop a second edition of their textbook, "Public Speaking and Democratic Participation: Speech, Deliberation, and Analysis in the Civic Realm (2nd ed)." The textbook will be freely available online.

Abbott, McDorman, and Timmerman were among eight recipients of the PALSave Textbook Creation grant.

"We believe the book's emphasis on democratic participation through ethical and productive speech is more relevant than ever," said Abbott. "The grant will help us update,

improve, and shorten the first edition, while PALNI's investment will help students save money and access the information they need to thrive in their public speaking classes.

PALNI also awarded one of three Library Innovation Grants to Lilly Library.

Support for "Beyond

the Research Paper: Supporting Digital Media Creation at Wabash College," seeks to create alternatives to the basic written research paper by developing a videography studio along with support and training materials. This project will encourage more faculty to explore digital media as another option for assessment of student learning.

"We are excited to

offer a video recording studio to complement our active podcast studio." said Beck. "This project supports the expansion of student digital literacy skills and offers students new approaches to demonstrate their knowledge. Faculty may also record their own content to accompany classroom learning and contribute to open pedagogical practices."

PALNI is a non-profit that supports collaboration for library and information services for 24 colleges, universities, and seminaries throughout the state. Since 1992, this collaboration has been a key avenue for its supported institutions to contain costs while providing more effective library services.



# **Notice Of Special Meeting**

The Board of School Trustees of the Crawfordsville Community School Corporation will meet for a special meeting on Thursday, June

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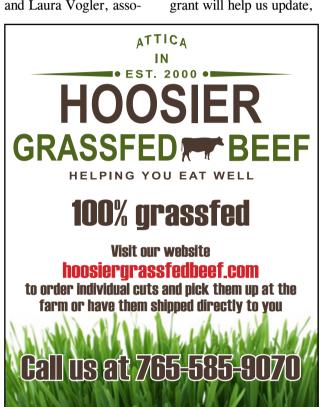




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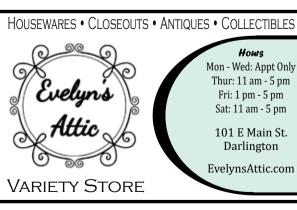


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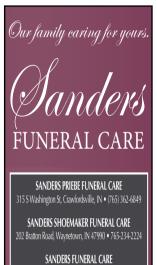
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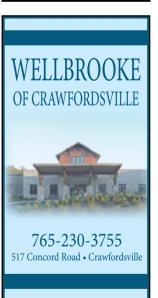
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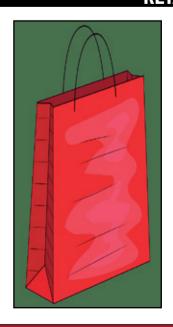


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# Déjà Vu In America's Heartland



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the escalator in 2015 to kick off this polit-**Howey Political** ical era, I've sought Report

a historic parallel, a similar personality who captured the hearts and minds of many Hoosiers. That politician is David C. Stephenson, who in two short years after he showed up in Evansville in 1922 from the Southern Plains, created a shadow government in the 1924 election. Many of us first read about D.C. Stephenson in John Bartlow Martin's 1949 book "Indiana: An Interpretation." Martin opened his introduction of the 33-year-old "Steve" or the "Old Man" this way: On April 2, 1925, D.C. Stephenson was arrested. It is almost impossible 20-odd years later to recall how incredible that seemed. David C. Stephenson, Grand Dragon on the Ku Klux Klan, had said with reason, "I am the law in Indiana." Less than a year earlier the Klan had won political control of the state. Its ruler was Stephenson, a man probably without precise counterpart in American history. Martin continued: "He knew all the tricks. He called himself the foremost mass psychologist of his time. His ambition was to the president of the United States" on the 1928 Republican nomination. "Who dares to say with certainty he would have

failed.' There's been a revival a century later on Stephenson's legacy with Timothy Egan's new book, "A Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan's Plot

to Take Over America and the Woman Who Stopped Them." Egan is a Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times columnist and author who describes the Grand Dragon this way: "Charm oozed from him like grease from a sizzling sausage." Egan continues: "He had been elected to

no office, appointed to no board, hired by no police department or district attorney, named to no court or panel of judges. The only oath he had taken was the one sworn by up to six million men nationwide who donned full-length robes and covered their faces in 16-inch conical hoods, formally vowing to 'maintain forever white supremacy.' In 1925, if you were not a knight in the KKK, you did not belong. "The Klan owned the state and Stephenson owned the Klan," Egan writes. "Cops, judges, prosecutors, ministers, mayors, newspaper editors - they all answered to the Grand Dragon. Ed Jackson, the Republican whose name had first appeared on membership rolls of the Klan in 1923 had been swept into the governor's office. He owed it all to D.C. Stephenson." And Martin revealed what was at stake: "The Klan waged righteous war on Bolsheviks, Catholics, Jews, Negroes, bootleggers, pacifists, evolutionists, foreigners and all persons who it considered immoral." Egan picks up the narrative as he writes

KKK garb stored in musty boxes in their attics: "They would tell themselves that the vast Klan of the American Midwest was nonviolent, casually cruel at worst, that its members were hayseeds and dupes and chuckle-

of Hoosier families over

several generations finding

heads. None of it was true. "They harassed and threatened Catholic clergy and nuns," Egan continues. "They passed laws to prevent Black people from moving into their neighborhoods. They bombed

homes and set fires. While 400,000 Hoosiers would don the white robes and control the General Assembly, the congressional delegation, city halls, courthouses, sheriff departments and scores of protestant churches all fell sway to D.C. Stephenson, there were significant pockets of resistance. Journalists such as George Dale of the Muncie Post-Democrat, Patrick H. O'Donnell who published Tolerance and John Niblack of the Indianapolis Times outed Klan public officials. Five-foot-two Dr. Joseph Fink, rabbi of Terre Haute Temple of Israel, showed up at a cross burning, defiantly telling 300 Klansmen they were cowards to cover their faces and un-American for violating the Bill of Rights. Notre Dame quarterback Harry Stuhldreher (one of the famed "Four Horsemen") battled the Klan with potatoes when they threatened to overrun campus, creating the nickname "Fighting Irish." Marion County Prosecutor Will Remy vowed to bring the Klan down after he rejected a loyalty test following the 1924 election. And then there was 28-year-old Madge Oberholtzer, a Statehouse Department of Public Instruction employee, who was attacked, raped and defiled, with Stephenson chewing on her breasts and tongue, prompting her to take poison after he had kidnapped her by train to

Hammond. Her "dying

jury in Klan-dominated

declaration" compelled a

Noblesville to convict the Grand Dragon.

Without her, the dark assertion that finally shook Indiana from the grip of the Klan, the words that defined how a citizen-run government could be taken over by a silken-voiced sexual predator - I am the law — might never have been widely known," Egan writes.

Egan hints at the historical parallels I mentioned in the lead paragraphs, connecting two political movements a century apart by naming the Grand Dragon, but not the 45th president of the United States, who now faces more than 70 criminal charges and was convicted of sexual misconduct in a civil trial. "What if the leaders of the 1920s Klan didn't drive public sentiment, but rode it?" Egan asks. "A vein of hatred was always there for the tapping. It's still there, and explains much of the madness threatening American life a hundred years after Stephenson made a mockery of moral principles in the Heart-

land. We've seen political movements come and go in Indiana, with national politicians like Franklin D. Roosevelt, Robert F. Kennedy, Ronald Reagan and Barack Obama stoking huge rallies across Indiana. Donald Trump remains as influential as any of them in Indiana, a kingmaker who can sway an election just by showing up at North Side Gym or the Southport Fieldhouse, even as he faces an array of state and federal criminal charges.

-Brian Howey is managing editor of Howey Politics Indiana/State Affairs. Find Howey on Facebook and Twitter @hwypol.

# **Risks And Rewards Of Controlled Burns**

# **EARTHTALK**

Dear EarthTalk: Is it really a good idea to burn parcels of land on purpose in order to prevent the spread of actual wildfires?

Burning parcels of land intentionally, known as controlled burning, has long been a controversial practice aimed at reducing the risk of larger, uncontrolled wildfires. The idea is to eliminate accumulated flammable material like dead vegetation, brush and smaller trees, before it can fuel a destructive wildfire. But the effectiveness and potential drawbacks are subjects of ongoing debate among experts.

Proponents argue that controlled burns can mimic natural fire cycles, which play a vital role in maintaining ecosystem health. Fire-adapted plant species have evolved to rely on periodic burns to clear out competition, recycle nutrients and promote new growth. By reintroducing fire in a controlled manner, proponents say that we can restore ecological balance and reduce the likelihood of catastrophic wildfires. Moreover, controlled burns can help mitigate the intensity and spread of wildfires by creating firebreaks, barriers to stop or slow down an approaching fire. By removing potential fuel sources, firefighters gain a tactical advantage in managing wildfires, allowing them to better suppress and contain

the flames. However, there are valid concerns and criticisms regarding the practice of intentional burning. One key concern is the potential for controlled burns to escape control and become uncontrolled wildfires themselves. Despite meticulous planning and execution, there is always a risk of fire spreading beyond the intended boundaries. especially under unpredictable weather conditions. Furthermore, some argue that prescribed burning may have unintended consequences for biodiversity. While certain fire-adapted species benefit from controlled burns, other sensitive or non-adapted species may suffer negative impacts. This is particularly concerning in areas with high levels of biodiversity, where the loss of rare or endangered species can have far-reaching ecological consequences.

Another consideration is air quality. Controlled burns release smoke and particulate matter into the atmosphere, which can pose health risks to nearby communities, especially individuals with respiratory conditions. Although measures are taken to minimize these impacts, the scale and frequency of prescribed burns must be carefully managed to avoid significant air pollution and subsequent health issues.

Additionally, there are concerns about the longterm effects of controlled burning on carbon emissions and climate change. While controlled burns release carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, some argue that the emissions are offset by the reduction in larger, uncontrolled wildfires. However, the overall carbon balance and net effect on climate change remain complex and subject to ongoing scientific study.

Given the complexity of the issue, it is crucial to consider local conditions, scientific research, and to involve stakeholders in the decision-making process to strike a balance between preventing wildfires and minimizing potential drawbacks. If wildfires are an issue in your region, your state probably has its own "prescribed fire council"—a group of local experts on forestry and fire —that may be able to help educate otherwise skeptical neighbors, planners and city/town councils on the merits of controlled burns.

CONTACTS: Coalition of Prescribed Fire Councils, prescribedfire.net; Nearly 1 million Washington homes are at risk from wildfires: here's why we're not winning the fire fight, spokesman. com/stories/2020/oct/19/ investigate-west-nearly-1-million-homes-at-risk-fr/.

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Willie Mays...just to name a few. It was about this time that I also started collecting Topps baseball cards, which cost 5 cents a pack.

In 1961 when I was 12 years old, one of Dad's friends, Eugene "Beaner" Hampton, the Darlington postmaster, asked Dad if he would like to go see a Cubs baseball game at Wrigley Field in Chicago. Beaner was a fanatical Cubs fan, and his team was playing against the Milwaukee Braves. He was taking his son, Bill, and he told Dad that my brother Gary and me were welcome to come along if we wanted to. Did we ever...we couldn't wait!

On that day, we all packed into Beaner's car for the two and a half hour ride to Chicago. We three boys took our baseball mitts in the hope of catching a foul ball or home run as a souvenir. There was a large crowd on that sunny afternoon as we climbed the stairs to reach our seat on the second floor balcony. The Braves were practicing on the field, and the first player I spied was my hero...Eddie Mathews, taking grounders at third base. My heart was pounding as I watched Hank Aaron, Felix Mantilla, Joe Adcock, Joe Torre, and Roy McMillan practicing before my very eyes...and then out came the Cubs players...Ernie Banks, Richie Ashburn, Billy Williams, Don Zimmer, and the others. I honestly could not believe I was actually at a major

I was so mesmerized that afternoon that I didn't pay much attention to the score. But I remember that Don Zimmer fouled off a pitch which came in my direction. We were sitting right at the edge of the balcony. I stuck out my baseball mitt to try to catch the ball, but the man sitting next to me caught it...DANG! I also remember that Warren Spahn, one of my favorite pitchers, won the game

league baseball game!

and also hit a line-drive home run! I wanted to be like him!

On the return trip back home, I couldn't wait to tell all of my friends about my adventures at Wrigley Field. I tried to imitate Warren Spahn's pitching style, and I practiced my batting to emulate Eddie Mathews, Ernie Banks, and Hank Aaron. I was going to be in the major leagues when I grew up!

But alas, it was not to be. I did play Pony League and high school baseball. I was never a consistent batter, but I did manage to hit a few home runs through the years. I became a fairly decent pitcher and actually threw a couple of no-hitters in high school. I believe I could possibly have played college ball; however, I was married and had to work when I was attending Purdue and never gave baseball a try.

After attending that Braves-Cubs game in 1961, I wanted desperately to see another major league game...perhaps the New York Yankees vs. Baltimore Orioles... two more of my favorite teams. But it was never to be. Farming in the early 1960s was not profitable. Dad took two other parttime jobs just to make ends meet, and tickets for a major league game were out of the question. I understood. Anyway...I had seen my heroes in person that summer. I loved it... and I have never forgotten that day. Two of my boys have taken me to see a couple of major league games in the past few years. I told them that if I make it to Heaven someday, I hope God has some major league baseball games up there for me to watch every now and

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# **Doc Made A Joke**

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what the

count is

today,'

said

hot.'

Herb.

Sure is



Slim Randles

sipped simultaneously, as is our wont, and stared at our friend. "What count would that be?" asked

Steve. "The BTU count, of course," said Herb. "Those are British thermal units, you know. It's how heat is measured."

Leave it to Herb. There doesn't appear to be any coffee-drinking topic that Herb can't make completely obscure.

"I was just getting used to the difference between Fahrenheit and Celsius," our cowboy, Steve, said.

"I always eat my Celsius with peanut butter on it," said Doc.

"Doc made a joke!" came the coffee-counter chorus. That was unusual because Doc was considered by most of us as the chief justice of the supreme court of darn near everything because of all the initials after his name.

Windy Wilson got up slowly and stiffly, walked over to the phone sitting on the cashier's counter, and dialed a number. He nodded and came back to the other members of the world dilemma think

"97," he said, taking a sip,

"97 what?"

"Degrees. Right now. Outside. According to that girl's voice on the hotline number I called."

- "Fahrenheit?" "Don't know," Windy said.
  - "Kelvin?"
  - "Kelvin who?"
  - "Rankine?"

"She didn't say. Just a recordin' on the phone, you know...'

"Number of British thermal units?"

"I don't care how they do it in Britain," Windy said. "Hotter right here, anyway."

"Might be Celsius," said Herb.

Doc looked up from the depths of his coffee, "Not without peanut butter it isn't."

Some onlookers just enjoy a short stack and try to figure out what we're talking about. It could become a passion or trend or something.

-Looking at the thermometer? When ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise.

# From Page A1

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#### **O** REEVES From Page A1

ferent things and projects by our Club as a whole; including, the Club's staff, Club members, board members, and even by families and friends, and recruited volunteers . . . all of who choose to help out during a time in need," Reeves explained.

The Boys Club, as it was called when it opened its Crawfordsville doors in the mid-1950s, has grown exponentially under Reeves' watch. Before he arrived, members primarily came from children who lived within walking distance of the Chestnut facility

Today, the Club serves kids from all three school corporations on a daily basis, and membership has tripled in size, to more than 3,000 members. The After School Program has grown from around three dozen kids to 150, and the Summer Program has gone from 30 to 130.

The Club is a great facility with financial stability, both of which should be celebrated with wonderful things on the horizon," Reeves said. "It is exciting and an answer to prayer for so many! All of this because of the great support and work we have accomplished over the last 35 years.'

Reeves has garnered many awards and honors over the years, including being named Professional of the Year by the Boys & Girls Club of America.

"I am thankful of the impact that we have made in the lives of so many kids and their families," Reeves said. "You may know many of them, but their stories are all their own. 8I feel blessed when they randomly sit in my office for me to return from a meeting or they stay on hold while I'm on another call with someone. It's not about

me, I truly enjoy hearing about how the Club has made a difference in their lives. I'm proud of those kids with their success stories . . . but I also have lesser stories and the fact

compassion and empathy for those that share their that they reach out to talk about them. It is and always has been about the "We are thankful and grateful for our entire community for supporting us and the children that we serve," Reeves added.

"I have been blessed with having dedicated and caring staff members who did all the important work. I am grateful for our past and present board members who gave a 23-year-old kid a chance as well as all for the volunteers who coached our athletic teams and helped out at our special events, community dinners, afterschool and more.

And the Club's board is certainly thankful for Reeves' work at the Club. Current Board President, and former "club kid", Troy Mitchell notes, "I would like to express my gratitude to Craig, and his family, for their dedicated service of 35 years at the Club.

Throughout his tenure, Craig has devoted a substantial amount of time and effort, sometimes at the expense of his own family, for the betterment of the Club. Most people strive to leave something better than they found it, and Craig has undoubtedly achieved that. I wish Craig nothing but the best in all his future endeav-

The Board of Directors will hold a celebratory Open House in honor of Craig on Friday, August 4th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Club's Whitlock Avenue facility. His final day is scheduled for July





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