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➤ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 23:1-6 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

➤ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Molly, Assistant Manager at Sunflower Herbs & Vitamins offered one of our roving photographers a smile, with Sunflower's Readers' Choice Award. Thank you for your smile!

➤ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 From Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs; Indiana Veteran Families experiencing financial hardship can apply for \$500 per dependent child for back-to-school expenses. Students must live in a veteran's home. Children K-12 up to age 18 and Full-Time college students, up to age 23 qualify. Must provide Application, DD-214, Bank Statement, Proof of income, Proof of child's dependency, proof of child's residency. Use this link: <https://www.in.gov/dva/files/2023-BTS-app.pdf> to fill out the application.

2 Purdue University will host the 2023 summer commencement Aug. 5 in Elliott Hall of Music during two ceremonies honoring the persistent pursuits and giant leaps of more than 1,500 students. Since the first commencement ceremony in 1875, summer and winter commencements were added to each year's spring commencement, making this commencement the 250th in Purdue's history.

3 College enrollment numbers are down in Indiana as more high school graduates are choosing to take one or more gap years, pursue vocational certification or not attend college at all. Lumina Foundation is a private group promoting post-high school education. Its goal is by 2025, 60% of Americans will have a high-quality post-high school credential. Courtney Brown, vice president of impact and planning for the foundation, said brain drain – college graduates who seek better jobs outside of Indiana shortly after obtaining a degree – often affects decisions to remain in the state and seek advanced education



Photos courtesy of Helen Hudson

A Saunter Through Your Neighbors' Gardens: Community Growers Of Montgomery County Offers Free Tour On Saturday, July 29

By Helen Hudson

Community Growers of Montgomery County is offering a free Garden Walk to three backyard gardens in downtown neighborhoods between 10-noon on Saturday, July 29. Participants are invited to do the entire walk (not strenuous or lengthy) or visit individual gardens. Organizers also invite those who come to bring lunches if they wish. The group will

gather for lunch and conversation after the tour at picnic tables at the Lew Wallace Study.

This garden walk is not an ordinary "come and marvel" garden tour but rather a chance to see how three gardening families with varied levels of experience and garden desires have changed their city yards into native plant beds (pollinator gardens) and vegetable, herb, and/or flower gardens.

Attendees will hear from the gardeners, observe the gardens, and be able to ask questions at each 30-minute stop. Each garden and gardener has a story to share. Signs will mark the locations and you may either walk or drive between gardens. The second and third gardens are next door to one another on Water Street.

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Butch Asks "What's in a Name?"



BUTCH DALE COLUMNIST

A few years ago, a fellow came to the library to sign up for a library card. I introduced myself as John Dale (my actual name), and he then asked me if I was related to Butch Dale. I hesitated...and then responded, "No, I've heard of Butch Dale, but we're not related." ...and then he stated, "Well, Butch and I are good friends...he used to be the County Sheriff." I laughed to myself, but never

said a word.

An older cousin started calling me "Butch" when I was very young...supposedly after the character by the same nickname on the Little Rascals/Our Gang movie shorts. I honestly never liked my nickname much, but I suppose it could have been worse. Thank the Lord my cousin didn't call me Spanky, Alfalfa, Beezer, or Buckwheat!

My given name of John has been quite common through many past centuries. But have you noticed that parents, past and present, often use names which are currently fashionable? For instance, you just

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Mary Bishop Memorial Gallery Announcement

The Mary Bishop Memorial Gallery at the Crawfordsville District Public Library would like to invite the public to view the work of local artists Matt Grimes. This exhibit is currently open and will be on display through August 18th. The public is encouraged to visit the gallery during CDPL's regular hours of operation. A limited amount of work will be for sale through our Circulation department.

Matt Grimes currently lives

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➤ HONEST HOOSIER

Did you know it was World Snake Day recently? Really? We needed a day for that? But on the bright side, pretty sure the folks at Hallmark didn't come up with that one!



➤ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Kids work harder in school when their parents are involved in their education. 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.



➤ OBITUARIES

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Today is...

- Feast of Saint James
- National Carousel Day
- National Wine and Cheese Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1984 Svetlana Savitskaya becomes the First Woman to Walk in Space. The Soviet cosmonaut was part of the Soyuz T-12 mission, which docked at the Salyut 7 Space station. As part of the mission, she spent 3.5 hours in space testing tools. Savitskaya was also the second woman to go into space and the first to go to space twice.
- 1978 World's first test tube baby is born. Louise Joy Brown was the first person to be conceived using in-vitro fertilization or IVF technology, pioneered by doctors Patrick Steptoe and Robert Edwards.
- 1976 The famous Face on Mars photo is taken. Viking 1, the first space probe to successfully land on Mars took the famous photo of the Cydonia region on the Red Planet.

Births On This Day

- 1951 Jack Thompson American lawyer, activist
- 1750 Henry Knox American general

Deaths On This Day

- 1997 Ben Hogan American golfer
- 306 Constantius Chlorus Roman Emperor

➤ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Crawfordsville Community Schools Registration Now Open

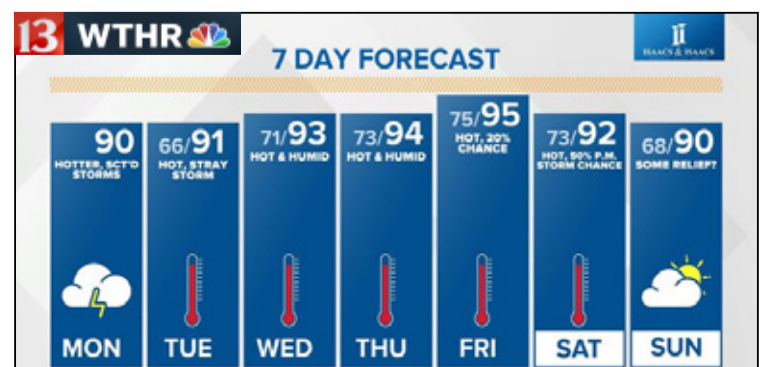
C-ville Community Schools are now open for registration. Be sure to look for the emails in your inboxes that will have the Snapcode required for the registration process on the schools' website. Snapcodes are unique each year and are linked to each student's personal information. For reasons of privacy and security Crawfordsville Community School Corporation has chosen to be the only ones to handout snapcodes. The school included your student's snapcode (15 characters) on their original correspondence with you, giving directions on how to fill out your Registration. If you have misplaced or did not receive the student's snapcode, please contact your school directly to obtain it.

➤ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Family is not an important thing. It's everything."
-Michael J. Fox

➤ TODAY'S JOKE

What do you call a sweaty puppy?
A hot dog, of course.



Local Kiddos Complete Crawfordsville District Public Library Program



Photos courtesy of CDPL

Mallory Dowd (Far Left), age 4, has completed the Crawfordsville District Public Library program "1000 Books Before Kindergarten". She is the daughter of Edward and Sarah Dowd. Mallory's favorite book is Go, Dog, Go! by P. D. Eastman. Second time for Nolan!
Nolan Benecke (Far Right), age 2, has completed the Crawfordsville District Public Library program "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" for the second time. Nolan, along with his parents, Matt and Jill Benecke, have read 2,000 books together. Nolan's favorite book is Thomas the Tank Engine by W. Awdry. Mom said, "I think the reading program is wonderful. It has helped to expand Nolan's knowledge and vocabulary. I am grateful our library participates in such a great program."

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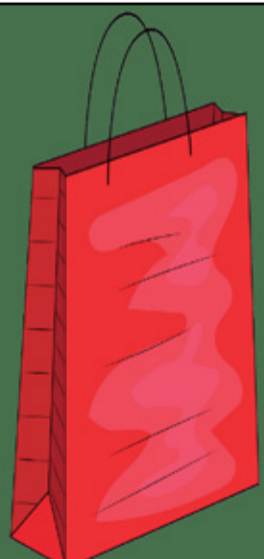

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Hoosier Republicans Splinter Over Support For Ukraine



BRIAN HOWEY
Howey Political Report

In past generations, it was the accumulation of American body bags that forged domestic anti-war efforts.

Last week, Indiana U.S. Reps. Jim Banks and Erin Houchin joined 68 fellow Republicans in voting to end U.S. military aid to Ukraine during debate on the FY23 National Defense Authorization Act.

"Notwithstanding any provision of this or any other Act, no federal funds may be made available to provide security assistance to Ukraine," read the one-sentence amendment. It was defeated by a 358-70 margin, with all Democrats and a majority of Republicans (including U.S. Reps. Jim Baird, Larry Bucshon, Greg Pence, Victoria Spartz and Rudy Yakym) opposing the measure.

"My amendment is going to lose overwhelmingly when it is put up for a vote," said U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz, the Florida Republican who authored the amendment. "But the American people will see who wants to represent them, and who wants to represent Crimea."

It sets up a divide within the ranks of the Indiana Republican Party, where major figures are still advocating support for Ukraine to repel the Russian invasion that began in February 2022.

Banks and Houchin say that they are motivated by fiscal concerns rather than the slaughter of Ukrainian civilians.

Banks, the probable Republican U.S. Senate nominee in 2024 from Columbia City, said in a statement to Howey Politics/State Affairs Indiana, "President Biden, the weakest commander-in-chief ever, embarrassed our country in Afghanistan and has since reduced our critical munition stockpiles to dangerously low levels. We cannot lead abroad while we are so weak at home."

Houchin, a freshman from Salem, said, "We cannot continue down this path of tens of billions

of dollars being spent in Ukraine with no accounting of where the money is going and no plan for a resolution. I heard resoundingly from my district prior to the vote, and I share my constituents' concerns. My votes on these amendments to the NDAA reflect the views of the majority of 9th District Hoosiers."

Banks voted against a \$40 billion Ukraine aid package in May 2022. He told WOWO's Pat Miller after that vote, "I've heard from our listeners from Northeast Indiana loud and clear. They're saying, 'Enough is enough. We can't give a blank check to Ukraine without solving problems at home first.' I've always said America can't lead around the world when we're so weak at home."

U.S. Sen. Mike Braun said in May 2022, "Ukrainians are amazing. We were slow to help them out of the gate. But I'm going to always ask a question: How are we paying for it? And when I found out we're borrowing every penny of it, and we're not offsetting anything, that turned it into a no vote for me."

Other Hoosier Republicans are backing Kyiv.

U.S. Sen. Todd Young, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has insisted from the beginning of the war that the United States must back Ukraine. "Vladimir Putin is attacking the democratic, rules-based order that has benefitted countless Americans and millions around the globe since World War II," Young said on Feb. 24, 2022. "The stakes extend beyond Europe, as China is watching us and clearly has the same ambitions for Taiwan. It is essential that America sends an unequivocal message: invading sovereign, democratic nations will never be tolerated."

Former vice president Mike Pence has also consistently advocated for supporting Ukraine. He told Fox59 last weekend, "The war in Ukraine is not a territorial dispute. It was a Russian invasion by Vladimir Putin. As the leader of the free world,

it's absolutely essential to provide the Ukrainian military what they need to repel the Russian invasion for this reason. I'm someone who believes in that old Reagan doctrine that if you're willing to fight our enemies on your soil we'll give you what you need to fight them there so men and women in uniform aren't going to have to face them someday defending our interests and our allies."

Other congressional Republicans are supporting Ukraine. On Feb. 24, 2022, Rep. Bucshon said, "Russia's actions are a savage violation of international law that have put countless innocent lives at risk. The United States and our allies must stand firm and protect the freedom and sovereignty of Ukraine, and Putin's actions must be met with swift and severe consequences."

Rep. Yakym told Ink Free News last October, "We cannot allow nations to bulldoze other nations."

Rep. Pence said in a Feb. 24, 2022 statement, "Ukraine is an ally of the United States and I believe it is our duty to stand with our allies."

And then there is Rep. Spartz, who began the period after the Russian invasion to rally Republicans to the cause of her native land. She then shocked both Republicans and Democrats with "intense criticisms" of President Zelensky a year ago. In July 2022, Politico reported: "Inside the House GOP Conference, there's a widespread fear that her posture is damaging U.S.-Ukraine relations at the worst possible time — and that she's being played by forces that aim to weaken the Western alliance."

Since then, Spartz flirted with a U.S. Senate candidacy, then announced she would not seek reelection. She has issued relatively few statements on Ukraine since then, as more and more Republicans peel away their support for the war effort.

-Brian Howey is senior writer and columnist for Howey Politics Indiana/State Affairs. Find Howey on Facebook and Twitter @hwypol.

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: Are some of the newfangled entrance restriction tactics to reduce overcrowding at U.S. national parks having the desired effect?

A timed entry system at Arches National Park has worked wonders in terms of keeping overcrowding to a minimum there. Credit: NPS.

With each passing day we grow more aware of our environment and its beauty. The U.S. has seen this newfound appreciation in the form of a high influx in visitors to national parks across the country. In the past year, visitors to U.S. national parks have increased by five percent—and since 1976, visitation has increased overall by some 75 percent. In 2022, two of the busiest national parks—Yellowstone and Yosemite—began to require reservations for entry for the first time in the history of the National Park Service (NPS). Increased awareness of our natural world is wonderful, but overcrowding creates detrimental effects, from the songbirds in the trees to the employees at the parking lot.

Environmental luminary John Muir once said, "The mountains are calling and

I must go." And now Americans are heeding this call like never before. To wit, some 312 million trips were made to national parks in the last year, with 12 parks breaking previous attendance numbers. Concentrated in tight weekend windows and school breaks, this trend has overwhelmed these tranquil sanctuaries of nature.

Making matters worse is that national parks weren't initially developed to accommodate massive crowds. Combine the narrow roads, limited parking and lack of public transport with an impatient mob of visitors waiting to get their share of nature and you come up with a generous serving of chaos.

Yosemite National Park's experimentation with requiring reservations in order to pass through the gates did help reduce Yosemite's notorious overcrowding as much as rangers didn't like turning people away. Zion National Park now disallows cars beyond the visitor center parking lot just inside the park gates. Visitors instead now rely on an efficient shuttle bus system which moves everyone right along between stops and hiking trailheads throughout the park's main artery. Zion also offers visitors

options like renting e-bikes and e-scooters for those who would rather skip the shuttle bus.

Arches National Park has implemented a timed-entry program that may be the secret sauce to figuring out overcrowding. Through the first three months of 2023, visitor numbers were down when compared to the two previous years. Innovative solutions like driverless shuttles and other sustainable technologies will only improve with time. It's been a long journey for our parks over the last few years, but rays of optimism shine through the trees. While our parks aren't exactly back to their peaceful, serene states yet, they sure are on the right trail back.

-CONTACTS: Arches National Park may have found a magic bullet for overcrowding. Could it work at other parks?

A Visit to the National Park of the Future: Innovative transportation and emerging mobility to maximize sustainability and visitor experience

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Doc Plays Squirrel Games



Slim Randles
Home Country

Doc isn't even sure why he did it. For days afterwards, people would talk

about it, then smile and shake their heads and just say "Oh, that Doc..."

The whole thing came up on the spur of the moment. Doc and Mrs. Doc were planning to go out of town for a few days and needed several hundred dollars in cash, so Doc dropped by the bank to take it out.

He drew Ardis Richardson as his teller, after he wound his way through the bank's roped rat maze, and told her how much he needed.

Then, on an impulse, he leaned forward and whispered, "Ardis, I need that in small, unmarked bills, please."

"Unmarked, Doc?"
"My squirrel's life depends on it."

Ardis's mouth dropped open. That should have stopped Doc, but it didn't.

"They said if I wanted to see him alive again, the bills would have to be unmarked."
She stared.

"Have you ever seen how cute he is when he sits up and eats a nut and his whiskers twitch? I mean, right now I can picture his big fluffy tail and those eyes ... those eyes... Oh my..."

"Doc ... I didn't know," she said.

He nodded sadly. "I can hardly bear looking at his little squirrel bed, sitting there empty, and his squirrel food dish, with only half his meal gone. I really have no choice."

Ardis gave him the money. The sheriff came by Doc's office to make sure everything was all right. Mrs. Miller across the street from Steve's house sent a five-dollar donation to Doc to help rescue the squirrel. Pop Walker down at the Rest of Your Life home volunteered to get his gun and polish off every squirrel-napper in the county.

Doc, you see, doesn't have a squirrel.

Mrs. Doc thought this weekend away from home came not a moment too soon.

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don't see too many boys today named Archibald, Herbert, Cecil, or Orville...or girls named Edith, Mabel, Myrtle, or Gladys. Nicknames are often unpredictable. How did some unfortunate souls end up with nicknames like Booger, Bubby Boo, or Moonie? As I mentioned in an earlier column, our town had hundreds of nicknames for people through the years...Foobie, Railhead, Dum, Dubber, Hog Haw, Bullet, Kacky, Doozy, Sookie, Bogatah, Lop Ear, Pickie, Nub, and Butterball...just to name a few.

A nickname can also affect how you initially view a person. I would be a little leery to get in an argument with Killer, Bruno, Ripper, or Chainsaw, but I wouldn't be too afraid of Francis, Skinny, or Wally. And guys, would you like to date Bubbles, Foxy, or Candy...or Agatha, Beulah, or Ethel? Ladies, would you go on a blind date with Willard, Hubert, or Seymour...or Goober, Doodle, or Bubba? Difficult decision. Maybe you should just stay home.

Some nicknames just would not fit various politicians or famous people. "Corky" Biden or "Opie" Trump just do not sound like Presidential material.

Would Catholics admire and listen to religious edicts from Pope Larry? Would we have feared Billy Joe Hitler or Barney Hussein? Russian President Vladimir Putin's name sounds somewhat menacing, but I wouldn't worry as much if his name was Pee Wee Putin... would you?

Of course there are people who hate their names so much that they have it legally changed. Here are some names of real people...Chris P. Bacon, Moe Lester, Donald Duck, Jack Daniels, Ben Dover, and Bud Light. I guess "Butch" isn't so bad after all. But I could change it, like the singer Prince did...to "The Teacher, Sheriff, and Librarian Formerly Known as Butch," and just use the math symbol "Y'Z*," which is the mathematical derivative of a complex conjugate. My wife thinks I should use the Roman numeral LXXIV, which is the number 74. I asked her if she chose that because it's my age.

She said no... that 74 was my IQ.

- 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.

GARDENS

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The tour begins at 10 am at John Walter's garden at 409 E. Jefferson Street. The Walters have lived in their home on Jefferson for seven years. When they bought the property, the backyard was "just grass and some overgrown trees." John will talk about how this bland chunk of lawn has become a brightly colored oasis today. For John, raising a garden is synonymous with raising children. So visitors will see how lots of strawberries and lettuce, bright fences, benches, and pots become part of the plan when your main garden hand is a curious five-year-old. Seeds may well pop up in surprising places. John will have stories of bird and insect residents who seek out this green and growing place and of the delight of "letting nature plant."

The second stop at 10:45 am will be at Amanda Ingram and Mark Elrod's home at 606 S. Water Street. Amanda and Mark are both lifelong gardeners and Amanda selected her home where the couple now lives for its "room to grow." She and Mark are quiet, urban homesteaders of a sort: think chickens, tea-making, beer brewing, and a stand of corn near the mailbox. Both of them like to "try to grow almost everything we want to eat... pretty much anything that will grow in our horticultural zone." In recent years they've gone no-till and use organic mulches. They will tell visitors what they've learned about soil building and conservation as they show us their various beds.

The third and final stop will be at 11:30 at the home of Joyce and Patrick Burnette. Joyce's backyard plot will bring a chord of recognition to many visitors: Joyce is an informal gardener who gardens as much as she can around a busy work life. "I started gardening when I moved into this house 26 years ago... I was mainly motivated by and wanting some decent tomatoes." Despite this modest beginning and casual approach, Joyce raises lots of vegetables and makes use of perennial fruits on her property.

At the conclusion of this tour, you are invited to bring a lunch or just yourself to join some Community Gardeners at the General Lew Wallace Study to debrief our morning, and share and enjoy a shady picnic before departing.

The three gardening families on this second annual backyard Garden Walk have various backgrounds and life experience that have led them to care about putting a spade in the ground or a trowel in a pot. ***

Walter Garden

John Walter has been a lifelong gardener except for the decade (from ages 18-28) that he spent as a combat soldier overseas. That service to our country surely deepened his love of peaceful, growing things. "It's great to eat what I grow, to teach my children where food comes from." He lights up when talks about showing the kids the things gardening brings with it: "All the pretty B's! Birds, butterflies, bees, and bugs." For John himself the benefits are large too. "It's so calming to work in the garden after my day job. If I hadn't changed my backyard, all I'd be able to do is mow a rectangle of boring grass."

Libby Walter, age five, is John's primary garden assistant and she has lots of say about where she wants things planted. This has led to a few hilarious moments that visitors will get to see. Teaching and showing only go so far. John wants to raise an independent set of kids (he has three) who understand how things work. All the Walter kids now know that they can eat radishes right out of the ground and tomatoes off the vine. The family gardens organically. Their strawberry crop was phenom this year, but best of all is the ongoing life learning. His little garden assistant approached and picked a new vegetable the other day: "Daddy, the Cowcubers poked me. You didn't tell me they had stingers."

John describes himself as a "left-handed gardener" who starts in spring by drawing out the ideal garden he'd like to see on a sheet of paper. His eyes light up and he chuckles at what comes of this: "I love the Beautiful Mess of July with vines everywhere and rows hard to find." That's when the goldfinches start visiting the sunflowers and the fledgling birds come to his bird baths. Backyard salad is surely on the Walters' dinner menu. ***

Ingram-Elrod Garden

Mark and Amanda met after they both got jobs at Wabash College. Amanda is a professional botanist

and professor. Mark has a great many related interests but surely they must have found "common ground" in their families' deep gardening cultures that both were raised in. Mark chuckles when he says that he's been a gardener "since I could walk." To prove the point, he adds that his parents "have a Super 8 film of me in the garden as a toddler." That little kid crawled to the cucumber trellis, pulled himself up, picked a cuke and took a bite. The next shot shows little Mark with his entire little face wrinkled up in disgust. He then tries to reinsert the spat-out piece into the cucumber! Mark notes wryly, "To this day I dislike raw cucumbers." But the gardening passion continued. He reminisces: our family always planted the garden on Memorial Day so I remember digging holes and making rows while we all listened to the race on the radio."

Amanda too has "gardening in the bones," and clearly a love of plants shaped her professional life. Their current shared gardening passions flow from these rich gardening heritages. Both say that they like to "grow almost everything we want to eat." They can give visitors tips on how they can, dry, freeze, and pickle the extras. "When we're exhausted from preserving, we foist the rest on friends." Food adventures in their own yard testify: Amanda and Mark usually try something new each year. This year hibiscus is a feature and hibiscus tea may be on the docket.

The couple's love and knowledge of science blends perfectly with gardening. They have the homesteader passion for knowing the patch of ground on which they live. Mark is a highly skilled beer maker; Amanda does all kinds of food and flower extensions. Key to all of this is caring for their soil. As Mark and Amanda have transitioned to no-till and using all organic mulches for fertilizer and weed-suppression over the last several years, their increased soil fertility has been notable. And, as Amanda says, "This has made our plants so much more resilient to drought and pests." Visitors will be all ears to learn more about that in this summer of record-breaking heat in parts of our country. ***

Burnette Garden

Joyce's garden of tomatoes, peppers, green beans, lettuce, tomatoes, and tomatillos is a happy "hobby garden." And, it's Joyce's garden that will be most encouraging to visitors who have little gardening experience. Joyce's immediate family did not garden. She did have an aunt and uncle who had compost. Compost? She wondered what that was, having never heard of the word or concept. She learned. "Otherwise," she notes, "I just read about it." First generation gardeners-and we need millions of them in this era-deserve lots of credit. They have pluck. Too many people think they "don't have a green thumb" and so never try. To be bold enough to try gardening after "just reading about it" is to open your life to new possibilities. In our electronic learning era, many a successful gardener has gotten his or her start "by reading about it" using YouTube videos, gardening podcasts, and the like.

While a graduate student and living in little apartments without green space, Joyce longed to try growing things. The Burnette's C'ville backyard has given her the chance. As a scholar, professor, and a person who travels for work, and who is deeply involved in our community, gardening is a respite and it has taught her to be flexible. "You learn to pay attention, to see what works and what doesn't." She's enjoyed the perennial fruits in her backyard, the raspberries and the cherries.

In addition to the raspberry muffins, tart cherry pie, and yummy batches of tomato sauce along with bags of frozen tomato chunks, Burnette most appreciates "being able to do something physical rather than mental. It's a good break from my normal job. Growing something is very satisfying."

Please join Community Growers of Montgomery County on Saturday morning at 10 for a couple hours of garden adventures, a little walking, and a little learning, and lunch if you wish. As one of our gardeners posted on Facebook, "Join us to see some amazing gardens! You'll see a great deal of vegetables! You can't beat this as a way to spend a Saturday morning in Crawfordsville."

GALLERY

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in an old farmhouse in the quiet countryside of southern Montgomery County. Having spent most of his life drawing, painting, and carving he has most recently discovered a love for pottery.

Grimes studied ceramics at the studio of his close friend and fellow artist Shoko Shutte. He studied under Shutte at her Indianapolis studio from 2017 until her death in 2022. Currently, he works from his home studio where he takes great satisfaction in turning lumps of clay into elegant forms.

He encourages all artists to try new mediums and to continuously pursue experimentation. He feels the possibilities of personal expression are endless in ceramic arts. Grimes states, "Something of the potter is always imparted to the finished vessel. Throwing pottery is a very relaxing endeavor that should be pursued with a playful spirit." He continues to explore and improve his pottery-making processes.

If you would like to contact Matt Grimes about his work, please send all inquiries to mattgrimes8@gmail.com. For more information about CDPL's hours of operation, please visit our website at www.cdpl.lib.in.us. If you are an artist or a member of an artists' group and are interested in displaying your work at the Mary Bishop Memorial Gallery in 2024, please contact Toni, the Gallery Coordinator at (765) 362-2242, or email her at twoodall@cdpl.lib.in.us for more information.

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