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TODAY'S VERSE

2 Corinthians 5:6,7 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: For we walk by faith, not by sight

FACES OF MONTGOMERY who call our community their own



Lily, Doris (Owner) and Kimberly of the Breakfast Club offered one of our roving photographers winning smiles while accpeting their Readers' Choice 2023 Award. Thank you for your smiles!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

The Montgomery County Community Foundation will be hosting a dedication ceremony for the newly activated Downtown Alley on Friday at 1 p.m. Cake will be served with light refreshments.

According to the International Whaling Commission "whale watching tourism is rapidly growing around the world." But it is highly unlikely that the majority of the millions of whale watchers out there have seen what the Robert Addie family saw off the coast of Provincetown, MA recently: three humpback whales simultaneously breaching the Atlantic Ocean. Coincidentally, Robert had his video camera handy when the trio of whales soared out of the water at the same time.





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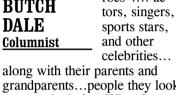
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Butch Asks, "Who Are the Real Heroes?"



their "heroes".... ac-BUTCH DALE **Columnist**



grandparents...people they look up to and admire. When I was growing up in the 1950s, I had several heroes...major league baseball players like Hank Aaron and Eddie Mathews, TV characters such as Wyatt Earp, the Lone Ranger, and Superman. Of course, I loved Elvis and I had a crush on Liz Taylor. Then in the 1960s, I admired President Kennedy, and I thought the Beatles were the greatest. I watched astronaut Neil Armstrong land on the moon, and later saw him in person at Purdue. And of course, my Dad and Mom, along with my grandparents, topped the list.

But through the years I came to realize that there is a difference between a real nero and a person who is just a celebrity, a make-believe character, or an idol. So what is a true hero?

ety or their family...who does not seek praise or financial rewards for their achievements... who makes a positive impact and contributes something beneficial to our everyday lives... who rises up in times of need or under difficult circumstances or in dangerous situations...and embodies the highest level of human behavior.

A rock singer is not a hero. A sports star is not a hero. Actors and actresses are not heroes. Politicians are not heroes. Wealthy businessmen are not heroes. These are people you might admire, but they should not automatically be considered as heroes. Many people consider people in uniform, like soldiers, firefighters, and police officers, to be heroes. In a way they are because these are noble and dangerous professions, but it takes more than a uniform or a title to be a real hero. What a person does and how they act after they put on the uniform is what counts. The 403 firemen and police officers who lost their lives on September 11, 2001...trying to save lives by rushing into the burning

services for free to a needy family...the businessman who sells his product at cost, or even gives it away for free, to those in need...the mother who gives up her high-paying job to raise her children...the father who turns down his "dream job," located in a large city, so that his kids can stay in the small-town community that they love...the brave soldier who risks his life to save a fellow soldier...a homeless person who struggles to have enough to eat, but shares what he has with a starving dog...parents who raise their handicapped child without complaining...the youngster who helps his elderly neighbor and requests no compensation...the Sunday school teachers who devote hours and hours of their free time to guide children on the straight and narrow...The police officer or fireman who endangers his life to prevent a tragedy...These people are true heroes. And there are many more examples who you can name who made a positive difference in your life

My parents were not famous.

or the lives of others.



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Today is... • Annual Medical Checkup Day

- National Raspberry Tart Day
- Presidential Joke Day

What Happened **On This Day**

• 1999 Last Total Solar Eclipse of the Millen-

The Chinese zookeepers insist that the Sun Bear on display at the Hangzhou Zoo in Zhejiang Province East China is real, despite a viral video that suggests the bear is actually a man wearing a costume. The video shows the bear standing upright on slim legs with baggy skin that certainly looks like an ill-fitting costume. According to the zoo, "when it comes to bears, the first thing that comes to mind is a huge figure and astonishing power. But not all bears are behemoths and danger personified."

In my opinion a true hero is someone who knowingly and voluntarily does something good for the betterment of soci-

buildings...were certainly real heroes.

Many heroes are just everyday people in our lives who make a difference...the teacher who voluntarily stays after school to help a student... the doctor who performs his

Succession Planning **Class For Farm Families**



TRICIA HERR **Purdue** Extension Office

and Having the Cash to Bring in the Next Generation. The class will be extension held August

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15, 16 and 17 from 11:30am-1:00pm ET on Zoom. It is an online class, we encourage families to register once and participate together. Cost is \$40 per registration.

The class will cover the basics of succession planning, including:

•Crucial Conversations and When to Have Them •Legal Aspects of Farm

Transfers

•How to Fund Transitions Creating a Succession Plan

•Resources for Farm Families

These classes will be hosted

The Purdue by Purdue Extension Educators and Extension Farm Management Specialists. Participants will also get to hear from an attorney who will help answer legal questions and go over how to structure a succession plan.

> "Succession planning is an important part of ensuring the long-term success of a farm operation," said Jenna Nees, Putnam County Ag and Natural Resources Educator. "This class will provide farm families with the resources they need to create a financial and legal plan that meets their specific needs.'

> The class is \$40 to attend and open to all farm families. To learn more and register, visit: https://cvent.me/r9yl02

> Please register by August 13. This Farm Succession Class Series is made possible through grant funding from North Central Extension Risk Management Education.

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They were not wealthy. They won no awards. They received no honors, no trophies, no commendations. But they were heroes to me because they cared about me and my siblings.

See BUTCH Page A4

Neighbors Need Neighbors **Donate Blood. Spread Awareness.** Make a Difference.

Hoosier Heartland State Bank is inviting everyone to come out to the Crawfordsville South Branch at 1661 US Highway 231 for a Blood Drive on September 5 from 9:45 a.m to 2:15 p.m.

Did you know that every day in the US 29,000 units of red blood cells is required in hospitals and emergency treatment facilities?

Versiti Blood Center of Indiana provides lifesaving blood and blood products to more than 90 hospitals throughout the state. This Blood Drive with Hoosier Heartland State Bank is crucial in helping to sustain a safe and healthy blood supply to our local Indiana hospitals and the patients they serve. Whether you are looking for a way to give back to the community or support a friend who is fighting an illness, blood donation is a generous and vital gift.

nium. The eclipse was visible from Europe, most of Asia and Africa and in parts of North America. Because of its path through heavily populated

parts of the world, the solar eclipse is thought to be one of the most viewed eclipses in recorded history.

• 1992 Mall of America Opens its Doors to Shoppers. Located in in Bloomington, Minnesota, the mall is the largest shopping Mall in the

United States. Spanning 4,870,000 sq ft, it has an indoor theme park and attracts about 40 million visitors each year.

• **1962** The Soviet Space Agency Launches Vostok 3. The spacecraft was piloted by Andriyan Nikolayev, the first cosmonaut to have orbited the Earth 64 times in 4 days.

Births On This Day

- **1978** Jermain Taylor American boxer
- **1950** Steve Wozniak American computer scientist, programmer, co-founded Apple Inc.

Deaths On This Day

- 1984 Alfred A. Knopf, Sr. American publisher, founded Alfred A. Knopf Inc.
- 1956 Jackson Pollock American painter

HONEST HOOSIER

Prep football season is a week away. Let's go!



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Breast cancer is not the number one killer of women - heart disease is. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com



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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE **Railroad Fair!**

The 3rd annual Midwest Railroad Fair, presented by the Linden Depot Museum, is scheduled for Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Linden Depot Museum.

TODAY'S QUOTE "Start where you are. Use what

you have. Do what you can." Arthur Ashe 🗢 TODAY'S JOKE

Why do bananas use sunscreen in August? Because they peel.



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A Coach That Was A Poor Fit And A Sports Editor With Power Of Persuasion



During my 35 years with the Journal and Courier, Purdue football and

basketball

fans were

fortunate

KENNY THOMPSON Columnist

to have a pair of Hall of Famers in Tom Kubat and Jeff Washburn reporting on the ups and downs of the Boilermakers.

By the time I joined the staff in 1984, Bob Scott's days as a beat writer were over. But long before he showed me how to design a sports section and helped me improve my copy editing skills, he was the Purdue basketball beat writer during the Lee Rose era.

Not until Rose left for South Florida shortly after leading the Boilermakers to their most recent Final Four in 1980 did anyone realize what was going on behind the scenes.

A memorable column Scott wrote on April 4, 1981, laid out the reasons why Rose wasn't a fit at Purdue despite his 50-18 record and a share of the 1979 Big Ten Conference championship.

"Putting it plainly, Rose couldn't nail down top players in the state," Scott wrote before revealing a big reason why that was the case, taking away the obvious presence of Indiana coach Bob Knight at the peak of his dominance.

Rose didn't make many friends among the Indi-

ana high school coaching fraternity during a speech on April 21, 1979.

"I don't know why the high school coaches are so negative toward Purdue," Rose complained during his talk. "It has really been a learning experience."

He told the coaches that he came to that conclusion after being unable to convince top players like Indiana Mr. Basketball Steve Bouchie, Chuck Franz, Frank Smith and Leroy Sutton to make an official visit to Purdue.

"Rose sounded angry and almost evangelical as he addressed the coaches," Scott wrote. "He insisted that the state coaches had a duty to send kids to the state universities."

No one needs three guesses to surmise how that speech went over with the high school coaches. In his two seasons at Purdue, Rose successfully recruited ONE Indiana high school player: Jon Kitchel from Lewis Cass.

In another column on May 10, 1981, Scott asked athletic director George King about his relationship with Rose. I'm not sure the term "high maintenance" was commonplace then but this paragraph fits the description.

"Lee was upset at one point because we didn't send the cheerleaders or team band to the Kentucky Invitational Tournament," King said. "We were in the thick of a trip to the Bluebonnet Bowl. But if Lee had come to us, we would have worked something out. After that, Lee had the misguided opinion that basketball played second fiddle at Purdue."

Rose would later reinforce that opinion in his autobiography but also shared that his relationship with King was poor from the moment Rose claims the athletic director declared that no coach would ever make more money than him.

During the interim period between Gordon Graham and the Kubat/ Washburn era, sports editors George Bolinger and Bruce Ramey covered Purdue football and basketball. Bolinger's era included the rise of Leroy Keyes and Rick Mount, two all-time greats on the West Lafayette campus at the same time. Bolinger also led the coverage of Purdue's first Rose Bowl appearance.

Ramey was closer in spirit to Graham's pro-Boilermaker style, leading the charge to honor his friend Guy "Red" Mackey in the months before the athletic director's death on Feb. 22, 1971.

In a Jan. 23, 1970, column titled "Let's call it Mackey Arena," Ramey pressed the Purdue administration to rename Purdue Arena while Mackey was alive to enjoy the tribute.

"No man in the 100 years of the school's history has done more for Purdue athletics than Guy J. (Red) Mackey, and no man is more deserving of such an honor," Ramey wrote.

It would be more than

a year before Ramey got his way, but not without using his bully pulpit to institute a policy change at the Journal and Courier.

On Dec. 3, 1970, Ramey decreed that henceforth in his stories the arena would be referred to as Mackey Arena.

"Presumptuous? I don't think so. Everything that has a name was given it by someone, sometime," Ramey wrote. "Who named Buck Creek? Or Steam Corners? Or Gnaw Bone? Or Manhattan Island? Or Purdue?"

A decade before Red Mackey donned a Purdue football jersey for the first time in 1925, a 14-yearold Lafayette Jeff student persuaded the owner of the Lafayette Morning Journal to give him a job covering high school sports.

That power of persuasion would serve Steve Hannagan well in his brief lifetime.

Hannagan became the Morning Journal's sports editor while a freshman at Purdue. For the next two years he covered Boilermaker football and basketball. Hannagan left the Morning Journal and Purdue in 1919 when he was offered a sportswriting job at the Indianapolis Star.

By age 25, Hannagan had opened his own publicity office. One of his first clients was Miami Beach. Hannagan's idea of promoting Miami Beach was to send beach bathing beauties photos to newspapers during the winter months. The strategy was so successful, Miami Beach paid Hannagan \$25,000 a year for his services. To put that in perspective, \$25,000 in 1927 dollars is nearly \$400,000 in today's money.

In the first sentence of his Journal and Courier front page obituary on Feb. 5, 1953, Hannagan was called "the man who put the bathing beauty on front pages." That same obituary earned a 60-point "coast to coast" headline usually reserved for events like the end of World War II.

Hannagan also gave Sun Valley its name to promote tourism and skiing. So successful was Hannagan's campaign that the Idaho venue soon drew a who's who of celebrities from Ernest Hemingway to Gary Cooper.

Hannagan also had a long-term publicity relationship with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and was in Kenya representing Coca-Cola when he suffered a fatal heart attack.

Hannagan was buried not far from his roots on Wabash Avenue in Lafayette, at St. Mary's Cemetery. Among the mourners was his longtime companion, actress Ann Sheridan.

When he died on April 4, 1964, Robert C. Woodworth was remembered as the "Voice" of Purdue athletics by his former employer, the Journal and Courier.

Before Woodworth became Purdue's sports information director from 1928 to his death at age 61 from cancer, he served two years as sports editor upon his graduation from Purdue with a degree in mechanical engineering. His first "On The Level" column on March 23, 1926, expressed concern that Piggy Lambert only had 13 candidates for the Purdue baseball team. (As it turns out, the Boilermakers ended up with 23 players and went 11-4-2 that season.)

During his Purdue career, Woodworth was called upon to serve as acting athletic director in 1937 when Noble Kizer was gravely ill.

Woodworth was known for his sense of humor, especially directed at Indiana University. Responding to a jab about Purdue being a cow college, Woodworth reportedly replied that "at Purdue we milk cows. At Indiana they date them."

Like his friend and successor as sports editor, Gordon Graham, Woodworth also owned a long streak of consecutive Purdue football games attended. His 37-year run was snapped in the fall of 1963 due to illness.

Fittingly, the old press box at Ross-Ade Stadium was renamed in his honor. Woodworth was elected to the Purdue Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame in 2015.

- 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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They sacrificed their time and their ambitions to raise us and provide for us. I consider many of my former teachers to be heroes because they loved their jobs and they truly cared about me as an individual. Many of the police officers who I worked with through the years, including two of my boys...Neil and Brett, who also serve the public as police officers, are my heroes. My son Clark, who joined the army after 9-11 and fought in Iraq, many times under enemy fire, is my hero. My daughter Shelle, a dedicated teacher who truly cares about her students, is my hero. And my wife Connie, who is a great wife, mother, and grand-

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mother, and has served the public as a teacher's aide and jail matron, is my hero.

True heroes are the kind of people who help all of us realize that money, big houses, high-paying jobs, awards, praise, acclaim, and political power...are not the most important things in life. And a true hero can show everyone that what is important is what is inside each individual...and that anyone can become a true hero, too.

- 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.



WOLFSIE **Funny Bone**

Spanish and Hebrew and I wasn't very successful, assuming I wanted to

Mary Ellen and I are planning a trip to Mexico this winter and I am determined to really learn Spanish. I did some checking to see who was available for some personal one-on-one guidance. A lot of really nice houses popped up on my computer screen, but then I realized I had googled Spanish TUDOR instead of Spanish TUTOR.

Then I decided to look

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that claims to help you speak a new language clearly. There was also Rosetta Stone and Duolingo.

I opted for Duolingo and have spent the last six months dedicated to achieving some success. Up until now the app has been pretty good as long as I speak in the present tense and only want to order beans and rice at a restaurant. It often gives me different scenarios and then provides the terminology I might employ in those situations, like at a library or a café. Here's

You are walking down the avenue alone one evening. You see a stranger. You ask for directions and then strike up a conversation. Then you suggest you have a drink so you can talk, maybe get to know each other better and have some fun.

This sounds to me like a lesson from "Spanish 101 for Street Walkers.'

Now that I am in my sixth month of study, I get the feeling that Duolingo is running out

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of new things to ask me to translate from English to Spanish. The sentences below are actual examples from Unit 14 along with a few editorial remarks by me. All are 100 percent true. Totalmente Cierto! Yesterday, the birds

cleaned the kitchen.

(What about the bottom of their cage?)

The horse and the cow went out for dinner.

(Good luck. It's hard to find a good vegan restaurant in Indiana.)

My cat cleans the house.

(But his litter box is still a disgusting mess.)

The duck learned to use the toilet.

(But never flushes or puts the lid down.)

The cow cleaned the dog's ears.

(I can say it, but I still want to see it.)

The pig wrote a letter to his grandmother. (How many pigs still have a living grand-

mother?) The horse is taking lessons in German. (But had trouble putting

on the lederhosen.)

The horse watched his favorite movie.

(There's one scene in The Godfather he hates) The cats are learning

Chinese. (Big deal, they are Sia-

mese cats.)

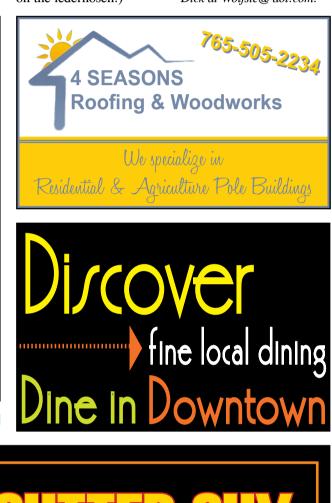
Pigs can learn to spell. (Yes, and they think "farm" is spelled E I E I **O**.)

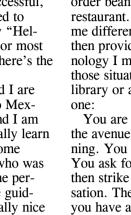
I doubt I will ever have to use any of these phrases, but it's always good to be prepared. For example, right now I have to wrap up this column quickly. There is a lot going on in my house and I need to attend to it now...

Mi cerdo y mi vaca estan en la computadora pidiendo una pizza de anchoasa entregar.

(My pig and my cow are on the computer ordering an anchovy pizza to be delivered.)

- Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@ aol.com.





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Teaching An Old Dog A New Language

language. In the past I've taken lessons in French,

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the things

bucket list

on my

is to be

fluent in

another

do more than say "Hello," "Goodbye" or most importantly, "Where's the bathroom?"

into the many apps that you hear advertised on the radio like Babbel, a lousy name for an application

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