

▶ TODAY'S VERSE

Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

▶ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Cub Scout Tucker Riddell and Mayor Todd Barton offer a smile while Tucker was being recognized for being the number one popcorn seller for Cub Scout Pack 909.

▶ 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 It's time to register for TAF's Fall 2023. After School Arts Program! Covering the full spectrum of creative disciplines, TAF's After School Arts Program makes a meaningful difference in the lives of youth in our community. ASAP classes give students the opportunity to learn new visual and performing arts skills while also reinforcing academics, improving self-esteem, and inspiring creativity. All classes are free! The program meets at The Arts Federation, located at 638 North Street in Downtown Lafayette. Please note that perfect attendance is expected.

3 The Crawfordsville / Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a City / County Legislative Lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, September 22, on the 3rd floor of Fusion 54, 101 W. Main Street, Crawfordsville. The panel will consist of Mayor Todd Barton, City Council Andy Biddle, County Commissioner Dan Guard, and County Council Jake Bohlander. The sponsor for this event is Lakeside Book Company. Lunch will be catered by Maxine's on Green. This event is open to the public. The cost for the event is \$10 for Crawfordsville/Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce members and \$15 for non-chamber members. Space is limited so please register to attend online at crawfordsvillechamber.com by Friday, September 15. For more information regarding the breakfast or the chamber, please contact Stacy Sommer at ssommer@crawfordsvillechamber.com

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The Daily Almanac

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High: 78 °F
Low: 50 °F

Today is...

- Get Ready Day
- National IT Professionals Day
- National Voter Registration Day

What Happened On This Day

- **2010** Oil rig Deepwater Horizon is declared sealed after a 5-month long spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Thought to be one of the biggest accidents in the oil and gas industry, the Deepwater Horizon spill or the BP oil spill began on April 20, 2010, when an explosion destroyed the rig and killed 11 people.
- **2006** A Military coup overthrows the elected government in Thailand. Forces loyal to General Sonthi Boonyaratglin overthrew the elected government of Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra and dissolved the parliament and the constitution.
- **1944** The Moscow Armistice ends the Continuation War. The peace treaty was signed between the Soviet Union, United Kingdom, and Finland. It put an end to the conflict between the USSR and Finland between 1941 and 1944.

Births On This Day

- **1964** Trisha Yearwood American singer-songwriter, actress
- **1911** William Golding English author, poet, playwright, Nobel Prize laureate

Deaths On This Day

- **1968** Chester Carlson American physicist, invented Xerography
- **1881** James A. Garfield American politician, 20th President of the United States

Art On Thursday, Mixed Media

What is "mixed media"? Mixed Media describes art work in which more than one medium or material has been used.

This is an art form which involves combining different materials like ribbons, fabric,

leaves, newspaper clippings, photographs, paints, inks, etc. to create a new art work. While it was a sporadic practice in antiquity, it became a fundamental part of modern art in the early 20th century, due to the efforts of artist like

Picasso.

Come join artist Ellie Dieckmeyer for a fun class and make your own mixed media art piece. Instruction and supplies needed for students will be

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Lots Of Kids In Some Darlington Families!!!



BUTCH DALE
COLUMNIST

It seems like in the good ol' days the number of children in each family was much larger than today. With the cost of food, clothing, shelter, and other basic necessities, it's not

surprising that couples decide to have fewer children today. In addition to that, physician and hospital expenses are much higher. The cost of our first-born, back in 1971, was \$365 for the doctor, a specialist, and a 3-day stay in the hospital. Our fourth child, born in 1988, cost \$4400. It is not uncommon today for childbirth expenses to exceed \$20,000.

When I was growing up, there were several large families in the Darlington/Bowers area. Dick and Mildred Weliever, who lived just down the road from me, had seven children...Charlie, Bob, Betty, Mary Lou, Donna, Nancy, and Susie. If memory serves me correctly, Dick and Mildred were 47 years old when Susie was born in 1963. Mildred told me one time that a few strangers she met in stores thought Susie was her grandchild!

Another family with seven



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

Five of the Carpenter boys... Bill, Harold, Jack, Don and Jim... Not Shown is Kenny, who was born nine years later.

children were the Wilsons. Elbert and Elsie Wilson lived south of town and were the parents of Elizabeth, Joe, Winston, Gloria, Beverly, Debbie, and Phyllis. Not to be outdone was the Gable family, who lived north of Bowers. Dick and Helen Gable were parents to eight kids...Marilyn, Richard, Sarah, Ed, Cathy, Jim, Mark, and Miriam. After Miriam was born, Helen must have been watching the TV show "Eight is Enough!" Ed, Miriam, and Richard, along with Richard's son, John and his family, still live in the same area, known as

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▶ HONEST HOOSIER

The wonderful days of summer are nearing an end. And yes, I know some of you like fall. Thing is, some of us like spring and summer more.



▶ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Remove honeybee stingers by scraping the surface of the skin with a credit card.

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

Community Event: Harvest Festival

Come join us at our annual Harvest Festival! Bring the whole family and enjoy live music, yummy fall food, artisan vendors, a Car Show on Saturday and Family Fun Zone on Sunday! This is a year you don't want to miss. Where: Davidson Greenhouse & Dispensary; 3147 E Ladoga Rd. Crawfordsville. When: Saturday, September 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. & Sunday, October 1 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

▶ TODAY'S QUOTE

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."
-L.S. Villafane

▶ TODAY'S JOKE

A new restaurant called Karma is opening. There's not going to be any menu. You walk in and get what you deserve.

▶ OBITUARIES

Michele Dee Wright

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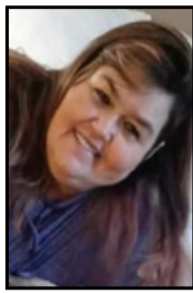
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OBITUARIES

Michele Dee Wright

March 16, 1969, Wednesday, September, 13, 2023

Michele Dee (Griffin) Wright, age 54, of Waveland, passed away on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at Franciscan Health Indianapolis. She was born in Clinton on March 16, 1969 to Jess "Mike" Griffin and Lolanda Joy (Woody) Amen.



Michele graduated from Crawfordsville High School. She was a devoted mother to her children and loved spending time with her family. She enjoyed listening to music and singing. Michele strived to make people happy, she made sure when they left her house, they were feeling happy.

Michele is survived by her parents; two children, Natasha (Branden Monnett) Wright and Jericho (Amanda) Wright; sisters, Rhonda Griffin and Heather Griffin; nieces and nephews, Austin Wright, Jasmine Hayes, and Christopher Elliot; special family members, Judy and Roger Wright; special friends Cathy McDaniel and Jodell Robinson; and several other close friends.

Michele was preceded in death by her two sons, Jordan Bythwood and Shawn Griffin; and her Grandma and Grandpa Griffin.

There will be a visitation at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S. Washington Street in Crawfordsville on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, from 2:00 pm until the time the funeral service at 3:00 pm. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Sanders Priebe Funeral Care to assist the family with funeral expenses. You may donate by clicking on the donation tab on Michele's obituary, or mail a donation to Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S. Washington Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com



Photos courtesy of JUMP

On the left, a JUMP group photo at the Breakfast Company. On the right, Dave and Deb Polley with Dakota at Animal Shelter.

JUMP Gives Back To The Community

This past Saturday was the JUMP group event for September. The JUMP program consists of volunteers who mentor the youth in our community. They do one on one activities together on their own but this program also provides a group event each month at no cost to the mentors or the mentees.

This month 25 mentors and mentees met at the Breakfast Company in

Crawfordsville for brunch, followed by some community service at the Animal Welfare League. After the brunch, some of the group met at the shelter and walked the dogs who are waiting to be adopted. "The Animal Welfare League can always use volunteers to come and walk the dogs at their shelter," stated Jill Hampton, JUMP Program Manager. "While these animals are

waiting for their forever homes, they need love, attention as well as exercise. The trails are beautiful this time of year and the dogs certainly enjoy getting out of their kennels for a nice walk. The JUMP program not only tries to provide positive role models for children, but also tries to instill the importance of giving back."

As always, the JUMP program has kids waiting

to be matched with an adult volunteer age 21 or older. To become a volunteer call 362-0694 ext. 102 or email sara@mcysb.org. To learn more about the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau visit www.mcysb.org or visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcysb.

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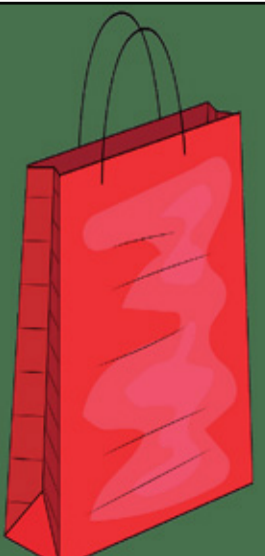
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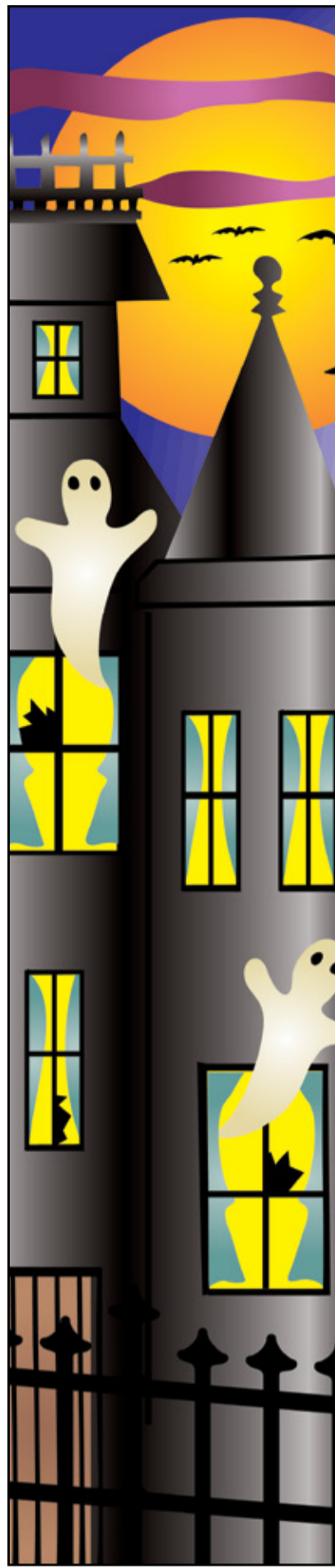
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We'd suggest dusting off the cobwebs – unless cobwebs, creaky stairs and paintings with moving eyeballs are appropriate to your story – and getting busy. You know the first rule of writing, right? Butt in chair!

So get yourself situated in front of a keyboard and let those fingers fly!

Tell us a ghost story, a spooky tale, perhaps a fiction piece about the ghost of Gen. Lew or Henry Lane, or perhaps a tale spun up from one of the pre-consolidation high schools. That's the great thing – it's a Halloween writing contest, so the who, what, where, and when are all up to you!

Write your Halloween-themed story and e-mail it to news@thepaper24-7.com or drop it off at our office, 127 E. Main St. in Crawfordsville (If you e-mail, please copy and paste the story in the body of the e-mail and not as an attachment)

Do not exceed 750 words

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Shawn Fain's United Auto Workers



BRIAN HOWEY
Howey Political Report

Buried deep in the wallet of Shawn Fain is a well-worn pay stub of one of his two grandfathers. It's a reminder of where the

new United Auto Workers president comes from, here in the City of Firsts.

Two of his grandparents were General Motors retirees at Kokomo and one worked at Chrysler starting in 1937. Nine years later in 1946, the UAW's negotiation strategy with the then-Big Three American automakers was to bargain with one, and then use that template for the other two.

Fain is now in the vortex of the American labor movement. He was elected as president of the UAW in March after beginning his career as an electrician at the Chrysler Kokomo Casting Plant. His election was seen as a sea change in the world of auto-making.

"He's always been a labor activist. He was always locally popular with rank and file members," said former Kokomo Mayor Greg Goodnight, who worked for Haynes International and was a union president at the same time as Fain was at Chrysler (now a unit of Stellantis).

But Fain is doing his negotiations in Detroit far differently than his predecessors. The UAW's contracts at the Detroit automakers expire at 11:59 p.m. Thursday. He said on Wednesday that while there has been progress, the four sides are still far apart.

"All sides are watching what the others are doing, then trying to match them or offer something that is more advantageous to their balance sheets while still meeting a union demand," the Detroit Free Press reported. "That's precisely what UAW President Shawn Fain had in mind when he decided this year to negotiate national labor contracts with all three

manufacturers at once, and very publicly, refusing to name one company as the negotiating lead, instead playing each car company and their offers off the others."

What Fain and the Detroit carmakers decide will have a big impact in Indiana, which is part of the UAW's Region 3, where membership peaked in the 1950s at 140,000. In 1982, Indiana's membership in Region 3 of the UAW was 100,000. By the 1990s, membership in Region 3 had fallen to 85,000, and it faced the challenge of the continuing decline of U.S. automobile industry plants.

In the year before the Great Recession put Chrysler and GM on the brink of extinction in 2008, "Shawn was anti-ratification due to the agreement implementing tiers and cutting wages for workers in half," the UAW website said. "Many times, at council meetings, he was ostracized for speaking up against the agreements as they didn't serve the best interest of the Membership."

Fain was asked on CNN earlier this week whether a strike at the Detroit automakers could damage the recovering U.S. economy. "In the last decade they made a quarter of a trillion dollars in profits," Fain said. "In the last six months alone they made \$25 billion in profits. In the last four years, the price of cars went up 30%. CEO pay went up 40%. No one said a word; no one had any complaints about that."

"Now, God forbid, workers actually ask for their fair share of equity in the fruits of the labor and the product they produce, and all of a sudden it's the end of the world," Fain said. "It's not that we're going to wreck the economy. We're going to wreck their economy, the one that works for the billionaire class. It doesn't work for the working class."

Fain also isn't reticent about wading into American politics. This comes as the House Republican Study Group formerly

headed by U.S. Rep. Jim Banks advocated a shift from Republican advocacy of big business to that of blue-collar workers.

Asked on MSNBC whether he plans to endorse President Biden for reelection, Fain responded, "We'll make that decision when the time is right. Our endorsements are going to be earned, not freely given."

He then pivoted to "the other person we talked about, the other candidate," meaning Republican presidential frontrunner Donald Trump. In 2020, Trump carried Howard County (home to GM and Stellantis plants in Kokomo) with 65% of the vote, to Biden's 33%, up from 63% in 2016. In Allen County (GM at Fort Wayne), in 2020 it was Trump 55%-43% over Biden. In Lawrence County (GM at Bedford) Trump carried it with 74%. In Grant County (GM at Marion) Trump won with 68%.

"I'll be real about that person," Fain said of Trump. "I'll never forget in the '16 race when he spoke about workers in Michigan, union jobs in the Midwest, he said we need to do a rotation in this country. We need to move those jobs to other places that pay less money and those people will be begging for their jobs back. That's not a person I want as my president. And then he made the comment recently telling people to stop paying their union dues." Fain said. "That's not someone who represents working-class people. He's part of the billionaire class and we ought not to forget that."

The Wall Street Journal observed on Tuesday: "Unions aren't the force in the U.S. that they used to be. That doesn't mean they can't pack a punch."

In the coming days, we'll find out how hard that punch is.

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

Naming Paintings In The Abstract



Slim Randles
Home Country

We all read about Pastor Jeff's latest tribulation in the local paper, the Valley Weekly Miracle. Maybe tribulation is too strong a word, because, after all, when someone leaves your church a huge legacy, isn't it time for rejoicing? Shouldn't we all be walking around the walls of Jericho tooting on ram's horns and beating the drums in jubilation?

It seems one of Pastor Jeff's former church members - a kinda strange former church member - went off to the city some years ago and became a fairly well-known painter of pictures. When this eccentric artist went to that great studio in the sky recently, leaving no family, his will left everything to Pastor Jeff's congregation. There was a little money, which was welcomed, naturally, but the main item was paintings. More than a thousand of them. They are now the property of Pastor Jeff's church. They

have filled the basement with them and they're threatening to crowd the pie-cooling counter in the ladies' kitchen area, which just can't happen.

They must be sold, of course, but there is one catch: none of them are named, and everyone knows a painting must have a name or else it's not a real work of art. These paintings are from the school of abstract expressionism, which means there's a lot of bright paint on them, and if you can look at one and figure out what it's supposed to be, the artist failed.

A painting-naming committee was formed, naturally, and the last we heard, had about a dozen paintings named, based loosely on what some wild curve or blob on the canvas brought to someone's mind.

Of course, down at the Mule Barn truck stop's philosophy counter and world dilemma think tank, we came up with a solution in about three cups' time.

The trick, we decided, is to blend nonsensical words together, because anyone who would buy one of these paintings has

an obvious contempt for reality in the first place. So we came up with a formula. Make a list and name a painting an amalgamation/dynamism/cataclysm/rudiment/despotism/heraldry/approximation of sin/pulchritude/embellishment/innocence/hitchhiking/world order/fishing season/spaghetti feeds/lassitude/ennui/cyclamates.

You simply pick one from one column, one from the other column, slap 'em together and there you go. With seven in the first column and 11 in the second column, the naming committee can instantly name at least 77 paintings. And this was just during three cups of Mavis's best. A hard-working church committee could name a thousand paintings during one of Pastor Jeff's sermons and be back in business in time for the benediction.

I'm putting my dibs down on Despotism of Pulchritude. Hope I don't get outbid.

Read the first novel ever published in Alaska - The Long Dark by Slim Randles. <https://archive.org/details/longdark000slim>

Uranium Mining Outside Of The Grand Canyon?

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: What's the kerfuffle over uranium mining near the Grand Canyon?

Since the 1950s when uranium was discovered below the desert in the Grand Canyon region of Arizona, land managers, resource extractors, environmentalists and locals have debated the ecological impacts of mining this heavy metal that serves as an abundant source of concentrated energy for nuclear power plants and other applications. The Grand Canyon is a World Heritage Site and a protected national park; worries that uranium mining in the area could harm the environment and the park's natural resources are central to the debate. Meanwhile, uranium mining in the region poses a serious threat to the native people like the Havasupai who have called the Grand Canyon home for centuries.

In 2012, the Havasupai worked with then President Barack Obama for a 20-year moratorium on uranium mining in the region because the mining could threaten the tribe's only water source, Havasu Creek. The harmful tailings from the mining, loaded with heavy metals, could contaminate the creek, rendering the water non-potable. Operations

would also endanger sacred and cultural sites. And so, the danger to the Havasupai land seemed to be diverted.

But the can was only kicked further down the road: As climate change continues to rage on, interest in nuclear energy has resurfaced, and mining companies have started nosing around the Grand Canyon region again, this time just outside of the national park where uranium reserves are reportedly abundant without the red tape of being on federally protected land.

Furthermore, mining companies say they can go about their business with minimal impact given the advent of better mining technology. Energy Fuels Resources, the company that owns the only claim in the Grand Canyon area, says they can operate without affecting the groundwater, and that they are just as dedicated to preserving the land as everyone else. Local Arizonians also support the mining, with local officials preaching about the stimulating effect the operation would have on the local economy.

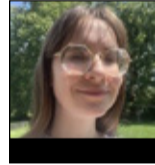
However, the miners have been faced with some pushback by Democrats and the White House. The land surrounding the Canyon makes up less than two percent of uranium reserves in the U.S., so why not look elsewhere? President Biden took

executive action on the issue, using the Antiquities Act to create the "Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni—Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument," a massive 900,000 acre preserve to federally protect the lands of tribes like the Havasupai. And although it won't completely shut down all mining operations outside the Canyon—claims to nearby Pinyon Plain have been affirmed by the federal courts—the monument does stand as a victory for native tribes in the region. It appears that the native people have struck gold in protecting their culture and identity for the near future.

CONTACTS: New national monument comes after more than a decade of advocacy by Native nations, npr.org/2023/08/08/1192556327/new-national-monument-comes-after-more-than-a-decade-of-advocacy-by-native-nation; Biden Protects Land by Grand Canyon but Will Still Allow Mining, bna.com/environment-and-energy/bidens-grand-canyon-monument-declaration-wont-block-all-mining-1; Keeping uranium mining out of the Grand Canyon, grandcanyontrust.org/grand-canyon-uranium.

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Looking Up In The Sky



SUSANNA HOWARD
Fresh Off The Shelf

Get in your element for National Library Card Month with amateur astronomy! The annual Perseid meteor shower wrapped up at the beginning of this month, but you still have a lot to look forward to. The Orionid meteor shower is September 26 to November 22, with its peak in the early morning of October 22, and the Geminid meteor shower will be visible from November 19 to December 24.

On Saturday, October 14, there will be an Annular Solar Eclipse, meaning the Moon will mostly block out the Sun, leaving just a thin ring of light around the edge. Crawfordsville is outside of the direct path of the eclipse, so we will only see a partial eclipse. Join us in the Donnelley Room from

10:00 - 10:30 that morning for a family-friendly presentation all about eclipses, and pick up some eclipse viewing glasses to keep your eyes safe!

These are the highlights, but in good conditions, you can see the stars any night. Optimal viewing conditions are out in the countryside, away from ambient light like streetlights, cars, and houses. Check the weather - if it's cloudy, you won't be able to see much. The Moon is beautiful and worth viewing with the naked eye or through a telescope, but if you want to get a good look at the constellations, wait until the new moon. Without the bright light reflecting off the surface of the Moon, the sky will be darker, allowing you to see dim, distant stars that are usually washed out. The Big Dipper, also known as Ursa Major, is one of the easiest constellations to find as it includes the bright North Star. Orion is also very beginner-friend-

ly, as the cluster of three stars that make up his belt is very distinctive.

Want help getting started? We have a Stargazing book display on the second floor with everything you need to know. While you're here, pick up a paper sundial craft kit at the Reference Desk. The how-to video is linked on our website, or you can go straight to the Crawfordsville District Public Library YouTube channel to find all our past videos.

Check out what's happening on our website at www.cdpl.lib.in.us or call us at 765-362-2242. The library is open Monday-Thursday 9a-9p, Friday-Saturday 9a-5p, and Sunday 1-5p.

The information in this article has been taken from the Smithsonian Magazine and the American Astronomical Society.

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"Gableville."
Just a few miles away was the Ralph and Nevah Carpenter family. Now what is unusual about their children is that all six were boys...Bill, Jack, Harold, Jim, Don, and Kenny. The odds of having all boys in a family of six kids is only 1 in 64... or 1.56%.

When asked to name the largest family in this area, most people will assume it was the Cain family. Paul and Velera Cain were the proud parents of twelve children...Pat, Tom, Larry, Judy, Jerry, Dan, Kenny, Candy, Mary, Terry, Debbie, and Jack. The Cains grew up in a large two-story house east of Darlington on

State Road 47. The house is gone, but their farm headquarters, Home-like Farms, is still located there.

But if you guessed that the Cain family had the most kids, you were wrong. Henry and Elizabeth Clouser, who lived just northeast of Bowers, had a total of fourteen children...Martha, Phyllis, Suzanne, Marjorie, Virginia, Karen, Ruth, Kevin, Mary, Gerry, Timothy, Phil, Bill, and Tom. When I was a teenager, my Dad took my brother and me to Bowers to pick up ear corn from a field that had caught fire. The Clouser house was next to the field, and I was shocked to see their small home. I could not imagine how Henry and Elizabeth managed to raise fourteen kids in that tiny house, but the children's ages varied quite a bit.

We have to go to a slightly earlier time to find the largest Darlington area family. Ales and Susie Maxwell had a total of seventeen children... Mary, James, Marion, Richard, Doris, Lois, Catherine, Harry Mac, Alvin, Norma, Frank, Robert, Don, Carolyn, Darrell, Sue Anne, and Beverly. Their firstborn,

Mary Louise, was born in 1915. The last child, Beverly, was born in 1938. Therefore, all seventeen kids were born in a 23-year span...a newborn on average every sixteen months. Think of all the meals, the washing, and daily chores that Susie had to do...Whew! She must have been worn out, as she passed away in 1955 at the age of 56, while Ales lived another 22 years.

All of the above families were well liked. The kids and their parents were active in school affairs and in the community. All of the kids pitched in to help out at home, at work, and on the farm. Sadly, some of the children listed above are now deceased. However, many still live right here in Montgomery county or nearby. I have no idea how many grandchildren and great grandchildren these families have, but I would guess it to be in the hundreds. There were many more large-families...especially ones with four and five children. My folks, Bill and Millie Dale, ended up with the five of us...Butch, Gary, Julie, Sarah, and Mike, the youngest, who was born in 1963 when Mom and Dad were 39 years old. But my wife and I beat them...we had the last of our four kids when we were 40 years old... in 1988. That was the summer when it was extremely hot...in the 100's for many days. We lived in a tiny house with no air conditioning. My wife was very pregnant...and not in a really good mood. But when the baby was born in October, she said it was worth it...and she didn't shoot me!

- 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.

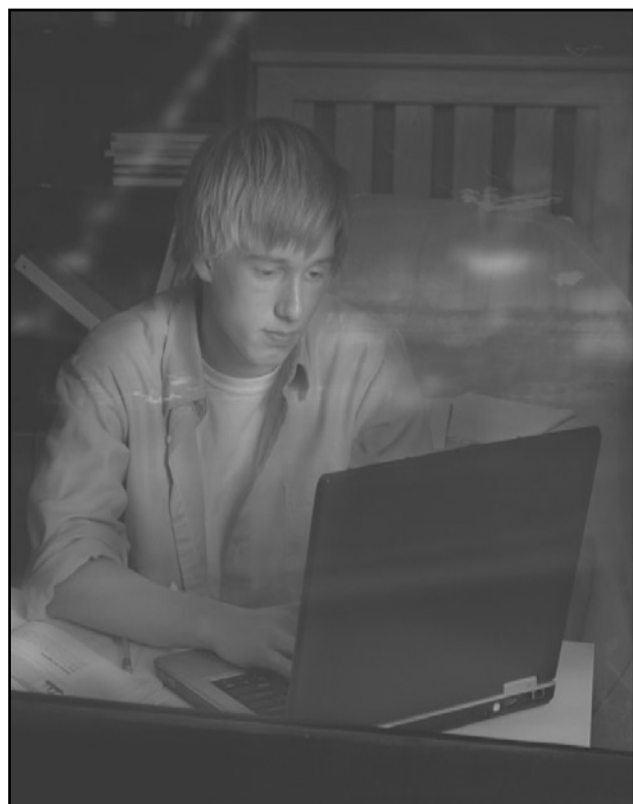
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provided.
Class will be on Thursday, October 12th. Choose either an afternoon session (1-3 pm) or an evening session (6-8 pm). Class is open to anyone 12 years and older. Cost is \$35. Classes meet at Athens Arts, 216 E. Main Street, Crawfordsville.

To reserve a spot for the October 12th class, stop by Athens Arts Thursdays and Fridays

10 am to 6 pm or on Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm or call 765.362.7455 during business hours to pay via credit card.

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Wabash College Featured On U.S. News' Best Liberal Arts Colleges List

Wabash also cited for overall excellence, value, and social mobility

Wabash College continues to be ranked among the best national liberal arts colleges in the U.S. News & World Report's annual Best Colleges rankings, released Monday. Data was collected on more than 1,850 colleges and universities in the report.

"College guides like these help families get a sense of their options in higher education," said Wabash President Scott Feller. "But rankings are only the first step. Prospective students and their families need to visit campuses, meet with admissions and financial aid staffs, attend classes, and get an overall sense of an institution's values, commitment to students, and overall value."

Wabash is tied for 59th among national liberal arts colleges, ranking the College in the top-third nationwide. Wabash was ranked 28th nationally by U.S. News as a Best Value School, a measure of both

academic quality and cost, which was the highest value ranking for any school in Indiana.

Additionally, the College was listed among Top Performers on Social Mobility, identifying Wabash as a college that is "more successful than others at advancing social mobility by enrolling and graduating large proportions of disadvantaged students awarded with Pell Grants."

"The recognition of Wabash's outstanding academic quality is a reflection of our excellent faculty and our strong academic programs," said Todd McDorman, Dean of the College and Professor of Rhetoric. "It is gratifying to see our academic quality held up as exemplary in conjunction with the value proposition Wabash presents. Wabash's status as a Top Performer on Social Mobility reflects the success of our innovative programming for traditionally underserved students



Photo courtesy of Wabash College

and attests to the transformative impact of a Wabash education."

The U.S. News rankings are based on a weighted breakdown of the following criteria: graduation rates and performance (37%), peer assessments (20%), faculty salaries (8%), financial resources (8%), first-year retention rates (5%), borrower debt (5%), earning potential vs. a high school diploma (5%), standardized tests (5%), student-faculty ratio (4%), and full-time faculty (3%).

These rankings continue a strong rankings season for Wabash where the school was ranked in 40% of The Princeton Review's 50 rankings lists, each identifying the top 25 colleges nationally (of the 389 profiled) in those specific categories. The College had 10 top-10 rankings, including No. 1 nationally in professor accessibility, No. 2 for career services and professor quality, No. 3 for best campus newspaper, and most active student government, and No. 5 for best financial aid.

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