

➤ 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)

➤ 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 Tickets are available now for the Rotary Jail Museum Ghost Hunts. Please pay attention to the date and time you select, some events take place just before or just after midnight. The Fan Meet & Greet with the Fourman Brothers from Paranormal Nightare is a FREE event - we are only selling pre-purchase tickets for the Ghost Hunts on October 28 & 29. Night Tours on October 27 are \$10 at the door.

2 Ernie on Sesame Street loved his rubber duckie; it was his "joy of joys," as he put it. Likewise, Charlotte Lee up in Seattle loves rubber duckies so much that she has - so far - collected 5,631 of them to date. It was enough to get the attention of the judges at the Guinness Book of World Records who have declared it to be the largest rubber duckie collection on the planet. But that's not enough for Ms. Lee to stop now. She told the guys at Guinness that her collection is still growing.

3 Twenty-two-year old Jovante Carter hails from New Orleans but he secured his page in the Guinness Book of World Records in Milan, Italy where he pulled his lower lip over his nose for 62 seconds. It's a long amount of time to go without breathing, enough to win the prize formerly held by China's Shuquan Tang who held his breath for just 53 seconds. As Guinness judge Marco Frigatti explained, "when performing this trick with the face, you can't breathe. Effectively you need to suspend your breath, and also all the muscles involved get really tired."

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Photo courtesy of the Montgomery County Youth Summit
James Proszek of Wabash College explaining data at the Meeting of the Minds luncheon.

Meeting Of The Minds, Sharing Findings From Youth Summit

Seven months had passed since that warm October day. In between these dates. For the youth summit participants academic successes mingled with athletic contests, social gatherings and future planning had occurred.

During this time, by a detailed process, Dr. James Proszek and the fellows of the Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse initiative had derived findings from the first Mont-

gomery County Youth Summit. Similarly, the Wabash team had distilled all the energetic discourse from a March Middle-Level summit.

Having read the reports themselves, the members of the Wellness Coalition Mind Committee believed that the information gleaned from these first youth summits would be of interest to the adults who

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Art On Thursday – Nov. 9th; Making Cards For The Holidays



There is nothing more personal than receiving a handmade greeting card! Sending a card is a great way to show your love, care, and appreciation to your family and friends. Have you ever wanted to make your own holiday cards to send to your favorite people? This is the class for you!

In this class you will learn techniques that include an embossing folder and ink, a 3D glitter napkin, a spinning component and more. You will have 3 stunning holiday cards to mail to the special people in your life complete with festive envelopes! Hoping this will jumpstart your creative juices so that you may be inspired to make ALL your cards this 2023 season!

We will supply the materials, instruction and holiday cheer needed for you to create three seasonal greeting cards in this fun-filled class.

Class will be on Thursday, November 9th at Athens Arts, 216 E. Main Street, Crawfordsville, IN. Choose either an afternoon session (1-3 pm) or an evening session (6-8 pm). Class is open to anyone 12 years and older. The cost is \$35.

To reserve a spot for the November 9th 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 and leave a voice mail anytime.

Come be pART of it!

Butch Remembers His Childhood Hero



BUTCH DALE COLUMNIST

I was sad to hear recently that one of my childhood idols, Charlie Bowerman, had passed away last month at his home in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He was 83 years old. Charlie graduated from Alamo High School in 1957. When the county high schools closed for good in 1971, the basketball fans of Montgomery County were able to nominate and vote for their favorite basketball stars of "all-time" for two time periods... 1911 to 1946, and from 1947 to 1971. Howie Williams, a 1945 New Ross graduate was chosen as the best for the "old-timers" team. The next four included Homer Stonebraker (Wingate-1914), Pete Moore (Waynetown-1945), Ray Greve (Waveland-1939), and Bill Melvin (Alamo-1939). Charlie Bowerman received the most votes for the "modern" team, which also included Daryl Warren (Linden-1971), Bill Greve (Waveland-1955), Keith Greve (Waveland-1951), and Don Threlkeld (Darlington-1969).

I was in the third grade at Darlington when Charlie was a senior. My Dad had told me of Charlie's basketball scoring ability, as he averaged 27 points per game that year. He not only led the county in scoring, but the Warriors, with only about fifty kids in the entire top four grades, finished the year with a record of 19-2 and also won the County Tourney. In a regular season game against Fountain County champion, Richland Township, the Warriors won the contest 62 to 45. Charlie scored 45 of his team's points...the same amount as the entire opposing team!

Charlie's many fans were delighted when he chose to attend Wabash College and play for coach Bob Brock. During the three years he played for the varsity, he led the team in scoring. His shooting skills were phenomenal at any range, and he canned an amazing 86% of his free throw attempts. My Dad took me to see Wabash play Butler in 1960 when Charlie was a junior. There

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 8:06 a.m.
SET: 6:57 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 63 °F
Low: 46 °F



Today is...

- Black Thursday
- United Nations Day
- World Polio Day

What Happened On This Day

- 2007 China Launches Chang'e 1. It was the first spacecraft of China's Lunar Exploration Program, which is responsible for sending unmanned robotic space probes to the Moon and the lunar orbit in order to better understand Earth's largest natural satellite. The space probe crashed into the lunar surface on March 2, 2009, after orbiting the Moon for over a year.
- 1945 United Nations founded. The U.N. charter was ratified by the then 5 permanent members and 46 member states.
- 1926 Last performance of Houdini. The world famous escape artist performed for the last time at the Garrick Theater in Detroit, Michigan.



Births On This Day

- 1962 Dave Blaney American race car driver
- 51 Domitian Roman Emperor

Deaths On This Day

- 2005 Rosa Parks American activist
- 1972 Jackie Robinson American baseball player

➤ HONEST HOOSIER

How come I get penalized by Uncle Sam if I don't pay for my insurance but folks coming into the country - sometimes illegally - get it for free?



➤ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

- Service Directory...A3
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➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Catch your kids being good and praise them. 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

None

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



➤ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Poetry At The Library:

All are invited to participate in the reading group for "Here, Bullet," an anthology of poems by veteran writer and musician Brian Turner. Wabash professor Agata Brewer and her students will moderate a discussion of Turner's poems. The event will take place at Crawfordsville Public Library on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 6:30 p.m. Sign up online at cdpl.lib.in.us, or in person at the library. The first ten people who sign up for the discussion will receive a free copy of the book. Then, on Monday, Nov. 6, at 8 p.m., Brian Turner will visit Wabash College, read his poems, and answer questions from the audience in the Korb Classroom of the Fine Arts Center. This event is sponsored by the Wabash Veterans Fund and is open to the public. Book signing will follow.

➤ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Ghosts, like ladies, never speak till spoke to."
-Richard Harris Barham

➤ TODAY'S JOKE

Which type of pants do ghosts wear to trick or treat?
Boo jeans.

13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
46/56 COOL, BREEZY	46/63 PARTLY SUNNY	45/68 WARMER	53/67 P.M. RAIN CHANCE	49/60 SCATTERED SHOWERS	43/58 PARTLY CLOUDY	36/53 BREEZY AND MILD

OBITUARIES

Gale Wellman Jameyson

September 10, 1944, Thursday, October 19, 2023

Gale Wellman Jameyson passed peacefully on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023, at Franciscan Hospital South, Indianapolis. He and his wife Marla were spending part of the summer in her hometown of Crawfordsville, Indiana. Their residence is Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island, Florida.



Born in New Orleans, his family moved to Portland, Maine when he was only one-year-old. Through the years, one of his favorite things was a family cabin at Brandy Pond, Naples, commonly known in Maine as a "camp." Summers included boating, working on boats, swimming, and golf.



Gale enlisted in the Marines and served in the reserve, attaining the rank of Corporal. His career was with Ford Motor Credit, Unum Insurance Company, Saco & Biddeford Savings Bank, and Synovus. Gale's passion was golf. He was an officer and past president of Maine State Golf Association and enjoyed many sunny days of golf in Florida after his retirement. Between Maine and Florida, he scored five holes-in-one, and thrived on tournaments with the camaraderie and competition.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Hazel (Bond) Jameyson, sister Sharon (Jameyson) Brasier, and by his wife Noreen (Ditata) Jameyson. Gale is survived by daughter Lori Lyons (Paul), grandsons Brandon and Nicholas, and granddaughter Hannah of Biddeford, Maine. Also surviving is son John, and grandsons Colby and Connor of Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina, and nieces and nephews. Gale and Marla McDaniel met on Amelia Island, and they were married at a gala golf course wedding in 2004. She survives.

In keeping with the wishes of Gale, there will be no funeral service. No other plans have been made at this time. The family thanks Franciscan of Crawfordsville and Indianapolis, St. Vincent's Indianapolis, and Wellbrooke of Crawfordsville for their dedicated care every step of Gale's journey home. Memorial donations in Gale's name may be made to Franciscan Health Organization for all of their outstanding work at: www.franciscanhealthorganization.org. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at: www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

Steven Ray Sams

November, 19, 1957, Friday, October 20, 2023

Steven Ray Sams, age 65 of Crawfordsville went to be with his Lord and savior on Friday, October 20, 2023. He was born in Crawfordsville on November 19, 1957 to the late David Earl and Charlene Sue (Darding) Sams.



Steve graduated from Southmont High School in 1976. He married the love of his life, Rhonda Lynn Amstutz, on March 10, 1984. Steve was currently employed at Grand Contracting as a Senior Project Superintendent where he was working on a 25-acre multifamily development. He previously owned his own business, S.R Sams Construction, for 15 years, where he was the Principal. Steve was a member of Calvary Baptist Church for 25 years where he served in ministry through music and headed up two building projects.

Steve loved life and he lived it fully. Things that brought him the most joy were his Lord and Savior, his family, his beautiful girls, and his amazing grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a great storyteller and enjoyed making people laugh. In previous years, Steve enjoyed playing in his band Blackhawk but once he accepted Jesus Christ as his savior he enjoyed singing for the Lord in church. Another great passion of his, when he had a chance, was going deep sea fishing with his friends and family.

Steve is survived by his wife of 39 years, Rhonda; daughters, Stephanie McKinney and Jessica (Caleb) Thayer; eight grandchildren, Kylee (Brody) Mefford, Kasey (JonGray) Harwood, Kelsea (Tanner) Wolf, Drake Arnold, Mackenzie Arnold, Knox Thayer, Georgia Thayer, and Bentley Thayer; five great-grandchildren, Madalyn, Jameson, Ashton, Averie, and Emmy; three siblings, Gary (Pam) Sams, Greg (Ami) Sams, and Diana (Daryl Donahue) Martz; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Dennis Sams.

Visitation will be at Calvary Baptist Church, 128 E. 400 S in Crawfordsville on October 28, 2023 from 11:00am until the time of funeral service at 3:00 pm with Pastor Randy Glenn Officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Hill North Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Steve's memory to Calvary Baptist Church, 128 E. 400 S, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

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Meeting Notes

Montgomery County Drainage Board Meeting

DRAINAGE BOARD AGENDA
 Wednesday, October 25th at 9 am
 Montgomery County Government Center, Community Meeting Room
 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville
 I. Call To Order
 II. Pledge Of Allegiance & Prayer
 III. Approval Of Minutes
 • September 13th, 2023 – Regular meeting
 IV. Petitions
 V. Old Business
 • James Wilson #588 – Reconstruction

• Final schedule of reconstruction assessments
 • Charles McFarland #545 – Reconstruction
 • Contract change order
 • Approval of final payment to contractor
 • Final schedule of reconstruction assessments
 • Richard Virts #560 – Reconstruction
 • Contract change order
 • Approval of final payment to contractor
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 VI. New Business
 VII. Other Business
 VIII. Public Comment
 IX. Adjournment

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 Montgomery County Highway Department
 2024 Annual Bids

Notice is given that the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County, Indiana will receive sealed Bids for the year 2024 for the following: Gas, Fuel, Oil, Diesel Exhaust Fluid, Culverts, Treated Salt, Aggregates, Bituminous, 50/50 Dust Control, Signs, and Tires. These are to be delivered to the Commissioner's office at the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, Ste A Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933, no later than 2:00 p.m. (local time), Wednesday November 22, 2023 any bids received after 2:00 p.m. Wednesday November 22, 2023 will be returned unopened to the bidder.

Interested bidders should obtain, complete written specifications for Gas, Fuel, Oil, Culverts Aggregates, Bituminous, 50/50 Dust Control, Signs, Tires, Tubes and Batteries at the Montgomery County Highway Department 818 Whitlock Avenue, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 or by contacting the Montgomery County Highway Department at (765) 362-2304 or via email, highway@montgomerycounty.in.gov. The written specifications will also be available via our website at www.montgomerycounty.in.gov. All bids should be submitted on Indiana State Board of Accounts forms.

All bids MUST have a signed Contractor's Nepotism-Policy Compliance Affidavit, Agreement Addendum Requiring e-Verify Compliance, Contractor's Affidavit HEA 1005 (2012) and Public Law 21 (2012) Compliance, Non-Collusion Affidavit.

All bids will be opened at a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Commissioners that will take place Monday, November 27, 2023 at 8:00 a.m., in the Community Meeting Room of the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, Room 103, and Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. The Highway Director will take all bids under advisement for review.

The Highway Director will make his recommendation for the bids at the Montgomery County Commissioner's Meeting on Monday December 11, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. The Montgomery County Commissioners reserve the right to reject all bids if it determines it is in the County's best interest to do so and to waive any informality in bidding.

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Union Township Trustee Meeting

Union Township Trustee, Montgomery County, Indiana
 Wednesday, October 25, 2023 5:30 P.M.
 Union Township Trustee's Office – 1311 Darlington Avenue Crawfordsville
 I. Call To Order – President Dennis Hohlbein
 II. Approval Of Minutes
 A. September 27, 2023
 III. Old Business
 IV. New Business

A. Budget Reduction-Fire & EMS \$165,000.00
 B. Budget Reduction-Cemetery \$35,000.00
 C. Additional Appropriation-General (Other Svc & Charges) \$205,000.00
 V. Other Business (For Information Only - No Board Action Necessary)
 VI. Next Meeting
 A.
 VII. Public Comment
 VIII. Adjournment

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Winter Is Coming: Get The House Ready

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: With colder weather on the way, what are some cheap and easy ways to winterize my house that will save energy?

If your home is cold and drafty in the winter, you owe it to yourself and your family to do something about it. And by making a few small upgrades—some of which you can do yourself—you'll also save energy and money.

The first line of defense against the cold coming in is to check for drafts around windows, doors and any other openings. When you find drafts, seal them with weatherstripping or caulk. Place door sweeps or draft stoppers at the bottom of exterior doors to prevent cold air from seeping in. If you have single-pane windows, consider using window film or adding insulating window panels. Even heavy curtains can help.

Another important element of keeping your home warm and cozy in winter is insulation. The North American Insulation Manufacturers Association (NAIMA) estimates that some 90 percent of U.S. homes are under-insulated, wasting energy and money and decreasing our

comfort.

"If all U.S. homes were fitted with insulation based on the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)," says Boston University environmental health researcher Jonathan Levy, "residential electricity use nationwide would drop by about five percent and natural gas use by more than 10 percent."

It's hard to know how much insulation coats your house—and where it is in your walls and roof—if you didn't build it. But certain telltale signs may mean you need more. If you feel drafts even through windows and doors that are well sealed, the cold air may be coming through the walls in spots where there is little or no insulation. Another sign of too little or inadequate insulation is when different rooms in the house are colder than others. Getting an inspection from a local reputable insulation installer is a great way to get started taking care of this common and easily fixed problem. While you're at it, get a look at your roof to make sure you aren't missing any roof tiles, which can also let cold air in and heated air out. If you can't climb up there yourself easily, get a roofing contractor to give you a free inspection, and make sure they take

pictures to back up their reporting to you.

Another way to boost the heat and efficiency of your heating system, whether you have an oil or gas burning furnace, electric baseboard or anything in between, is to get it serviced by a HVAC professional who can fine tune it and alert you to any problems in the system.

There are lots of other ways to warm things up in your home this winter without breaking the bank. If you have ceiling fans, switch them to the reverse (clockwise) direction to help circulate warm air that rises to the ceiling. If you don't already have one, get a programmable thermostat and use it to lower the temperature when you're not at home or overnight when you're asleep.

-CONTACTS: Fall and Winter Energy-Saving Tips, <https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/fall-and-winter-energy-saving-tips>, 11 Ways To Winterize Your Home On A Budget, <https://www.bobvila.com/slideshow/11-ways-to-winterize-your-home-on-a-budget-10169>.

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DNR To Stage Arbor Day Poster Contest For Fifth Grade Students

Indiana schools are encouraged to have their fifth grade students participate in an Arbor Day poster contest, helping students learn more about the important role of trees in the state's urban and forest communities.

The contest, which is designed to help students discover and foster their understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of the trees around them, is sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Forestry, through its Community and Urban Forestry (CUF) and Project Learning Tree programs.

The contest theme is "Oak Trees: Superheroes

of the Forest."

All Indiana schools and homeschooling families/co-ops are eligible to participate by submitting their winning poster to the statewide contest by March 1. One poster will be accepted per school. Entries must be scanned and sent to urbanforestry@dnr.IN.gov.

The student who creates the winning poster will receive a gift card, a book that will help continue their exploration of trees, and an Indiana native tree planting at their school. The winning student's teacher will receive a kit of educational materials to support their class's further engagement with Indiana trees, forests, and

forestry, as well as a full scholarship to the Natural Resources Teacher Institute. Entries may also be featured on DNR social media.

Participating teachers are encouraged to engage with the contest theme in their classrooms to help inspire their students' artwork. Teaching resources and standard alignments are provided on the contest webpage, along with full submission instructions, contest rules, and prizes at dnr.IN.gov/forestry/programs/community-and-urban-forestry/arbor-day-poster-contest.

Please contact CUF staff with questions at 317-234-6741 or urbanforestry@dnr.IN.gov.

FSSA Announces \$25 Million Grant To Address Working Hoosiers' Child Care Needs

Employer-sponsored fund will increase the supply of available child care, benefits across state

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning today announced the Employer-Sponsored Child Care Fund, part of Gov. Eric J. Holcomb's 2023 Next Level Agenda, to mobilize employers and communities to create or expand child care offerings that address the needs of working Hoosiers.

"Employers know firsthand the critical needs of their employees, and are best positioned to partner in their communities to create child care solutions that will help build and retain their workforce," Gov. Holcomb said. "This targeted grant program will boost Indiana's economy and most importantly empower the state's youngest learners with the tools they need to be successful in the years to come."

The \$25 million program, a partnership with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, uses a portion of the state's remaining federal relief funds from the COVID-19 pandemic and is part of the state's broader efforts to strengthen the early care and education sector, providing support for today's workforce and investing in tomorrow's. The program is also supported by the Indiana Manufacturers Association.

Grant funding can be used to support employees' child care needs in a variety of ways, including sponsoring dependent care assistance plans, providing on-site or near-site child care or offering child care tuition benefits. Grants of up to \$750,000 will be awarded.

"Families will benefit from more convenient child care options in their communities, giving chil-

dren the opportunity to learn, grow and develop alongside their peers," said Courtney Penn, OECOSL director. "This grant will give parents more opportunities to learn, grow and develop in their careers as well."

To be eligible, employers must be located in Indiana and either a business or corporation employing 20 or more employees, a group of employers with 20 or more employees or a community-based nonprofit applying on behalf of a group of local employers with a combined total of 20 or more employees. Employers must also be willing to contribute 10% of the total amount requested and be able to implement solutions within the first year of the program.

Applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. ET Nov. 22.

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are invested in the present happiness and future success of these young people. Thus, adult stakeholders joined the Mind Committee at a mid-June luncheon, dubbed as the "Meeting of the Minds," to learn the outcomes of the youth summit.

Administrators from all three Montgomery County school corporations, each of the school resource officers, plus members of the Montgomery County Community Foundation, United Way, and Montgomery County Health Department learned the process through which the data had been collected.

How the deliberative approach of the youth summit differs from some other data-producing instruments is that the framing questions are more general, and the responses evolve through the discussions. For example, a written standardized survey might pose a question, such as: "Have you consumed alcohol in the last month?" (Indiana Youth Survey) to which the respondent would answer yes or no. In a youth summit setting, students as members of a group might respond to an open-ended question such as: "What substances do you think high school students might use to cope with mental health struggles?" (Wabash DPD) and be able to elaborate on their views.

In the Montgomery

County Youth Summit deliberations, Dr. Proszek shared that Youth Summit participants described a wide range of situations in school and at home that negatively affect their mental health.

For middle-level students, bullying was reported as an issue negatively affecting mental health. Different types of bullying were cited, including harmful joking framed as playfulness, cyberbullying on social media, and race and class-based slurs.

Middle-schoolers described the problem of bullying from a range of perspectives. Some students expressed difficulty removing themselves from a bullying situation and/or reporting bullying to a teacher or counselor due to fear of negative social repercussions. Some identified that bullying could lead to self-harm, and others expressed fear about parents and friends discovering that the individual had been a victim of physical, verbal, or cyberbullying.

The age group experiences of each summit's participants resulted in different concerns. For example, high school students, in their post-summit written reflections showed bullying to be one of the lesser worries for that age group.

Of great concern for high school summit attendees was stress.

Management of academic workload and balancing social and extracurricular activities with schoolwork caused stress for the high school age students. They were also concerned about dealing with social stigmas surrounding mental health and making sure they are mentally and emotionally well-equipped to handle what the future may hold for them after high school.

Additional themes from the deliberations were discussed with the stakeholders at the June luncheon and have also been shared with them in a written report. It is hoped that each school corporation will have future opportunities to delve into the findings and determine how they may address their own students' concerns.

One potentially powerful component of the luncheon was the opportunity for individuals in parallel student service positions across the county to discuss the data that was shared through the report. One evaluation respondent observed, "I enjoyed the time and space to sit and speak with so many other professionals. I look forward to this continuing and having a more robust data set as the process is refined." Another participant agreed: "I think we need to have more of these meetings where all schools can collaborate together to better help the youth in our community."

BUTCH

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were also four other Montgomery County boys playing that night. Dick Haffner (New Ross-1956) and Dick Haslam (Crawfordsville-1958) were on the Butler Bulldogs team, and Bill Boone (Ladoga-1956) and Rusty Nichols (New Ross-1959) were playing for the Little Giants. I can honestly say that this game was the most exciting game...whether it be high school, college, or professional...that I ever witnessed. Wabash beat Butler 110 to 108 in FIVE overtimes, and Charlie scored 53 points...most from long range. And remember this...there was no such thing as 3-pointers on those days.

He became an instant hero to me, and I wanted to meet him. As it turned out, just a few weeks later, Dad took me to see a Crawfordsville game, and when I walked into the gym I spotted Charlie, "the Wizard of Alamo," sitting in the bleachers. I wasn't shy...I went right up to him and asked for his autograph. After signing his name, he smiled and told me that if I practiced and practiced, I could perhaps be a top scorer someday. I was

thrilled! During Charlie's senior year at Wabash, he averaged 25.4 points per game and set a single game scoring record by drilling 63 points against the University of Illinois...without playing the entire game! He was drafted by the New York Knicks to play pro ball in the NBA, but instead he chose a career with the Phillips Petroleum Company, which allowed him to play for the famous AAU Phillips 66ers. Subsequently, Charlie's team won two AAU national championships, and he was named an All-American in 1964. Charlie eventually became a successful executive with the Phillips company, retiring in 1999.

Charlie was also a very devoted Christian and did many things for his community, including teaching Sunday school, coaching youth sports, and serving on numerous committees in Bartlesville. Charlie married his high school sweetheart, Coralea Weir, who sadly also passed away in March of this year. As many of you know, Charlie's high school coach was his father, Tom Bowerman, one of the greatest coaches



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

Charlie Bowman 12-03-1939 to 09-02-2023

in Montgomery County basketball history. Tom was a member of the county Sheriff's Merit board when I was hired as a deputy in 1977. He was a super nice guy and a true gentleman.

Charlie Bowerman, one of my childhood heroes...and just a really great human being. And Charlie, I did practice and practice...and ended up as the leading scorer in Montgomery County in 1966 when I was a senior...Thanks, Charlie...we will miss you!

- 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.

Stepping Outside To Look At Something Pretty



Slim Randles Home Country

I think there must be autumnal reasons for Halloween being hued in orange and black. It's a fun time, a magic evening if you're a kid, and if you're a grandpa-type guy, like me, who gets to hand out the goodies.

But the colors of this sweet evening celebration

are orange and black, and so is October. In another week or so, our deciduous trees will stand like skeletons against the gray skies of winter, but now we have the orange and black of fall.

It happens right about sunset each day. The sky turns that eternal burnt-umber orange and the remaining leaves and the baring branches of our trees fill the evening with a holy filigree of contrast.

Oh, it's not something we need to do anything about. There's no need for

picture taking or anything. But it's just something that we can step outside for...look toward the west through the lacy pattern of black branches and for a moment, just a short moment, say to ourselves, "Isn't that pretty?"

If the paint store could sell me something that looked even close to that for the walls of the little cabin I have, I'd buy a gallon. Maybe two.

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