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TODAY'S VERSE

John 14:19 "Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live."
(ESV)

Meet Preacher



Preacher is a 3 year old male large mix breed available for adoption from The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County. Preacher is a needy super snuggler that enjoys going for walks and lots of quality time spent with his favorite person. Preacher is a LOVER and the shelter life is stressful for him. Preacher is looking for his best friend. Could that be you? Preacher is available for adoption, to foster, or just simply going out for walks. (with signed waiver & 18 yrs. or older). AWL is open Monday - Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 9:30a-3p. Come say hi!!

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Moca Happenings

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024
WABASH COLLEGE
Faculty meeting, 4:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024
WABASH COLLEGE
Sports Gambling discussion at Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024
CRAWFORDSVILLE SCHOOLS
Crawfordsville School Board at Hose Elementary, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 9, 2024
WABASH COLLEGE
VAS: The Doubleclicks at Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

BTN

By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous details, bias or slanted reporting. To borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!

Crawfordsville / Montgomery County Chamber's State Legislative Breakfast Series

By the Numbers . . .

2-10-24

The date for this year's State Legislative Breakfast.



9 The time it begins

6 The number of state legislators who are scheduled to attend. They are: State Sens. Brian Buchanan and Spencer Deery. State Reps. Sharon Negele, Jeff Thompson, Mark Genda and Beau Baird.



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As in Fusion 54, the site of the breakfast.



3rd The floor you should go to.

\$10-\$15 The cost to attend for Chamber members - non-members

Hoorah...Valentine's Day at School...1958



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

My class celebrated Valentine's Day from the first grade though the fifth grade. All of us looked forward to the fun activities, which varied somewhat depending on who our teacher was each year. My art teacher during all of those years was Mrs. Reggie Surface. Each of us brought in a



shoebox, which we covered with construction paper and then decorated with red hearts, cupids, ribbons, lace paper doilies, and our own drawings. Each box had a slit on top where Valentine cards could be dropped inside. Our teacher also brought in a large box, which we decorated and placed on her desk. She gave each of us a list of

➡ See BUTCH Page A3

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you feel overwhelmed, write down your to-do list and prioritize it. Simplify large tasks into smaller ones.



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

TODAY'S QUOTE

"You can't blame gravity for falling in love."
Albert Einstein

TODAY'S JOKE

Why are artichokes so beloved? They're known for their hearts.

THREE THINGS

You Should Know

- 1** The ACLU of Indiana is opposing Senate Bill 50, a bill that would allow Indiana public school districts to establish onsite volunteer or paid school Chaplains. ACLU state chief Chris Daley said that although chaplains play an important role in many institutions, they should not hold official positions in public schools. Daley said that would open students to religious coercion and that it runs counter to Constitutional principles.
- 2** The Indiana Natural Resources Commission wants to hear from you about proposed changes to Indiana's deer hunting rules before they vote on final adoption of proposed changes. Most proposed changes intend to simplify Indiana's deer hunting rules to make them easier to understand. You can submit comments online at IN.gov/nrc/rules/rulemaking-docket/ via the "Comment on this rule" link in the Rulemaking Docket for the Deer Hunting Amendments. Deadline for public comments is March 20.
- 3** Do you need to file a tax return? Probably. The Internal Revenue Service issues a release that gives some definition to that question. According to the IRS, most U.S. citizens and permanent residents who work in the United States need to file a tax return if they make more than a certain amount for the year. Find details on tax filing requirements with Publication 501, Dependents, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information.

THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Take a leap with Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton! The good mayor has set his monthly Community Forum this month for Thursday, Feb. 29 - Leap Day - from noon to 1 p.m. at Fusion 54 in the second floor PNC Conference Room (101 W. Main St. in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville. This is the mayor's 129th community forum. Come one, come all and ask his honor the mayor any questions or share your thoughts about anything regarding the city.

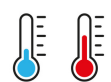
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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset

RISE: 7:49 am
SET: 6:08 pm



High/Low Temperatures

HIGH: 49°F
LOW: 27°F



Today is...

- National Chocolate Fondue Day
- National Weatherperson's Day



What Happened On This Day

- **1919** United Artists is founded. Charlie Chaplin was one of the film studio's founders.
- **1869** The biggest gold nugget in history is found. The "Welcome Stranger" was found at Moliagul in Australia and had a calculated refined weight of 71.081 kg.



Births On This Day

- **1985** Cristiano Ronaldo - Portuguese footballer
- **1969** Michael Sheen - Welsh actor

Deaths On This Day

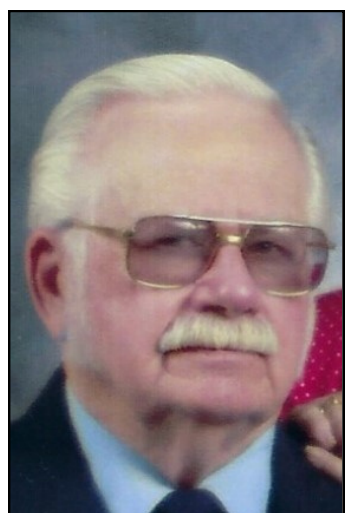
- **2010** Harry Schwarz- German/South African lawyer, politician, diplomat, 13th South African Ambassador to the United States
- **1881** Thomas Carlyle- Scottish historian

OBITUARY

Lloyd Lavon Eads

November 6, 1932 - January 29, 2024

Lloyd Lavon Eads passed away peacefully in Crawfordsville on January 29, 2024, at the age of 91. Lloyd, also known as Buck, was born on November 6, 1932 in Montgomery County to the late Lloyd Eads and Martha (Blacker) Eads.



Buck was a man of many talents and passions. He attended Wingate High School, where his intelligence and hard work led him to graduate as the Co-Valedictorian of his class. During his time in high school, Buck was an athlete and played on the baseball team. One of his greatest achievements was leading his team to becoming the Montgomery County Champions during his senior year.

On July 20, 1952, Buck married the love of his life, Joanie Laverne Dale. Their union lasted an incredible 70 years until Joanie's passing on January 14, 2023. Together, they built a life filled with love, joy, and cherished memories.

Buck took great pride in his work in construction, overseeing numerous projects throughout his career. He had a deep love for restoring homes, gardening, and farming. One of Buck's proudest moments was working alongside his father-in-law, Harry Dale, building concrete paving equipment at Pav-Saver in East Moline, Illinois. Together, they constructed the first slip form paver.

Buck will be deeply missed by his two children, Terry (Ron) Johnson and Brad (Laurie) Eads; 8 grandchildren, Grant (Katie) Eads, Cassandra Eads, Jacob (Jessica) Shaffer, Aaron Shaffer, Eli Shaffer, Sharon Lou (Jamie) Bradley, Jennie (Mark) Simison, and Derek Brady; 13 great grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren; and a sister, Claressa Perry.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Mark Lavon Eads; and his grandson, David Brady.

A visitation will be held for Buck at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S. Washington Street in Crawfordsville on Saturday, February 10, 2024 from 1:00 pm until the time of funeral service at 2:00 pm with Pastor Loren Stephens officiating. He will be laid to rest at Waynetown Masonic Cemetery following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Prairie Creek Baptist Church. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do you recognize this person?

HINT:
 This gal graduated from North in 1980 and she recently retired from the Youth Service Bureau.

Answer on Page A3

“Memories, Hopes, and Stories”: A Special Show by Artist Kathy Houghton

ATHENS ARTS

By Helen Hudson
 For The Paper

Widely known regional artist Kathryn J. Houghton is premiering a show at Athens Arts on February 8 that she hopes will be “evocative and thought provoking” to viewers. “Memories, Hopes, and Stories” features one of Montgomery County’s most decorated artists, and it will also have a bonus feature: Ms. Houghton will set up her easel in the Gallery so visitors can see her at work when they visit her show. The show continues through March 9. As she completes paintings on site, they will be displayed in the Athens Arts front window at 216 E. Main Street. On some days several artists may be painting alongside Ms. Houghton. On Friday, February 16, Athens Arts will host an Opening for this show between 6-8 pm. Music will be provided by guitarist Lee Douma and light refreshments will be served. The community is warmly invited to stop by for a fine, artful evening in downtown Crawfordsville. When Kathy Houghton and her husband chose to move to Crawfordsville in 2009, our community became beneficiary to a juggernaut of artistic talent. Kathy not only creates art on canvas, she creates artful spaces, including beautiful gardens and landscapes, and whimsical play spaces for grandchildren. She even raises chickens! Houghton’s at-home

art studio is a lively place of color and light. Known especially for her award-winning, detailed paintings of flowers, fruits, and gardens, Houghton sometimes grows and landscapes her own subjects! There is a playfulness in Kathy Houghton’s art that is sometimes entirely unseen by viewers who remain captivated by the brilliant rendering of detail in an iris bud or a daylily stamen. Along with Claude Monet, Houghton might well say, “I perhaps owe having become a painter to flowers.” At times, though, play and mastery of detail come together in a way that no viewer can miss: her locally famous rendering of a double scoop of ice cream in a waffle cone just starting to melt, invariably brings a chuckle. Even though they know they are looking at a painted object, a person looking at the canvas invariably wants to lick the cone or grab a napkin to catch the drips. While Houghton’s “flower fame” will always be her most known signature, her eye often widens to see and render landscapes as varied as a placid view of Cataract Falls in quiet autumn, or a group of cows quietly at ease in the shade of leafy summer trees. Her portrayal of our native Midwest blooming prairies or close-ups of stands of meadow grass are arresting. Houghton’s works most

often capture moments, capture time, by stopping it—that rare gift of fine natural history painters. Houghton rarely or explicitly goes for narrative within her work: there are few human figures and the built, industrial environment rarely appears. But when Kathy Jo Houghton does “switch gears,” as in her painting “The Story Teller,” something powerful happens. In this 16 “x 24” painting we see a young boy in a red shirt and jeans, his hand on his hip, standing a few yards away from a behemoth John Deere combine. His back is to viewers as he contemplates the giant machine which has stopped him in his tracks. What does that towering contraption that harvests our fields here in the 21st century say about and to this universal child? What is the relationship between us fragile human beings and the entire industrial world we have built? This painting was purchased and donated to the permanent collection in the Montgomery County Government Center where it now hangs. In her new show Houghton plans to do more of this story-telling and hopes it will resonate with viewers. Come and visit the Gallery between 10-6, Th-F and 10-2, Sat. Houghton’s art talent has sent her work far and wide across the last few decades but its inception was modest. Her first memory of being an artist came from kindergarten when she brought home an outline of a horse colored with brown crayon. As Houghton recalls it, “The assignment was likely given to us to learn the

letter Hh.” Her dad was approving of the work and said to his daughter, “If you colored with the crayon in the direction that the hair grows on the horse it would look real.” Ever since then these words have directed Houghton’s development as an artist. “I have often thought that it would be fun to try other painting techniques but I can never turn off my excitement and fascination for the tiniest and often overlooked details.” Houghton paints with acrylic paint on stretched canvas. Kathy Jo, as she is known among her artist friends, has been accoladed with appearances in juried shows and with many prizes and awards. She is a decorated Hoosier Salon artist, winning awards such as Outstanding Floral Painting, Outstanding Acrylic Painting, and Popular Choice at this famed state-wide show in 1994. She has been a remarkably beloved artist at the New Harmony Gallery’s Hoosier Salon, winning first place in both 2014 and 2019 as well as winning many “runner up” awards. She is a member of Indiana Artists, of the Hoosier Salon, and of Athens Arts Gallery. While winter hangs on for awhile here in central Indiana, take some time to come and visit Athens Arts and see not only a show full of talent, color, and light, but also enjoy watching a dedicated, talented artist at work. Kathryn J. Houghton’s “Memories, Hopes, and Stories” will show from February 8 through March 9 at Athens Arts Gallery, 216 E. Main in downtown Crawfordsville.

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It's Possible That I'm Making Progress



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

“Perfection is the enemy of progress,” according to Winston Churchill. It’s the time of year when we try to do too much, change too quickly. Already expectations are lowering, and reality is setting in. The sky is gray, the temperatures cold, and I am coming to grips with the fact that I cannot eat toffee every day. (At least, not a lot of toffee every day.) It’s the mid-January new year letdown. More people die this time of year than on average. I imagine they make it through the holidays, finish off the toffee, take down the tree, look out at the gray weather, decide the New Year is not looking significantly better than the previous one and give up the effort to keep on living. I spoke with my grouchy friend yesterday. This is the same grouchy friend who has cursed my cheerfulness in the past—and is a source of unflagging pessimism—so I should have known what was coming. He says there is no cause for rejoicing in the new year. He says the days are growing longer, and that means intolerable heat is around the corner. He says any promises he makes to himself will be broken. “I gave up goals and dreams in the summer of 1971,” he says. He thinks I am a fool. I think he’s right. And I believe this may be one of my best qualities. Because the older I get, the less seriously I take myself. I used to obsess over not looking my best, walking around with spinach in my teeth or toilet paper on my shoe or a tag hanging out the back of my shirt. I used to beat myself up (usually hours later, while doing the dishes or trying to

fall asleep) for some dumb thing I said—something that someone could have taken the wrong way. “Ack!” I’d yell aloud while washing my vegetable steamer. “Why did I say that?!” Accepting that I’m foolish removes this burden. If I don’t take myself too seriously, I can’t expect anyone else to. If I accept that I am imperfect and just treat myself with love, I can hope folks will follow suit. I might wonder (as I did last night), what I am doing in the kitchen at 1 o’clock in the morning eating the last of my sister’s homemade toffee. “Should I really be doing this?” I might ask myself. But now I answer, “Who wants to know?” And there is silence. It turns out that no one cares if I stay up too late eating toffee. There is no editorial committee reviewing my statements from the previous day, informing me of how they might have been more clever or less embarrassing. As a result, I feel a lot more free. I can make that phone call, not knowing what I will say until I say it. I can have a conversation with a stranger—not caring so much about what they think of me, but letting them know that I am interested in them. But the key to all of this—to any of this—is action. I have to forgive my gaffes and blunders in advance and do something rather than nothing. I have to do something imperfectly if I am to make any progress at all. Today, I am doing situps. I can only do a few. My form is terrible. I cannot see how this will ever make me stronger. But I’m doing them anyway. And, while it’s much too early to tell, it’s possible that I’m making progress.

Till next time,
Carrie

Spartech Pumps Dollars into Crawfordsville Plan

Spartech, LLC. is looking to invest \$1.8 million in manufacturing equipment to modernize and add efficiency to its existing Crawfordsville operation. This investment will help retain 87 full-time employees at the plant and add an additional 10 new, full-time positions. As part of the decision-making process, they will seek a tax abatement incentive from the City of Crawfordsville. “Spartech is excited about the opportunities this substantial investment brings, which reflect our commitment to growth, innovation, and improving operational

efficiencies,” Jim Elliott, Spartech CEO, said. “It includes the acquisition of a state-of-the-art piece of equipment which will bolster our production capacity and empower our teams to deliver superior products to our valued customers.” “Spartech is a valuable member of the diverse manufacturing sector in Crawfordsville, and we are excited about the future opportunities created by this renewed level on investment,” Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton said. “Their commitment to further strengthening and growing their Crawfordsville operations further solidifies their future in this community.”

John Downey Top Realtor

F.C. Tucker West Central’s John Downey was named the Agent of the Month for December 2023, recognizing his exceptional performance in the real estate industry. A life-long resident of Montgomery County, Downey has consistently demonstrated his dedication to the community. He and his wife, Thoma, have been married for 25 years and have three children, Jarett, Clayton, and Gavin. John earned his bachelor’s degree from Wabash College in 1989 and later pursued an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan in 1999. He began his career in 2006 as an appraiser in Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Fountain, and Warren counties. In 2016, he joined F.C. Tucker, specializing in residential listings and sales in West Central Indiana.



John Downey

Last year he achieved an impressive milestone, closing on 40 transactions with a total sales volume exceeding \$9 million. His outstanding performance in real estate has earned him the distinction of being a two-time F.C. Tucker President’s Club member. Additionally, he was honored as the Montgomery County MIBOR Realtor of the Year in 2020 and previously served as the chair of the local MIBOR division.

Ladoga Elementary Honor Roll



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High Honor Roll – 2ND GRADE – Andrew Byerly, Corbin Halstead, Elliana Shanks, Madison Wilbert, 3RD GRADE – Henley Cline, Bennett Grimes, Kasen Jones, Heston Nykamp, Alba Wimmer, 4TH GRADE – Sydney Alford, Davey Dawson, Hannah Roark, Avery Siple, 5TH GRADE – Jaylin Burgess, Calvin Hauser

Honor Roll – 2ND GRADE – Zoe Frazier, Caspen Lowery, Remi Pendleton, Parker Perry, Zoey Pettice, 3RD GRADE – Hadley Brown, Maverick Dorsey, Aysayah Flake, Karder Garver, Adelina Jimenez, Maddalynn Kelly, Benjamin Long, Nicholas Long, Ella Melvin, Ellie Newell, Holden Nykamp, 4TH GRADE – Cooper Hart, Calvin McClain, Alison McDaniel, Harris Newell, Paisley Perry, 5TH GRADE – Victor Bamford, Brooklyn Earlywine, Chloe Gurule, Christian Jimenez, Kavika McQueen, Clayton Nykamp, Martha Shattuck, Madeline Stephenson, Wyatt Testerman, Eli Wethington

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2024 Chevy Trax RS is a Seriously Excellent Entry-Level Crossover



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CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

Chevrolet has a sordid history with entry-level compacts—some excellent (Nova), others not (Vega), and a few unfairly maligned (Corvaair, Cavalier). My first car was a 1989 Geo Spectrum, built by Isuzu and sold through Chevrolet, that served me well through high school and college. Chevrolet no longer builds small cars, but none compared to its current entry offering, the 2024 Trax crossover. Spend extra to get this seriously excellent entry-level crossover in RS trim.

And, it does look good in RS trim with a large black chrome grille, 19 alloy wheels, black moldings, and LED headlamps. It's a much sexier car, longer and lower than its predecessor, looking more like a Camaro crossover than the Chevy version of a popular Buick. It's especially fetching in our car's Cayenne Orange paint with

spoiler and roof rails, though the rear view is a little frumpy. Little red RS badges tell others you're not completely boring.

If there's Camaro on the outside, Corvette seeped inside with the twin-screen arrangement for gauges and infotainment. It's all very crisp, bright, and easy to access. Devices connect via wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Just toss you phone onto the wireless charger and go. Beyond that, our RS got red accents, thick heated flat-bottom steering wheel, "Evotex" upholstered seats – heated in front - and a sunroof. Tap around and you realize the textured dash is hard plastic, seats are manually adjusted, and there's only one zone for the automatic climate control, but at least it all works well while the cabin is kept quiet with active noise cancellation. It's also kept safe with a full array of safety tech that includes adaptive cruise,

automatic emergency braking, lane keep assist, and blind spot warning. That adds peace of mind when you storming down the highway...and it can storm down the highway. Don't let its cylinder count turn you off. The RS' 1.2-liter turbocharged three-cylinder engine sends a peppy 137 horsepower and 162 lb.-ft. of torque to the front wheels through a six-speed automatic transmission. You can get all-wheel-drive in the Trailblazer that shares the Trax' architecture, but not in the Trax. There's really no need unless you plan to bust trails because front-drive with traction control will handle all the snow you're likely to encounter. Even better, fuel economy is rated a frugal 28/32-MPG city/highway. Just last week, I drove a Buick Encore with the same engine from Indianapolis to Memphis and back, over a thousand miles. That engine is a dream at Interstate

speeds, providing just the right amount of torque to carry it through the hills of Kentucky and Tennessee. Put in the RS with its tight steering and chassis, and it is a lot of fun. GM is excellent at developing chassis that are comfortable and engaging. Four-wheel disc brakes are right-now ready. You'll barely notice the torsion beam rear suspension because it rumbles over the rough stuff and plants corners with aplomb. After college, I almost traded my Geo for a Chevy Cavalier Z24, but bought a Saturn SC2 instead. The Z24 didn't seem as good.

When I inflation-adjust what I paid for the Saturn coupe, it comes to over \$30,000. I loved that car, but would have lost my mind over the Trax at a base price of \$21,485 or just \$27,080 as-tested. This is a thoroughly enjoyable crossover at a stupidly low price. Competitors

include the Hyundai Kona, Toyota Corolla Cross, Honda HR-V, Subaru Crosstrek, and Nissan Kicks.

Storm Forward!

Send comments to Casey at AutoCasey@aol.com; follow him on YouTube @AutoCasey.

2024 Chevy Trax RS
Five-passenger, fwd Crossover
Powertrain: 1.2-liter T3, 6-spd trans
Output: 137hp/162 lb.-ft. torque
Suspension f/r: Ind/Torsion beam
Wheels f/r: 19"/19" alloy
Brakes f/r: disc/disc
Fuel economy: 28/32 mpg city/hwy
Assembly: Changwon, Korea
Base/as-tested price: \$21,495/27,080

Likes

- Sophisticated interior
- Turbo engine
- Tight handling

Dislikes

- Rear styling
- Hard plastics
- One-zone auto climate

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↓ BUTCH

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the students' names so that we could give everyone in our class a Valentine card, so as not to hurt anyone's feelings. Most of the students purchased inexpensive die-cut Valentine cards, although a few girls actually made their own. At home I arranged all of my cards out on the kitchen table to decide which classmate would receive the proper card.

I had never really liked any girls in first or second grade. The boys in my class had informed me that all girls have "cooties." I was not sure what that was exactly, but it definitely did not sound good at all. When I was in second grade, as I got on the schoolbus to go home one afternoon, a girl in my class was hiding behind one of the seats in back. Before I knew it, she jumped up and gave me a big smooch on the cheek! The boys yelled out to me, "YOU'VE GOT COOTIES...YOU'VE GOT COOTIES!" I had to listen to that for the next month...That did

it...girls are just trouble. However, the next year my 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Peterson, welcomed a new girl to our classroom. She had a pretty smile and long blond hair, with curls galore! Hmmm...the heck with cooties...who cares? She was my first "girlfriend," and we became a twosome. Now back in those days, "going together" meant only three things. First of all, I gave her a bracelet with my name on it, and she gave me a necklace with her name on it. Secondly, we sat by each other during the high school basketball games. And the final proof of our young love was to hold hands...but only occasionally. After all, I didn't want my buddies to think I had completely given in to the female persuasion and become "henpecked." When I was in the 4th grade in 1957-'58, my teacher was Audrey Cox, who I dearly loved. She had graduated from our school in 1923. As a student at Indiana University, she was

voted as one of the prettiest girls on campus. I made a special card for her and one for my significant other. One of the fun things we did in 4th grade that week was purchase those little candy hearts that had little sayings on them, and pass those out to others during recess. We also decorated the classroom with red and white crepe paper and hearts. Then when the big day arrived, each of us walked around the room and placed our Valentine cards into our classmates' decorated boxes and the teacher's Valentine box. Two of the mothers had brought cupcakes with red and white icing and heart-shaped cookies for us to munch on, as we opened up our Valentine boxes and looked at the cards. I kept watching my blond, curly-haired gal to see the expression on her face when she saw my card. Soon she peered over at me with a big smile. Most of the cards that I received were similar to mine, but one student had

given everyone a card with a sucker attached to it. I turned it over to see whose name was on the back. It was signed "Korn Horn." That was my classmate, Karen Horn. She must have been so excited to pass out those colorful candy sucker cards that she had misspelled her name!

After each of us looked at our cards, it was time for Mrs. Cox to read aloud the cards she had received from her students. When she read my card, she looked at me and winked. My heart fluttered! That afternoon, Mrs. Cox let me stay after school to wash the blackboard and clean the erasers...such fun! And to top it off, as I was leaving to head home, she gave me a hug and a kiss...WOW...what a great day! But alas, time marches on. I had a new teacher in 5th grade, and about halfway through the school year, my gal had a new hairdo...those long blond curls were gone...Plus, since we could now actually



compete against other schools, basketball practice came before any love interests. No girlfriends the rest of that year. But guess what? In the 6th grade, ten new students from Bowers school joined our class. One of those students was a cute brunette with sparkling eyes...Holy Cow...that did it! And yes, that new gal is still my girlfriend today...and we have been married 57 years!

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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THROWING OUT THE TOWEL



DICK WOLFSIE Funny Bone

This is the 20th anniversary of my son's metamorphosis. I was reminded of it when Brett requested new towels for Christmas. When he opened the gift, he flashed a big grin. I knew exactly what he was remembering.

Back when Brett started college, we were worried about him. How would he handle his new independence? We had the normal apprehensions any parent would have. But when we visited him that first year, we witnessed something we did not anticipate.

Brett had turned green.

I wish I were making this up, but while Mary Ellen and I sat across from Brett at dinner during Parents Week, we noticed that his skin had a grayish-green tint to it. At first, we were alarmed. We sent Brett to college with the hopes of a good education. We hoped that something would set in.

We didn't expect gangrene.

"Brett, have you noticed that you are turning green?" I asked nonchalantly, trying to hide my concern.

My wife, never wanting to seem negative, interrupted my query. "It's a lovely shade of green, of course. But you weren't that color when you left home."

Brett seemed unnerved by the observation. He looked at his arms and his hands. Then he tightened his face, gritted his teeth and growled: "Don't make me angry. You won't like me when I'm angry."

Thinking my son was The

Hulk was a bit disconcerting, but if you have ever raised a teenager, you know that few things should really surprise you.

Brett explained that he noticed his change in hue after showering and drying off with the towels we bought him for his dorm room. This brought a glare from my wife who wanted to splurge on plushier accessories, but was convinced otherwise by her cheap husband who thought if Amazon.com was good enough for books, it would be good enough for towels.

Now that the source of the discoloration was identified, Mary Ellen went into a spasm of laughter, mostly out of relief that Brett did not have a rare tropical disease. Knowing this would end up a column, I tried out all my jokes on Brett like "You should start a garden, now that you have a green thumb." Then I went into a musical rendition of "It's Not Easy Being Green," using my very best Kermit the Frog impersonation. Mary Ellen, at this point, would have laughed at anything, just relieved we didn't need to make an appointment at the Mayo Clinic.

It was time to go back to the dorm. I helped carry some of the items from the car to Brett's room. Brett's roommate, Connor, was there practicing his guitar. "Hey, Connor, did you notice that Brett has turned green?" I blurted out, still a bit giddy with the potential for more green jokes.

"That's odd," said Connor, looking at his arm. "I did notice that I am turning kind of blue."

Sure enough, Connor's arms had an attractive sky-blue tint, which my wife and I immediately noticed perfectly matched his towels on the shelf. Connor's dad was probably a tightwad like me.

From that day on, we bought all his towels at a higher-quality establishment. Recently, that very company filed for bankruptcy. Unlike my son, Bed Bath & Beyond was not the color of money.

My Head is Spinning



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.
Montgomery Medicine

This week I want to address dizziness, a condition I have seen more times than I can count throughout my career. Primary Care doctors in the U.S. see about six million patients a year who complain of being "dizzy."

Dizziness means something different to each of us and can be a symptom of many medical conditions. People use "dizzy" as a universal term to describe feeling faint, lightheaded, or when they have a sensation of themselves or the world around them spinning. This latter sensation is called vertigo, from the Latin *vertere* meaning "to turn."

The most common cause of vertigo is benign paroxysmal positional vertigo or BPPV. Benign means the condition is generally not dangerous, paroxysmal indicates it recurs intermittently, and positional refers to the vertigo typically being brought on by changes in the position of the body and/or head.

I have to crack open the anatomy and physiology books to explain the cause of BPPV. Hopefully, some of you recall the vestibular apparatus from junior high science class. It is the organ that allows us to maintain our balance and is found in the inner ear. This is a truly remarkable and complex organ. I've included a diagram to help you visualize what I'm describing.

We have a vestibular organ on each side of our heads. These organs, along with input from our eyes and sensory nerves in our body, are constantly monitoring the position of our heads and bodies in space in relation to motion and gravity. If a vestibular organ provides faulty or conflicting information to our brains, we lose our sense of orientation in space. The three semicircular canals are a key part of the vestibular organ and are oriented at 90

degree angles to each other. They are filled with a fluid called endolymph. When we move our heads, the fluid shifts to varying degrees inside each of the three canals, allowing us to detect motion in three different planes (head turning, nodding up-and-down, and moving forward or backward). Movement of the endolymph in the canals stimulates a piece of tissue called the otolithic membrane that resides in two other parts of the vestibular system called the utricle and saccule. The membrane sits on top of tiny hairs protruding from nerve cells that communicate with the brain. When the membrane moves, it wiggles the hair cells that fire off nerve impulses, telling the brain which direction the head is moving.

Resting on top of the otolithic membrane are tiny crystals made of calcium called otoliths. These crystals provide some weight on top of the membrane allowing it to stimulate the nerve cells more easily.

Now that you're an expert in some inner ear anatomy and physiology, what does any of that have to do with BPPV? The cause of BPPV is a problem with the otoliths – they get dislodged from their position on top of the otolithic membrane and move into the semicircular canals. The displaced crystals move in the canals and trick the brain into thinking your head is moving in a

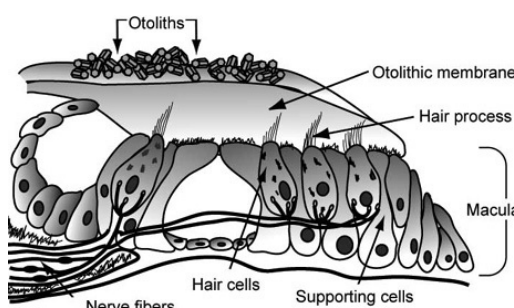
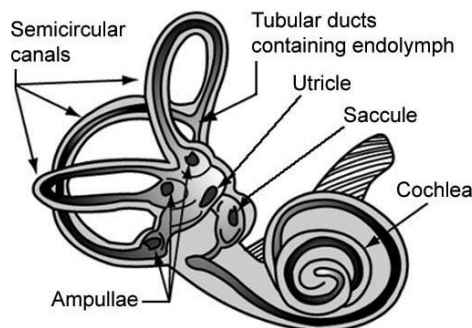
direction it is not. This results in the sensation of vertigo. Tilting the head, rolling over in bed, getting out of a bed or chair, looking up or down, or sudden head motion can all cause the vertigo associated with BPPV.

A good patient history is usually suggestive of BPPV. There are also a few simple movement tests that can be performed in the office to determine if one of the vestibular canals is at fault. You can watch a video demonstration of one of the maneuvers here: goo.gl/HcNIDY.

Most cases of BPPV resolve on their own when the otoliths move out of the semicircular canal. Sometimes medications like meclizine (Antivert®) or scopolamine are given to dull the severity of the vertigo.

If BPPV doesn't resolve on its own, most cases can be treated in the office by undergoing either the Epley, Lempert, or deep head-hanging maneuvers. These involve putting the patient through a series of movements that attempt to move misplaced otolith(s) out of the semicircular canals. Severe and refractory cases of BPPV occasionally require surgical correction.

I'd like to ask our readers to suggest ideas for my column. Please email your suggestions to news@thepaper24-7.com.



VSO Had Busy Month



JOE ELLIS
Guest Columnist

Well it looks like we are back to normal weather for now. I have had a total 55 phone calls into my office.

I will be at the American Legion Post 72 on the Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and I will be at the VFW post 1431 on Feb. 22 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Now here is the facts of what I did Last year: Office Visits for the year of 2023- 199 Incoming phone calls for the Year -579

Veterans that we took to their clinics were -95 We helped file claim's for Aid & Attendance, Hearing Loss & Tinnitus, Diabetes Type 2, Cancer, Loss of Limb, Certificate of Eligibility for Tax Deduction for home, Certificate of Eligibility for Handicap license plates, and for heart disease.

We have two Volunteers to drive our veterans to their clinics which are Steve Swyers and Mike Utterback. We do thank them for their service. We are still waiting for our second van it has been of a year.

We had our Veteran Day Parade on Nov 11, 2023. The American Legion has started a Non-Profit 501-3c for Veteran Memorial Park which will have a Huey Helicopter as well as a M-52 Duster along with a M-110-Howitzer.

We are also collecting names for Bricks of Veterans to be placed on site the cost is \$100. See me or the Legion for the forms.

We also held meeting every quarter with the VFW, DAV, and the American Legion to bring our groups together as I also held meeting at the VFW and the American Legion each month.

We delivered 37 bags of Christmas Goodies to the following Nursing Homes Here in Crawfordsville they were Wellbrook, Whitlock Place, Ben Hur, Hickory Creek, Bickford Place, and Lane Place and we had Gary Bell, Ron Keedy and Mr. & Mrs. John Zlotucha with these deliveries.

And Lastly we don't want to forget the passing of Major Gen. Richard Chastain and his wife they will be sorely missed.

I also Helped with a VA Claims Clinic on Saturday May 20 at the American Legion Post 11 in Lafayette, In. I saw 12 veterans from 10-3 that day.

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might fit in the future of these growing industries.” Want to learn more or apply? Visit tipmont.com/camp. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 1. Tipmont will select and notify the campers chosen to attend in March. The Camp Kilowatt program was developed by a committee of electric cooperative employees from Indiana. The camp is funded in part by Indiana’s electric cooperatives, Hoosier Energy, Wabash Valley Power, Indiana Electric Cooperatives and other industry partners.

Applications are open through Friday, March 1, for 2024’s Camp Kilowatt — a fun and unique summer-camp experience coming June 5-8 for students entering seventh grade. Applications are now open at tipmont.com/camp. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 1. Tipmont will select and notify the campers chosen to attend in March. Each year, Tipmont

sponsors several students to attend Camp Kilowatt, located on the 650-acre grounds of Camp Tecumseh in nearby Brookston, Ind. This experience combines traditional summer-camp activities for about 100 young people from across the state of Indiana, with opportunities to learn about alternative energy, electricity generation, internet safety and more.

Women’s Legacy Fund Accepting Grant Proposals

The Women’s Legacy Fund of the Montgomery County Community Foundation is accepting grants now through Friday, March 15, 2024 at NOON for local nonprofits with a mission to support women and/or children. The Women’s Legacy Fund comprises women who are committed to making a positive impact on the lives of women and children in Montgomery County. To accomplish this goal, each member of the fund makes a donation to the Montgomery County Community Foundation, pooling these gifts to increase the impact of their efforts. The donations are divided such that one third of each gift goes into an endowed fund that will forever benefit women and children in

Montgomery County. The remaining two-thirds are combined into a pool of funds that allow for an annual grant to one or more Montgomery County nonprofit organizations that benefits women and girls. Eligible applicant organizations must have a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status. Since 2008, the Women’s Legacy Fund has made 57 grants to 22 Montgomery County nonprofit organizations totaling over \$155,000. Interested nonprofit organizations may submit a grant application for a project that will serve women and children in Montgomery County. Application instructions can be found on the Montgomery County Community Foundation’s website at <http://www.mccf-in.org>

4-H: Opportunities for All



ABBY MORGAN
Guest Columnist

As the largest youth development program in the nation, 4-H has many opportunities and benefits for all youth. To quote the famous 4-H alum, Orville Redenbacher, “4-H is about building better citizens, teaching values and developing skills. It doesn’t matter if you’re from a farm environment or from a big city.” No matter the personal background, experiences, or interests of youth, the 4-H program is for everyone.

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While the 4-H program has deep roots in agricultural, it has, and continues to evolve to meet the needs of youth today. To learn more about the Indiana 4-H program, you can visit <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H>. It is never too late to enroll in the 4-H program. To enroll, please visit <https://v2.4honline.com> or visit the Montgomery County Extension office at 400 Parke Avenue, Crawfordsville. The program fee for enrolling in 4-H is \$15 per child and mini 4-H (grades K-2) is free. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the Extension office at (765)364-6363.

Abby Morgan is the 4-H Youth Development Educator for Purdue Extension – Montgomery County

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- Monday 5** Journaling
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- Saturday 7** Showtime!
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- Thursday 8** CDPL Board of Trustees meeting
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4p in the Conference Room
- Saturday 10** Library Book Sale
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- Monday 12** Yarn Works
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6p in the Donnelley Room (A)
- Tuesday 13** Genealogy Club Meeting
Montgomery County Courthouse Records
7p in the Donnelley Room (A)
- Saturday 17** Naturalist Series: Bats of Indiana
Ages 12+ years & up
10a in the Classroom (D)
- Tuesday 20** D & D for Beginners
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5p in the Classroom (D)
- Wednesday 21** Wyrd Words
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6:30p in Meeting Room C

FOR KIDS

- Thursday 1 & 15** Lego Club & Demolition
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- Tuesday 5** 1st Grade Book Club
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- Thursday 8** Tween Book Club
For 5th-8th Graders
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- Monday 12** 2nd Grade Book Club
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4p in Youth Services
- Monday 19** 3rd Grade Book Club
For 3rd Graders
4p in Youth Services
- Monday 26** 4th Grade Book Club
For 4th Graders
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