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TODAY'S VERSE

1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

Meet Toby



Toby is an adorable 4 year old female black/white Domestic Shorthair cat available for adoption at The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL) since 2/2/24. Toby is friendly, playful, super snuggly! Toby is spayed, dewormed, and up to date on all of her shots. Toby is available to foster and/or adopt. AWL is open Monday - Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 9:30a-3p. Come snuggle cats in one of the community cats, walk dogs, or lend a helping hand!!

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Ask Rusty – How Do Survivor Benefits Work for a Married Couple?



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty:

How does Social Security handle the death of one spouse? Say, for example, the husband receives \$2,000 per month in Social Security and his wife receives \$1,000 per month. How is the death of either spouse handled?

Signed: Concerned spouse

Dear Concerned:

Benefits to a deceased beneficiary stop as soon as Social Security (SS) is notified of the death (notification usually done by the funeral director who handles arrangements). Benefits are not paid for the month of death, only for the preceding month when the beneficiary was alive for the entire month.

entitled to the higher of two benefits – their own personally earned SS retirement benefit, or an amount based on the deceased spouse's benefit at death. In the example you cite, and assuming the surviving spouse has reached full retirement age (FRA): if the husband dies first the wife will receive the husband's \$2,000 monthly benefit instead of her previous \$1,000 amount. But if the wife died first, the husband would continue receiving only his \$2,000 monthly amount because that is more than his deceased wife was receiving. Note in either case, the surviving spouse would be entitled to a one-time lump sum "death

A surviving spouse is

➡ See RUSTY Page A3

Easy Ideas to Stretch Your Retirement Budget

Ways seniors can save on enjoyable activities

(Family Features)

Retirement may mean you have unlimited time to enjoy each day, but it doesn't mean you have a budget to match.

You probably already know staying active is essential for aging with grace, so instead of letting limited funds keep you at home, explore some ways you can enjoy your leisure time without breaking the bank.

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How Volunteering Can Help Older Adults Combat Loneliness

(Family Features)

The bonds found in friendships and other relationships are an important factor in health and wellness – even science says so.

According to the American Psychological Association, forming and maintaining social connections at any

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Raymond Howard Garver and his Moco Roots



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

Love this picture (thanks to Harriet W – Montgomery County INGenWeb) of Raymond Howard Garver, who I assume is fixing to sit on the bridge to fish. Raymond was born

in Montgomery County on May 11th in 1909 to Eldridge "Manford" and Minnie May Myers Garver. This photo was taken on April 26th in 1931, making Ray just shy of his 22nd birthday. About this time, he was living with his sister, Ruby and her husband, Earl Hunter where he worked on the assembly line at an auto factory in Chicago so the photo may have been taken up north somewhere. Along with Raymond and Ruby, there were Pauline (married Ivan Douglas), she passing a month from her 40th birthday), Samuel (born 28 Aug 1914 and died at Methodist Hospital of lymphoma at age 59) and James "Barton" (who also sounded about like his father and brother being 5'9" and 144 pounds and yep, those blue eyes – see below) in the Garver family.

Although Raymond looks tall in the picture, on his WWII draft card, he was listed as 5'7" and 160#, whereas his father was close to the same at 5'8" weighing 156#, both with blue eyes. At that time, Raymond was again working in Chicago for the Ford Motor Company, living in a nice brick home at 259 Dyer Boulevard in Hammond, Indiana. He and wife, Grace Taylor (born in Crawfordsville 27 Sept 1913 to John and Emma Taylor passed away in Speedway nine days before her 101st birthday). She was a 1932 graduate of CHS and married Raymond not long afterward on July 9th, Rev. JR

➡ See KAREN Page A4

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Teens need about ten hours of sleep while school-age kids should get 10-12.

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

"May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields, and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand."
Irish blessing

TODAY'S JOKE

What happens if a leprechaun falls in the swimming pool? He gets wet. What did you think would happen?

THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Total Eclipse of Art – a 5K Fun Run that takes place just two days before the big eclipse traverses across the great Hoosier state – is a local event from the good folks at Athens Arts. It's set to take off from Christ Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 6 at 9 a.m. (check in begins at 8). In fact, early registration is going on now and continues through March 15. It's a way to guarantee you get a T-shirt! After that, general registration is ongoing through March 27 – and the day of the race you can register, but it's cash only. The cost for those 15 and older is \$20, ages 6-14 is \$15 and under 6 is free. For more information, contact Athens Arts. You can stop by on Thursdays and Fridays between 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or call (765) 362-7455 and leave a voice message.



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THREE THINGS You Should Know

- 1 Feisty U.S. Rep. Victoria Spartz released a new ad this week. And unlike her opponents who are offering cheap attacks, Spartz stayed on the up and up. "Our Republic is going through some challenging times, but it's not the first time and not the last time," the ad said. "As freedom-loving Americans, we never give up, never give in, and never surrender. We must remember all Americans who sacrificed their lives for our freedoms and keep the American dream alive for our children."
- 2 Speaking of feisty politicians, Rep. Jim Baird voted for legislation aimed at stopping China from using apps like Tik-Tok to hurt Americans. "Communist China cannot have free rein to push its agenda on the American people and manipulate our children," said Rep. Baird. "Apps like Tik Tok have an immense impact on public discourse in our country and should not be controlled by our adversaries."
- 3 Hoosier angler Rex Remington caught an 8-pound, 4-ounce smallmouth bass on Monroe Lake on March 3, smashing the previous record set in 1992 at Twin Lake in LaGrange County by one pound. The new record fish was released alive back into Monroe Lake. Fishing for smallmouth in lakes is best in early spring, as they feed aggressively before spawning. As water temperatures warm, smallmouth move into rocky points and flat rocky areas.



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Crawfordsville Kiwanis hears about solar eclipse



The Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club experienced one of its most significant turnouts to date at a recent meeting last week. The buzz? The eagerly anticipated solar eclipse scheduled for April 8.

Jerry Dreyer, affectionately known as the club's resident "space geek," captivated attendees with insights about the impending celestial event. According to Dreyer, Crawfordsville and southern Montgomery County are poised on the cusp of totality. Notably, locations like North Montgomery High School will miss out on totality, while Southmont High School will bask in approximately 1 minute and 52 seconds of complete darkness around 3:06 p.m. Further south and east, areas such as Ladoga anticipate a longer duration of totality, reaching approximately 2 minutes and 29 seconds.

Bloomington sits squarely in the heart of the totality path, where lucky observers are expected to revel in

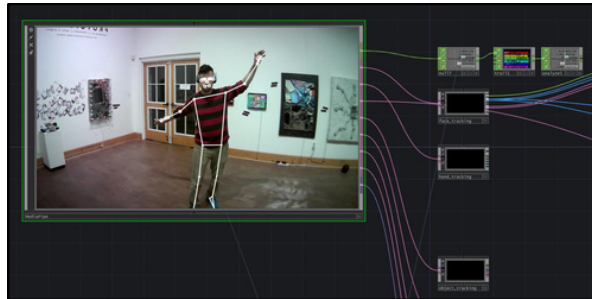
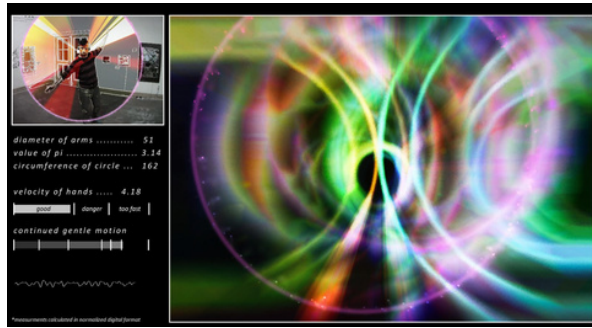
over 4 minutes of complete eclipse.

Enthusiasts are urged not to miss this rare opportunity, as the next total solar eclipse to grace Indiana won't occur until Sept. 14, 2099, in northeast Indiana. However, authorities are also cautioning about potential travel disruptions on April 8, with both the Indiana State Police and Montgomery County Sheriff's Office issuing alerts because of anticipated heavy congestion throughout the region.

For those eager to ascertain the precise duration of totality at their location, a solar eclipse calculator can be accessed at <https://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/SolarEclipses>.

The Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club consistently hosts compelling speakers each week. For more information about upcoming events, interested individuals are encouraged to consult the club's calendar at <https://k00404.site.kiwanis.org/>.

Carnegie Museum's Pi Day is Saturday



Photos courtesy Carnegie Museum

Trace/play, a collaboration with Owen Lowery and Chrissy Martin, will celebrate Pi Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Owen Lowery is the 2024 artist-in-residence at Wabash College. The morning will feature live dance and digital art through A.I. body tracking. Lowery created a program that uses Pi to create a piece of digital art through movement. Audience participation encouraged!

Join in on the fun of Pi Day (3.14) tomorrow from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Carnegie Museum in downtown Crawfordsville.

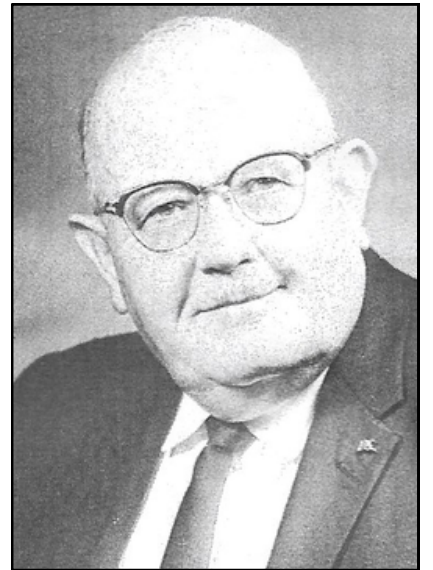
Pi Day celebrates the Greek letter Pi – 3.14, representing the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. No matter the size of the circle, Pi is always the same number. Pi is amazing, a part of many mathematical formulas and is infinite. Wabash College professors and

students will be on hand to share their love of math and science, two fields in which Pi is an important piece.

Drop in to try Pi themed activities, demonstrations, and crafts with, of course, pie to eat as well! Even better, it's all free.

For more information about the Carnegie Museum or Pi Day, please call (765) 362-4618, or visit on Facebook.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This Person?

HINT:

He graduated from Waynetown High School in 1927 and served as the principal for Alamo High School from 1946 until it closed in 1967.

Answer on Page A4

Leading for a Lifetime

Nelson Mandela once said "the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow". While I believe this is absolutely true, I also think the youth of today are also leaders today. In the 4-H program, we give multiple opportunities for youth to start building their leadership skills from year one in 4-H. 4-H members can be a camp counselor, lead a station at Mini 4-H Day Camp, be a club officer, and much more.

In an effort to enhance their leadership skills and better prepare 4-H members to be club officers, the Junior Leaders hosted a 4-H Club Officer Training to 30 of their members at the March meeting. A representative from Purdue's Collegiate 4-H was the guest presenter and went over the different club officer roles, the importance of effective communication, setting SMART goals, and how to work together as a team. You may be curious to know what officers do in 4-H. Club officers help lead local meetings to their members and help in providing a positive experiences for their peers. Within the Junior Leader program, officers also plan all meetings and look for

opportunities to give back to the community.

It is vital to provide youth opportunities to develop and enhance their leadership skills now to better prepare them for bigger leadership roles in the future. These young leaders are potential elected officials, business owners, employees, etc. 4-H is a safe place for youth to not only enhance their leadership skills but also so many other life skills as well. Interested in your child taking part in these leadership opportunities? Then enroll in 4-H today. 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



4-H helps teach leadership and so many other life skills. To find out more or to enroll in 4-H today, visit <https://v2.4honline.com> or go to the Montgomery County Extension office at 400 Parke Ave.

(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 Extension Educator at Purdue Extension Montgomery County

5000 Books



Julia Nichols, age 5, has completed the Crawfordsville District Public Library program "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" for the 5th time. Julia, along with her parents Tyler and Mindy Nichols has read 5,000 books. Julia's favorite book is Pete the Cat and the Bedtime Blues by Kimberly and James Dean. Mom said, "The library has been a wonderful place to meet and play with friends over the years. We appreciate the support from the reading program to encourage a love for reading."

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY CRAWFORDSVILLE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission will receive bids for the purchase and sale of a certain parcel of real estate located in Crawfordsville, Indiana: 10.692 acres within Parcel No. 54-07-20-300-016.002-028 along Concord Road in the Crawfordsville Commerce Park. The Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission shall convey its rights, title, and interest in the subject real estate to the successful bidder by Warranty Deed. The Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission makes no warranties or representations with respect to the subject real estate or title to the same.

The Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission may establish a minimum bid for this particular parcel and reserves the right to reject any and all bids for this particular parcel of real estate.

An Offering Sheet that more fully discloses and describes the subject parcel of real estate will be available for inspection and copying by prospective purchasers at the Crawfordsville Planning Department office located at 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, beginning March 8, 2024.

The Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission will open and consider offers to purchase the property at a meeting to be held on March 19, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at the Crawfordsville City Building—Council Chambers located at 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana. Offers to purchase may be delivered, in writing, to the Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission at any time before the meeting.

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benefit” of \$255.

The surviving spouse would need to contact Social Security to claim the “death benefit” and - unless the surviving spouse was previously receiving only a spousal benefit – also to claim the higher monthly amount, if eligible. If the surviving spouse was previously receiving only a spousal benefit from the deceased (and not entitled to SS retirement benefits on their own), then Social Security would automatically award their higher survivor amount when notified of the death.

If a surviving spouse has reached full retirement age (somewhere between 66 and 67 depending on year of birth) and is eligible for a survivor benefit, the amount of the survivor benefit will be 100% of the deceased spouse’s benefit. But if the survivor claims the benefit before reaching FRA, the amount of the survivor benefit will be reduced (by 4.75% for each full year earlier). The survivor’s benefit reaches maximum at the survivor’s full retirement age.

If a surviving spouse has not yet reached their FRA, and if they are entitled to (not necessarily collecting) their own Social Security retirement benefit, the surviving spouse has the option to delay claiming the survivor benefit until it reaches maximum at their full retirement age. And if the survivor’s personal SS retirement

benefit will ever be more than their maximum survivor benefit, the surviving spouse also has the option to claim only the smaller survivor benefit first and allow their personal SS retirement benefit to grow (to maximum at age 70 if desired).

With Social Security there is hardly ever a simple answer to a question but, in the example you use, if both are over their SS full retirement age:

- If the husband dies first, the wife will get 100% of the amount (\$2000) the husband was receiving, instead of the small amount (\$1000) she was previously receiving.
- If the wife dies first, the husband’s monthly benefit will remain at \$2000, and he will get no increase in his monthly amount.
- In either case, the surviving spouse will be entitled to a one-time lump sum death benefit of \$255.

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Hit the Gym
Many fitness centers offer special rates and programs for older adults. Hitting the track or joining a group fitness class are easy ways to socialize while getting some exercise. The discounted membership is also an investment since staying fit is important for physical and mental health.

Enjoy Early Dinner Deals
You can still enjoy dining out occasionally, especially if you take advantage of lower-cost meals designed with older adults in mind. Many specials are for meals earlier in the day, which is consistent with a growing trend toward earlier dining. According to Yelp, the number of people eating from 4-6 p.m. has grown 9% (up to 26% from 17% in 2019). Eating earlier promotes better digestion, and earlier meals are often lighter portions for smaller appetites. For example, Cracker Barrel’s Early Dinner Deals feature smaller portions served from 4-6 p.m. on weekdays. Menu items include a variety of homestyle favorites like chicken n’ dumplings, meatloaf, catfish and more.

To find a location near you, visit crackerbarrel.com/locations.

Check Out the Library
Your local library is filled with hours of free entertainment, but it’s not just the kind you’ll find from getting a library card. You can undoubtedly find a book that covers any genre or interest you can name, but most local libraries also offer programming tailored to special interests and the sessions are typically offered for free or at a low cost. It’s an easy, affordable way to pick up a new skill, meet a favorite author, learn about a topic that intrigues you and more. Other resources to explore include your library’s DVD collection and internet access if you don’t have a computer at home.

Nurture a Garden
Tending a garden may seem like a seasonal

activity, but you can make it a year-round hobby. Researching and planning is a good way to carry your gardening enthusiasm into the cooler months and you can start seedlings indoors to extend your growing season. While you’re digging into this low-cost pastime, remember the results of your efforts, such as fresh fruits and veggies, can help cut your grocery costs, too.

Mind Your Money with DIY
Saving money at the grocery store is just one way you can make DIY projects work for you. There are dozens of other examples of ways you can put your skills and interests to use by passing time doing something you enjoy while benefiting your bank account. If you like to tinker with cars, figure out what repairs you can handle yourself and avoid hefty service fees. Crafting and sewing might mean you have ready-made gifts for special occasions and a way to repair or repurpose damaged clothing instead of discarding it.

Ask About Discounts
You may be surprised by how many places offer discounts for older adults that they don’t readily advertise. In some cases, you’ll find the information on their website or signage, but other times, you may find it easier to just ask. When you’re booking an appointment or checking out, inquire about discounts for older adults, including any restrictions, age requirements, the amount of the discount and other pertinent details. Sometimes the discounts are offered on certain days or for specific services, or they may require you to join a loyalty club to access the discounts. When dining out, many restaurants offer a variety of loyalty perks. Rewards members at Cracker Barrel can earn points, or “Pegs,” on qualifying restaurant and retail purchases. Members can also take advantage of bonus birthday, anniversary and surprise rewards throughout the year.

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age is one of the most reliable predictors of a healthy, happy and long life. Studies show having strong and supportive friendships can fend off depression and anxiety, lower blood pressure and heart rates in stressful situations and change the way people perceive daunting tasks.

However, statistics show approximately half of U.S. adults lack companionship and feel socially disconnected, according to the U.S. Surgeon General’s Advisory on the Healing Effects of Social Connection and Community. In fact, 12% don’t have anyone they consider a close friend, per the Survey Center on American Life. This “epidemic of loneliness,” as coined by U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy, can take a severe toll on mental and physical health.

As people age, the risks of isolation increase. With America’s older population growing rapidly – the 65 and older population reached more than 55 million in 2020 – discussing how older adults can combat loneliness is relevant to public health and individual well-being.

Consider volunteering, which is one of the best and most rewarding ways to combat loneliness.

Volunteering Combats Loneliness
People often volunteer to find a sense of purpose, learn new skills, improve their communities or establish new routines after retiring or becoming empty nesters. For many, making friends through volunteer work is a welcome bonus. The act of volunteering provides proven benefits for older adults.

Forming connections can make all the difference in a person’s volunteer experience and sense of well-being. People who meet through volunteer work inherently share a common interest and something to bond over. These friendships can carry over outside of volunteer work and

lead to bonding over other hobbies and interests.

Connection-Focused Volunteer Opportunities
In addition to making friends with fellow volunteers, many older adults also form relationships with the people they’re serving, especially if those recipients are their peers.

For example, AmeriCorps Seniors is the national service and volunteerism program in the federal agency of AmeriCorps that connects adults aged 55 and up to local service opportunities that match their interests. Its Senior Companion Program pairs volunteers with other older adults or those with disabilities who need companionship or assistance. Volunteers may help with tasks such as paying bills, shopping or getting companions to appointments. In some cases, volunteers may also provide support and respite for family members caring for loved ones with chronic illnesses.

“We often think of volunteering as ‘giving back,’ but we’ve seen firsthand that it often becomes so much more than that,” said Atalaya Sergi, director of AmeriCorps Seniors. “By spending a few hours each week with another older adult in need of support, our volunteers are not only giving back to others, but they’re adding meaning to their own lives and establishing new connections. They’re helping to fight the loneliness epidemic one visit at a time.”

Growing older can come with challenges, but some of those can be minimized with a positive mindset and commitment to remaining connected and engaged – whether with friends, relatives or fellow community members. Fostering relationships is a key ingredient to a healthier and more fulfilling life.

For more information and to find volunteer opportunities near you, visit AmeriCorps.gov/YourMoment.

3000 Books



Nolan Benecke, age 3, has completed the Crawfordsville District Public Library program "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" for the third time. He is the son of Matthew and Jillian Benecke. Together they have read 3,000 books. Mom said, "Nolan loves going to the library for all the fun activities and programs they do!"

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Servies tying the knot with Raymond's sister, Ruby as witness. In Indianapolis (September 1957), it was so sad that Raymond, running his own tree-trimming service, reached for a live wire (to move from a limb falling on it) and was killed from the shock. Perhaps he got the interest of tree-trimming by working (1950 census) as a truck driver for a lumber company. Two children, Marian and David Robert (Bobbie) were left without their father but Grace was involved in their lives. She was an active member of DAR, the Daylily and Hosta groups. They are buried at Oak Hill Grant Avenue as are many of the family. Her sister, Fran was 93 at her passing and her brother, Joe Taylor lacked but a few weeks being 100.

Manford was born in MoCo (14 Sept 1882) and farmed here his whole life. His parents were Samuel and Alice (Stonebraker) Garver. Alice's family goes way back in MoCo with Revolutionary soldier, Sebastian Stonebraker (buried Stonebraker cemetery, age 80) and lived here from when he received a government land grant 10 April 1829 until his death 5 July 1836. Many of his descendants, however, rest in the small, quaint Stonebraker cemetery with him.

On Oct 19, 1904 at age 22, Manford Garver and Minnie Myers were married until his death almost 49 years later on

7 August 1953. Minnie was our next door neighbor, having been born (Fountain County) in 1889 to Alfred and Delphina (Sowers) Myers, the youngest of their ten children, four sons, six daughters. The Myers family came to Fountain in the early 1830s with an influx of families (Shuler, Sowers, Myers, Grimes, Darr ...) from Davidson (Rowan) County, North Carolina, settling in the Wallace area. The Garvers came from Butler County, Ohio, Manford's father (Samuel Allen) and grandfather (George wife Catherine Stonebraker who also goes back to Sebastian, the Revolutionary soldier) both dying young in their 40s and originally came from the Rowan-Davidson County NC area as well. Farther back ancestors on the Garvers lived well into their 70s, however.

Well, sure enjoyed the great picture of Raymond and researching his deep MoCo roots; however, sad at his young death, but do hope you enjoyed reading about our fellow and his family!

– Karen Zach is the editor of Montgomery Memories, our monthly magazine all about Montgomery County. Her column, Around the County, appears each Thursday in The Paper of Montgomery County. You can reach her at karen.zach@sbcglobal.net.

Echoing Air in Concert at Wabash Avenue Presbyterian



Photo courtesy Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church

Sunday's concert is the second in a free series celebrating the church's 200th year. The third is scheduled for April 19.

Echoing Air, a Baroque chamber music ensemble, presents "A Season of Penitence: Music for Lent," Sunday at 4 p.m. at Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Echoing Air, Inc. is a chamber ensemble dedicated to exploring and presenting music featuring singers performing with Baroque instruments. An international touring group, Echoing Air offers a contemplative musical journey featuring sacred compositions from France, England, Germany, and Italy with two countertenors, two recorders, and basso continuo.

The March concert is the second in a free series offered to the community by Wabash Avenue Church in recognition of its 200th year worshipping in and serving Montgomery County. A free will offering collected at the concert will support the Montgomery County Animal Welfare League.

The third spring concert April 19 will feature dual pianist internet sensations Cameron Cody and James Kelly. Organizers emphasized the mission of the Concerts on the Corner is to spread the love of God through the joy of music. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia
Answer:
Claude Cord

Parts of County Getting Connected

Comcast's network construction in Montgomery County is nearly complete, bringing symmetrical gigabit-capable speeds to more than 1,200 residents and businesses, along with many other products and services offered by the company.

This project was a collaborative effort under Indiana's Next Level Connections (NLC) Broadband Grant Program, adding 90 miles of fiber to the tech infrastructure in Montgomery County. Comcast worked with state and local officials to target areas most in need of fast, reliable broadband service in unserved and underserved areas of Waveland, Waynetown, Ladoga, New Market and southern Crawfordsville.

said Jim Fulwider, Montgomery County Commissioner. "Bringing fiber connections to rural Montgomery County is a top priority, and we cannot thank Comcast enough for helping us to connect all of the homes and businesses that can thrive on reliable, high-speed Internet."

By project completion, Montgomery County residents and businesses will have access to symmetrical Internet speeds—increasing both available upload and download speeds. Comcast also offers its Internet Essentials program that provides low-cost, high-speed broadband service to income-constrained households. Since its inception in 2011, the program has connected more than 440,000 students, parents, veterans and seniors in Indiana.

"We are grateful for Comcast's private investment in the rural parts of our County,"

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NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOL BOARD

Regular meeting, Monday, March 18, 5 p.m. 480 W 580 N, Crawfordsville

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 - 3.4 Other
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FOR THE RECORD

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 MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024
 OLD BUSINESS
 Approve MOU between Montgomery County Health Department and the City of Crawfordsville of Financial Support for Mobil Integrated Health Community Paramedic; Quick Response Team Approved.

Agreement with the City of Crawfordsville for a paramedic to be funded by the Health Department.

NEW BUSINESS
 Approve Notice to Bidders - Hay Harvest - County Property Located @ US Highway 136
 Approved.

Montgomery County owns property located on the southwest corner of US136 and Nucor Road which will be used for the construction of the Nucor Road overpass project. Construction is not scheduled to begin until 2025. The property currently is planted in hay and the County is requesting authorization to issue a Notice to seek bidders to harvest the hay in 2024.

Approve DLZ Design Contract - ADA Upgrades to Thomas K. Milligan Justice Center Total Construction Cost - \$105,000
 Contract is for design services provided by DLZ for the ADA Upgrades and Improvements to the Probation Building.
 Construction is planned for 2024 and will utilize funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

ORDINANCE
 Final Reading Ordinance 2024-9: Creating 2024 READI Grant Fund - \$2,033,333
 Approved.

Montgomery County received a READI 1.0 grant in the amount of \$2,033,333 for expenses related to the Montgomery County Purple Heart Parkway Extension Project.

RESOLUTION
 Resolution 2024-5: Declare Surplus Equipment Handgun to Retiring Deputy Todd
 Approved.

Resolution declares Deputy Richard Todd's service revolver as surplus which will allow the weapon to remain with him upon his retirement.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND COUNTY COUNCIL
 Notice of Special Meeting
 March 15, 2024, 9 a.m.
 Montgomery County Government Center
 1580 Constitution Row
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New Ross Student Pages for Sen. Buchanan

Esther Keesee, a home-schooled student from New Ross, recently paged for State Sen. Brian Buchanan (R-Lebanon).

Pages spend a day at the Statehouse touring the historic building, observing debates from the Senate floor and interacting with their state senator.

"I enjoyed meeting pages from Senate District 7 and welcoming them to the Statehouse to learn about Indiana government," said Buchanan. "It is always a pleasure meeting young Hoosiers who want to learn about how their state legislature operates and a senator's role in the process."

Students in grades six through 12 participate in the page program on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays during the legislative session. Groups serve on Wednesdays.

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Painter, Edey, Purdue Piling Up Honors in Special Season



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

The date was March 9, 2014. Minutes after watching his Purdue basketball team lose 74-65 on Senior Day to Northwestern, Matt Painter reflected on the Boilermakers' last place finish in the Big Ten.

"It's my fault," Painter began his post-game statement. "It's my job to get guys to play together. It's my job to get guys to play hard. It's my job to get guys to play smart. We don't do any of those and so that is my fault. So when you start off people will always give you a break but when you're somewhere for nine years they shouldn't.

"It's the best game in the world and we're trying to mess it up. We're trying to mess it up because we keep thinking about ourselves. When you draw two people, you pass. When you get a double team, you pass. You keep the ball moving. It's fun and a great game to be around when that happens.

"We have to recruit a more unselfish player. We've got to recruit a tougher player. We have some of those guys in our program. Some guys we don't. We've got to get that out of them. Or maybe this isn't their place. And that's my fault. This isn't a school district. I recruited these guys. So the position we're in, it's my fault."

Almost 10 years to the day of the lowest point in his career, Painter was voted Big Ten co-Coach of the Year on Tuesday. His fifth Big Ten honor ties Indiana's Bob Knight for second-most in conference history. Gene Keady won seven during his 25-year tenure at Purdue. "It's pretty special, growing up in Indiana

and watching that rivalry with coach Knight and coach Keady," Painter told BTN's Rick Pizzo. "Everybody looked up to those two guys. It's surreal to be in this position but Purdue's a great basketball environment. We have a lot of players and great coaches in the state of Indiana and in the surrounding states. I feel very fortunate to be the coach at Purdue."

The foundation for the rebuilding project was already in place with sophomore forward Rapheal Davis and sophomore center A.J. Hammons. A much-heralded recruiting class of four-star 7-2 center Isaac Haas, four-star forward Vincent Edwards and three-star guards Dakota Mathias and P.J. Thompson lived up to its billing. The final piece was 6-4 graduate transfer guard Jon Octeus, who was pivotal in Purdue going from last place to a share of third place in the Big Ten at 12-6, 21-13 overall in 2015.

Mathias was the first example of Painter's new recruiting philosophy to bring in a good shooter in every class. Carmel's Ryan Cline was next, followed by future Jerry West Award winner Carsen Edwards in 2016, Sasha Stefanovic in 2017, Eric Hunter in 2018, Mason Gillis and Brandon Newman in 2019, Jaden Ivey in 2020, Carmel's Brian Waddell in 2021, Fletcher Loyer in 2022 and Myles Colvin in 2023.

Winning a hard-fought recruiting battle for All-American forward Caleb Swanigan in 2015 launched Purdue back into its former status as a perennial Big Ten championship contender. Swanigan earned Big Ten Player of the Year honors while leading the Boilermakers to the 2017

championship.

The most overlooked player in the 2020 Purdue recruiting class would become the centerpiece of two consecutive outright Big Ten championships: Zach Edey. During his interview with BTN's Rick Pizzo, Painter emphasized the importance of winning Big Ten championships at Purdue.

"Coach (Bruce) Weber and coach Keady, my mentors, to those guys it was a big deal to win the Big Ten, to compete with Indiana and everybody else to put yourself in that position," Painter said. "To be able to win it back-to-back and especially by three games both years, first time since Indiana's great run . . . the last undefeated team in college basketball in 1976. When you say those words, that's also surreal."

In stark contrast to his 2014 remarks, Painter didn't take credit for this year's dominant performance.

"All the accolades should go out to our players," he said. "Zach Edey, Braden Smith, Fletcher Loyer, Mason Gillis, Trey Kaufman-Renn right down the line. Lance Jones was a great addition for us. We've got a deep bench. Kudos to our players, man. It's a players' game and those guys have been fabulous."

Asked why he believes the Boilermakers are a more complete team capable of a deep NCAA tournament run, Painter gave a simple answer.

"We shoot the ball better," he said. "Last year some of the ploys from other teams was to simply leave people open and just load up on Zach Edey. This year we've made them pay. We've been very consistent shooting the

basketball and when we take care of the basketball, have our turnovers around eight to 12, we've won those games.

"Keeping the turnovers down and having an extra ballhandler with Lance Jones really helps us. Our freshmen have become sophomores and are better defenders than they were last year. We can shoot the basketball and teams have to make a decision and live with that decision. If they double Zach, or they stay home and play one on one."

Edey became just the fourth Big Ten player to win Player of the Year honors in back-to-back seasons, joining Ohio State's Jim Jackson, Michigan State's Mateen Cleaves and Iowa's Luka Garza.

Purdue's Brandon Brantley was chosen the Howard Moore Assistant Coach of the Year, honored for his development of Edey from the 440th best player in the class of 2020 to being on the verge of winning back-to-back National Player of the Year honors.

"He puts in time with guys," Painter said of Brantley. "He's a truth teller. He played 10 years overseas. He had three Big Ten championships as a player. He really helps those guys from a big man standpoint and from a film standpoint. Him and Zach have a special relationship and he's done wonders for Zach."

Edey leads the nation in scoring at 24.2 points per game and is fourth in rebounding at 11.7. Like his coach, Edey passed the credit along to Westfield graduate Braden Smith. In fact, Edey used his social media accounts to urge All-America voters to

honor Smith.

"I believe people overlook him a lot," Edey told Pizzo. "He really makes our team go. I put up big numbers but he makes everything work. He finds the open man. He makes the right pass all the time. You don't have to worry about him turning the ball over on the press."

Smith joined Edey on the All-Big Ten first team, the first time Purdue has had a pair of first-team selections since 2011 when E'Twaun Moore and JaJuan Johnson were honored. Smith is the first Boilermaker to lead the Big Ten in assists (7.6 per game in conference play) since Tony Jones in 1990. Smith already owns the school record for assists in a season at 222 and counting.

Gillis was selected Big Ten Sixth Man of the Year, mainly on the basis of shooting 49 percent (48 of 98) from 3-point range this season.

By the numbers

This past week, Edey was named Sporting News National Player of the Year for the second consecutive season and was voted Big Ten Player of the Week for a record 12th time. Mike DeCourcy, college basketball writer for the Sporting News and a BTN contributor, believes Edey has a place alongside the all-time greats who were multiple winners of National Player of the Year.

"He will not officially become a consensus choice until the Naismith Award and Oscar Robertson Trophy and others are announced in the next month, but it will happen," DeCourcy writes. "And then that list of legends will be Oscar Robertson, Jerry Lucas, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Bill Walton, Ralph Sampson, Zach



Matt Painter

Edey."

Courtesy of Chris Forman, Purdue's Associate Strategic Communications Director, here's a rundown of Edey's major accomplishments:

- * Purdue's all-time career leader in rebounds with 1,211.
- * Fourth in Big Ten history in rebounds; needs seven to move into third ahead of Wisconsin's Ethan Happ.
- * Purdue's all-time career leader in double-doubles with 61.
- * Second all-time in Purdue history in scoring with 2,282 points; needs 42 points to break the record (Rick Mount, 2,323).
- * Tenth all-time in Big Ten history in scoring with 2,282 points; needs 42 points to pass Mount for sixth place.
- * Only player in Purdue history to win Big Ten Player of the Year twice.
- * Edey has four career games with 30 points and 15 rebounds on 75 percent shooting. No other player in Division I has more than two such games since 2000.
- * Edey has seven career games with 30 points and 15 rebounds, the second-most of any Division I player in the last 15 years (Mike Daum- 11).

Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.

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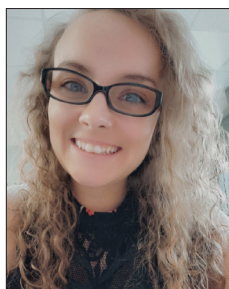
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CHUCK CLORE After a lifelong career in visual communications, Eureka! Chuck discovered that noodling the nuances of the written word can be just as much fun as tweaking a font into an iconic logo. Montgomery Memories is the perfect venue to explore his treasured C-ville’s east-end recollections. An Athenian boomer from the class of 65, he delights in graphic design, cartooning, and story telling. Chuck’s articles reveal how a CHS senior corduroy artist eventually evolved into an award winning designer and aspiring writer.



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March Feature:

Karen Bazzani Zach



I've written about several of the early bands in our area but the neatest overall article I ever perused concerning bands centered around the Republican Rally in October of 1896 (CWJ 23 Oct p9 – love this Crawfordsville band from CDPL Image database). In fact, I loved the title, too “Miles of Marchers.” That day began with a raw chilly wind and threat of rain but the clouds had all lifted by 8. Still a bit windy, however, but the flags, buntings and designs on the homes and streets were beautiful. “The delegates came in mighty force, pouring into town from every road by the hundreds and then thousands.” Wagons and carriages were decorated and crowded with men, women and children. “Lusty voters and pretty girls cried for McKinley from every vehicle. Even the horses seemed inclined to neigh for the great advanced agent of prosperity.”

Yes, many were in the parade, but the watchers

cheered with wild enthusiasm. Leading the parade was the Bicycle “Wheelman” club with each cycle decorated for the occasion. Marshal Ensminger and his staff followed with several hundred Veterans’ strong behind them. Those carrying banners and mottoes with what they believed were next (Sound Money Never Made Hard Times; Open the Mills not the Mints). A float with a pretty girl named “Justice” was behind them with several foundry floats following. Lincoln School children followed cheering and singing along the way in their decorated wagon. Union Township delegation was large and followed next, Brown following with the Waveland Bank the first float that was drawn by six horses. Not Montgomery County but neat that the Russellville Glee Club followed next then the New Market band after which was a long string of carriages followed by the Ladoga band heading up the Clark

Township floats. Whitesville “was a regular honney and one of their mottoes stated that Uncle Sam won’t coin pewter.” Scott had one of the best floats of the parade, with 20 men in rags and tatters, dirty and unshaven who contended for crumbs and crusts.

One big float had about 30 dinner bells clanging away with a banner saying, “McKinley’s election will make all the dinner bells ring like these!” More carriages followed by the New Ross band heading a fine Walnut Township float. Mace martial band followed and a kazoo band came next. It was loudly cheered. Large batch of horseback riders came from Coal Creek. One float contained the nobby Mount and Landis ladies’ club of Wingate, their uniforms of black with big white collars attracting attention. Ripley delegation was led by the Alamo band the floats being especially catchy. One beautiful team of horses was labeled, “Worth \$1,000 – if Bryan is elected, nothing!” The Waynetown band headed the Wayne Township delegation with a number of good floats and glee clubs. Linden’s Glee club and several splendid floats were for Madison Township. The Crawfordsville Drum Corps headed the Round Hill McKinley Club on Horseback. Sugar Creek Township had one of the best floats and Franklin made a fine showing. A bit of a twist is that the marchers cheered as well as East Main Street had especially beautiful decorations that brought the hoorahs from those in the parade.

The Journal article noted that there wasn’t enough space to give each and every great float, presenting an excellent overview but that speeches followed the parade and almost everyone stayed to hear Senator Cullom and Gen. Coburn. Later the Music Hall was the spot for a large gathering where the band played and the “Old Shady Quartette sang several numbers that were wildly cheered.”

The Waynetown Military Band, composed of John N. Ellis, Job Westfield (probably Westfall) and William Burris furnished music “with the soul-stirring drum and ear-piercing fife. It was a reminder of other days to the old boys!” What a day for sure full of Marching through times!

Thank you for reading Montgomery Memories!

Odds & Ends – Collected & Commented on by Karen Bazzani Zach



Besides the high school bands that we all played in or at least remember from our high school days, there were town bands in almost all the towns then earlier there were bands organized by people of interest. For instance in 1894, two bands in C'ville alone began in July of that year, neither named in an Argus News article I found. One had George and Gus Rutledge; Ed and Frank Hack; Frank Davis; Ivy Carr; Bely Ramey; Leo Schweitzer; Fred Brown and H. Ramsbrook. They were scheduled to play on the court house corner for eight weeks. The other was just beginning and was headed-up by Leo Schweitzer's brother, Fred, along with Johnny Rice, Noah Myers and 24 other men. I've written about the Schweitzer brothers (and their father) before but suffice here to say that he taught cornet and organized and taught in several bands including the Montgomery Guards' band after the Civil War as well as the Crawfordsville Silver Band that was said to be one of the best in the state!

Hard to believe but The Big Store had their own brass band in the late 1800s and early 1900s called the Barlow's minstrels and they would give a street parade with the hundreds of young ones running after them "yelping at every burst from the band instruments!" (Cville Journal 1 Feb 1892).

Some had specialized bands such as Yountsville's Cornet Band (CWJ 18 Jan 1872) who on Jan 26th of that year gave a concert (admission 25 cents) at the Academy Hall for a mush and milk supper.

In 1891, the Clouser's Cornet band was mentioned in the Thorntown Argus a few times. A few years later at a lawn supper in Mace that town's Cornet band entertained. In 1900, the New Richmond Commercial band was to be engaged for Wingate's Decoration Day and the Darlington band was to lead those decorating the 25 graves in the Darlington IOOF cemetery.

A bit off, the Montgomery County Fair Association contracted the Peru band of 40 pieces, "the best band in the State," to play all one day but the

Crawfordsville band (of 17 pieces) was to play daily for the rest of the fair (1893).

The 1894 Shades 4th of July celebration where the Waveland band played several pieces from the grand stand. The crowd (CWJ 6 July p 1)) was estimated at over 1500 to somewhere around 2,000.

In October 1896 the Knights of Pythias band played at the K of P picnic in Darlington, as well as the Rockville band.

In the 1960 Waveland yearbook, a nice article on the band started with election of officers (Meridene Cronkhite, Pres; Larry Robison, Vice; Belinda Cronkhite, Sec; with Treasurer, Judy Reynolds and Sam Milligan, Reporter). It went on to say that the band entered the contest at the State Fair Sept 1 and Waveland was supposed to be the 95th band to march but due to many bands not showing up, Waveland was much earlier. There were good, large bands there to compete with but "Waveland did pretty well for such a small band." Ben Davis won first.

The Browns Valley band (assume from the Crawfordsville Journal-Review but I had no source listed) had mainly young members in the 1890s including Jess Carrington was a man of many pluses, including a great barber, interior decorator, musician and in his younger years a wow amateur baseball player. His brother, John "Leslie" grew-up in the Browns Valley area as well, married Mary Galey. They ran a meat market in Waveland for some time then moved to Indianapolis where he was a buyer in the stock yards. He and Mary moved back to the Carrington farm and lived to be quite an age. Fisher Benton Galey is one of the older ones in the band but not all that old. He worked on local farms, did painting and later was janitor of the Browns Valley Baptist Church. He and his wife, Sallie Mathers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and were parents of two daughters and four sons. Two of his band members were pall bearers at his funeral. Not sure which William VanCleave or Jeff Davis is in the group as I have so many in my database – quickly ran through them but nothing reached out. Walter Davis is likely the son of Isaac Newton and Ida (Westfall) Davis, the Westfalls quite musically inclined so that would make sense. He married Nina Switzer and they lived happily until his death on their 41st anniversary. Charlie Gilliland is likely Charles Bennett Gilliland who married Lizzie Gott about this time and the John Gott may be her cousin, son of Preston and Martha Redmon ... or not – again several John Gott's. None of their obituaries or articles I found even mentioned them being in the band, though and think it went for several years.

About this time, it was a popular item to have Band Contests at gatherings, the Brazil band winning the all-hands down 1st place (\$50) prize, Crawfordsville coming in second at \$25 (October 1898) but many disagreed and thought the Waynetown band should have had that one!

Ahhh, the bands of years, be they marching, playing, at a concert given, for a school, or at the Gazebo at Lane Place, it is always wonderful to hear the tunes!

We would LOVE to have some poems by our readers - it doesn't have to be on the theme but even better so!

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Nifty at Ninety - And Beyond

Joy Willett, Montgomery Memories

For the March edition of Nifty, we are introduced to someone who doesn't need an introduction. Sidney Gibbon Paris, also known as Sidney de Paris, was born in Crawfordsville on May 30, 1903. Sidney was the son of Sidney G. Paris Sr. and Fannie Hyatt. The couple had another son, Wilbur (b. 1900) and a daughter, Nannie (b. 1902). Fannie was also known as "Anna" and "Sarilda" (Montgomery County, Indiana U.S. Index to Birth Records, 1882-1922).

According to the census for 1910, father Sidney worked as an auctioneer of dry good notions. The family lived in Crawfordsville's Ward 2. The census also reported that Sidney senior and his parents, as well as Fannie, were from Virginia.

Further insight into Sidney senior is provided by the Christer Fellows page (<https://www.fellers.se>)

Sidney Paris [senior], who came from West Virginia...was a musician (trombone, banjo, guitar), a circus barker, a ventriloquist, a minstrel, etc...

It isn't surprising that Sidney and Wilbur were trained by their father to be musicians. They also played in their circus band (Wikipedia page for Wilbur de Paris). The last record I found of Sidney Sr. and Fannie in Crawfordsville was in the 1914 city directory. By the mid-1920s, they were living in Philadelphia with their daughter Nannie and her husband Jack Brown. Sidney was in Philadelphia too. According to the U.S. Marriage Index, Sidney G. Paris married Grace Hazel in 1924. At only 21 years of age, Grace died in Philadelphia on November 25, 1926. She suffered from acute pneumonia brought on by tuberculosis. On her death certificate, Grace's last name is listed as "De Paris" and Sidney De Paris is reported as her husband. This means that during the time of their marriage, he changed his surname from "Paris" to "De Paris."

In 1930, Sidney was living in Manhattan with his second wife Lillian. They had married on September 6, 1928 (New York, New York, U.S. Marriage License Index). In the 1930s, Sidney was employed as a musician in a night club. We know from Wikipedia that he was a trumpeter. According to the page:

[Sidney] was a member of Charlie Johnson's Paradise Ten (1926-1931), worked with Don Redman (1932-1936 and 1939), followed by periods with Zutty Singleton (1939-1941), Benny Carter (1940-41), and Art Hodes (1941). De Paris recorded with Jelly Roll Morton (1939) and Sidney Bechet (1940), and was part of the Panassie sessions in 1938.

Sidney draft registration card for World War II listed that he was 5'10" and 212 lbs. His eyes were brown, his hair black, and his complexion dark brown. Sidney listed his sister Nannie (married and living in Philadelphia) as his primary contact. Possibly this was because Lillian and he were separated. We also learn from the registration card that Sidney resided in Manhattan, New York and worked for Charlie Barnet's Orchestra - performing at Hotel Brunswick in Boston. This was at the height of the orchestra's popularity (Wikipedia for Charlie Barnet). Sidney also worked with Sidney Bechet, Benny Carter, Rosetta Tharpe, and his brother

Wilbur.

In 1940, Sidney was living in a boarding house in New York City, and continued to work as a musician. We learn from the census that he attended school through the eighth grade. Although he was listed as being married, Lillian wasn't with him. This reinforces the notion that they were separated. In 1944, Sidney recorded for the Commodore and Blue Note labels as a band leader. The arriving passenger list for March 10, 1945 lists Wilbur and Sidney as returning to New York City from Quebec, Canada.



Sidney De Paris, Jimmy Ryan's Nightclub
Photographed July 1947 by William P. Gottlieb

From 1947, and throughout the 1950s, Sidney performed almost exclusively with Wilbur. They played for ten years at Jimmy Ryan's nightclub, considered a center for traditional style jazz in New York City (Wikipedia). They also traveled the country and the world, including a trip to Paris in 1960 (New York State, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1917-1967). Sidney was also known as a vocalist (Chautauqua, New York, August 8, 1958).

In his column, "Popular Records," William D. Laffler (United Press International, January 22, 1960) reported:

"That's A Plenty" by Wilbur de Paris and his New Orleans Jazz...is a solid piece of jazz played by an outstanding combo. Wilbur plays a wise supporting role on trombone, letting Sidney de Paris and Doc Cheatham run with it on the brass.

Later in life, Sidney suffered from ill health. In 1964 he had a major heart attack, which was reported in newspapers nationwide. He died on September 13, 1967. A benefit was held in his honor at New York's Village Gate on October 15, 1967 (Morning Herald, Uniontown, Pennsylvania). His passing was mourned in the coming years. Mel Heimer, New York columnist, commented in 1969 that Sidney "...held his trumpet straight out and played the blues without a false note."

May Sidney, a Crawfordsville son, rest in peace.



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March winds scatter my memories like the pin-oak leaves that cling tight to the mighty oak all winter long, only to lose their grasp in the early spring. They whirl and twirl, dancing out of sight. Occasionally, one will drift from the sky and bring back a smile. Here are a few March memories I have raked together.

Like a blustering politician full of hot air and empty promises, when March starts with hints of spring, you best button up your overcoat and hang on to your hat. The lion's roar is about to blow you away!

As a young tyke in the Hoosier state, the only good thing I remember coming out of March was the wind being consistent enough to have kite-fighting competitions. Chicago earned the name The

Windy City. But fortunately, they don't own the wind. Way beyond a breeze, big air rushed across Gary, Indiana, blowing away its industrial haze. Swooping over Lafayette, it lost no gusto as it left C-Ville flapping in the wind.

All the East-End boys dreamed of catching the wind and flying high. My big brother, Toby, helped me assemble my very first box kite. The strange thing wasn't diamond-shaped like kites were supposed to be. It looked like a couple of boxes with the lids knocked off. Why had Toby bought me this contraption? It will never fly!

To my amazement, Big Brother was an aeronautical genius. That thing flew higher and faster than any conventional kite I had ever seen. It gobbled up three balls of string and wanted more. Flying so

high it was just a speck in the sky.

But my newfound faith in Toby's aviation skills was soon tested when he and Jimmy Cutter declared it was time to go to the Dairy Queen. Against my protest, he tied the kite string to a fence post. We hopped into Cutter's old Ford and drove off down Shady Lane. Even a delicious turtle sundae can give a kid indigestion when, all the time he is eating it, he is worried about a gust of wind snapping his kite string.

Upon our return, my faith was restored. Big brother knew best. There it was, my bright red box kite still poised against the azure blue background as clouds drifted by.

Fast and high, box kites get 'er done. But DIY dancing diamond kites give a kid more maneuverability.

Young boys filled with World War II fighter pilot ambitions as they honed their aeronautical engineering skills. Precise craftsmanship drew just the exact tension on the bow of the cross sticks. Attaching the string to the right spot on the leader string was paramount for control. Kite tails must be the correct weight and length. Mistakenly, I fig-

ured Pappy's necktie collection seemed like a great place to start. He never wears them anyway. Woe! I won't do that again. I probably won't sit down for a while, either. Who knew a silk necktie is ten times more expensive than a store-bought kite?

Most importantly, the graphic painted on your kite had to look scarier than our neighbor, grumpy old Mister Carter, on a bad day. Bushy eyebrows, beady eyes, and teeth like a tiger made my kite look meaner than a wet hornet whose nest had been destroyed by a garden hose. It was a killer!

Truth be told, there is not a lot of precision in piloting a kite. A kite's fate, my friend, is blown in the wind. Bobby, the new kid, built a kite that brought down a half-dozen competitors. But the sawed-off hunk of slime was disqualified when we discovered he had soaked a section of his string in glue and then rolled the aggressively tacky string in ground glass. He cut his competition free to float aimlessly to their destruction.

March winds and creative imaginations carried us through to April when spring really begins with the hunt for the mighty morels.

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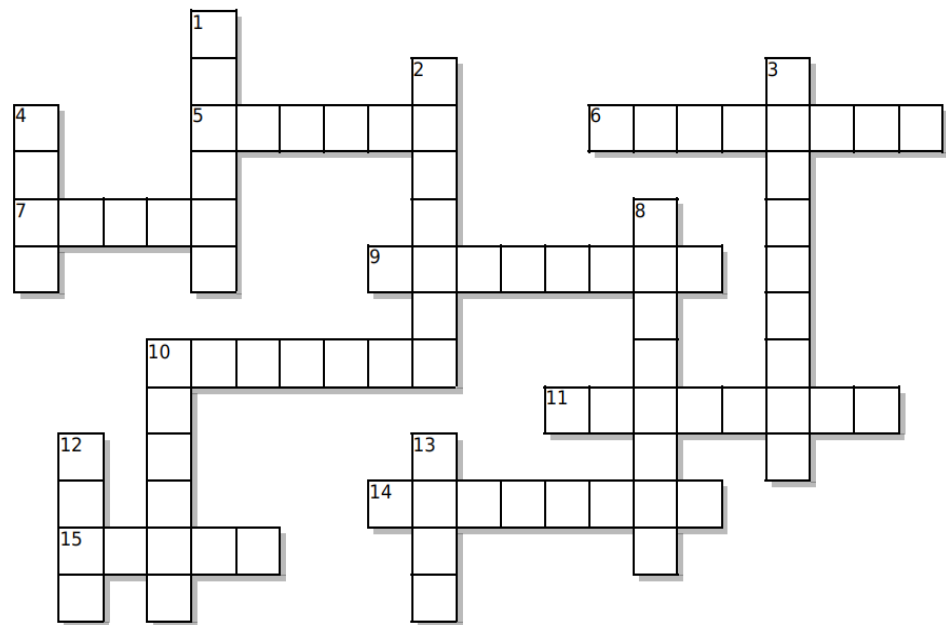
By Joy Willett

We hear the beat
and the thrum,
of trombone blasts,
and snare drums;
the harmony
of the euphonium.
Clarinets play
their happy tune,
while cymbals clash
and tubas pah-oom.
Their knees brought high
as they stride,
uniforms starched
and marching with pride.
The band, lined straight
and playing loud,
certainly knows how
to please the crowd.

Snow Wonderful Snow

By Cynthia Long

Snowflakes look like powdered sugar to put on your French toast
Gather to make Snow Cream add milk, vanilla and sugar
Under the scope it looks like shaped etched ice crystals
Put colored flavoring on it and make it a Snow Cone
Lay down and make a Snow Angel, build it up and make a snow fort
Too much makes a blizzard for snow days too little makes a dusting



ACROSS

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- 6 Early spring flower
- 7 Type of drum or a trap
- 9 A band that walks along
- 10 Brings May flowers
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- 15 Brings the Easter basket

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- 1 Celebrated 3/31/24
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- 3 Railroad and band director
- 4 Largest drum in a set
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- 10 It's "sprung" on 3/20/24
- 12 Makes the "oom pah" sound
- 13 Music form invented in U.S.

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Karen's Kitchen

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Shrimp Salad Sandwiches

Not really sure if this would be something to have at a band affair but anytime I can eat it, I do, no matter what the occasion! I absolutely love shrimp in any way shape or form, our Shrimp Pizza a must at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and Shrimp Scampi the first thought when I hear, "Let's go to Red Lobster!"

Now, although the original recipe this came from called for the large peeled shrimp, I like the small salad shrimp in it. The original didn't call for green onions either but I like those for the color and the taste. Also like fresh shrimp but thaw out some frozen and that works really well, too. Add the green onion (I've also tried chives but like just the onion better – could add celery as well), mayo to your taste, salt, pepper and juice from ½ a lemon.

Mix well and put in a hot dog bun, or a soft roll, any type of bread that you love for sandwiches! So quick, easy and yummy! Enjoy!



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County Connections: A Darlington Musician of Note

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories



Elmer Grant Stewart was born here in Franklin Township, four miles southeast of Darlington, on 18 June 1867 the son of John Allen and Fannie Lewis Stewart. So, you might be wondering why I would use him in the county connection since he was born here? Well, because he was gone for several years, his body returned at his death which occurred in Denver, Colorado 30 Nov 1899 to rest here in peace, being buried in the Darlington IOOF Cemetery, reconnected to our county!

Elmer was never married, his love being his music. He had a beautiful tenor voice and so enjoyed playing in

his band and being with the band members. I was thrilled to find a picture of this handsome fellow on FindAGrave the photo added by Cindy Coffin. His thick, handle-bar mustache, voluptuous, classic hair of the times and gorgeous eyes just made me smile. A favorite young person around the Darlington area, Elmer wasn't only an amazing singer and musician but he was an impressive conversationalist, having many interests. An expert cornet and tuba player, Elmer was a member of the Darlington band for many years, it being quite appropriate that Elmer's body was carried down Main Street to the strains of his old band's music. Several of the members were new, yet they either knew him personally or were aware of his reputation as an exceptional musician.

Denver, Colorado was his home at his death where no family was there to aide him in his last sickness. When the telegraph of his death was received, his family let those sending his body home know to spare no expenses, but they were so disappointed in his attire that they bought him a new suit and ordered a fancy casket to bury him in.

His parents owned a farm in Franklin Township and he was the youngest of their many children (Mary; James H; William C; Sarah C; Emma L; Myrle and Alson). His sister, Mary Alveda was a music teacher for many years and was 37 when she married John Coffin. James Harvey was a farmer and married Sarah Elliott they having Herman, Beulah, James, Mark and

Walter. William Calvin was a newspaper agent, married to Nellie Martha Hutchinson. They parented Oral Calvin and Helen Belle but divorced when Helen was but five. Sarah Catherine married Joseph Newton Hammack and they lived in Frankfort. She passed in 1915, Joseph outliving her by 30 years. They were parents of Ernest Parmer and Eva Pearl, who passed at age nine. Emma Lewellen Stewart was born at the beginning of the 1860s and passed at age 90 in Crawfordsville. She married James Edgar "Ed" Mount and they had but one daughter, Myrle Marie Mount. Ed was the son of Elijah Chalmers Mount who was the brother of our own MoCo governor, James A. Mount. Myrle headed the Home Economics Department and was Dietician at the University of Maryland for over three decades. In many food-related organizations, she also owned and operated the Iron Gate Inn in Washington DC. Other than our subject, the last of the Stewart children was Alson. Alson Morton Stewart married Adda Jones in November of 1886, farmed and was grand treasurer of the National Horse Thief Detective Association. They were parents of Harold Atherton Stewart who farmed the family property in MoCo for awhile, but first moved to Colorado (where he was an artist) then on to California where his mother followed, later passing away there and Lloyd Leonard. Lloyd, like his brother moved to California but also taught (PU grad) in Massachusetts at the Agricultural College there. He was in WWI in the Armed Forces overseas. He and his wife, Hazel had one son, Leland.

In the early winter of 1896 (CWJ 17 Jan p6) E.G. was reported to have gone to Plainfield for treatment as he had been reported sick a few times. Later that year he returned from NY sick again. In the summer of 1896, Elmer played his tuba in the big band that was connected with the Deifenback Circus, opening in New York City but touring all summer resorts in the East and North (CWJ 10 April 1896 p6). In 1897-98 (CWJ 1 April 1898 p 5) he worked in Blue River Township in Hancock County as music director and he had great success in his work. "Last week the schools gave a musical which was pronounced to be a complete demonstration of the success of the plan. All hearing the concert are enthusiastic in their praises of the work done!" Later that year (CWJ 12 Aug 1898 p8) he joined the Hi Henry minstrel show playing "the big horn!"

His obituary noted that he had his problems, but overall, was an unbelievably gifted tenor and musician and that his family loved him. His funeral was huge and many gave their last respects to our Montgomery Countian gone out into the world but returned home again in Indiana!

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In Mo Co, it was a very good year in 1905 . . .

Writer, Lawyer, Diplomat, Soldier, Lew Wallace passed away 15 February 1905, lacking almost two months being 78 years old. His life was amazing, full of constant excitement! There were at least 15 other soldiers who passed in 1905, some from his unit, and including one Confederate buried in Ladoga.

Elmdale School this year had L.J. Whelan who taught grades 8-12 and was also the principal whereas grades 4-7 was taught by Lester Olin and lone female teacher Bertha Hormel had grades 1-3.

Waveland received a new Vandalia depot, replacing the old shack of a building that burned and was (ready?) then replaced with an old box car, but truly the new one was worth the wait – ample room for freight and waiting passengers – a real plus!

Davis School (Lyle Baker, teacher) in Walnut Township had about 20 students this year – the time was close for consolidating all these small schools, sadly!

One of C'ville-born's most exciting and who many don't even know was Sidney Gibbon De-Paris. Born this year in C'ville into a musical world, his father a minstrel, all playing in a family band, Sidney did much on his own but often was found with his brother, Wilbur, famed trombonist, in New Orleans, NY and other cities presenting amazing jazz music from his horn!

This year, there were 36 mail carriers including FIVE out of Wingate!

Clifford Vance Peterson stemming from several early MoCo settlers; Wabash grad; newspaperman; editor of the Rotary's Spokes and Cogs; outstanding Alumnus in 1959; married 1905 to Mary Alice Watson and a graduate of Indianapolis College of Law this year, as well. Neat fellow!

In this year, one of KZ's favorite local physicians, Paul Barcus and his wife, Sue Kirkpatrick, applied for passports (his height 5'8"; dark hair; eyes blue; straight mouth and nose; fair complected) and went to England on the ship, Ivernia of the Cunard Steamship Company, arriving there on Sept 6th and enjoyed their vacation immensely!

City Fire Chief was Herb Ramsey with six on his department and 17 rings (example: #17 College Campus near Peck Hall).

Central Union Telephone Company with "reasonable rates" had a good advertisement in the 1905-06 City directory along with Stroh's Hard and Soft Coal opposite the Monon Depot. Phone #98.

Police chief in 1905 was John J. Brothers (hmmm don't think KZ's done an article on him) with four patrolmen and two merchant police.

County Coroner that year was Charles Riley with Erwin Dwiggins, county attorney; prosecutor Robert Caldwell. William Brown was superintendent of the county poor farm.

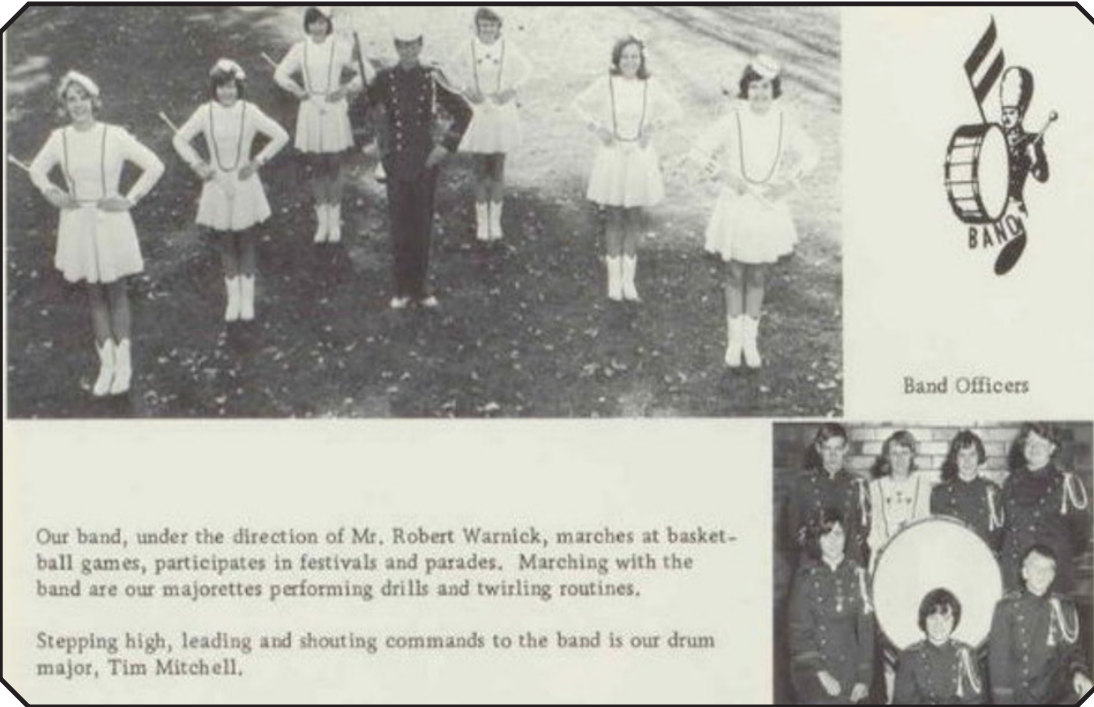
Other than C'ville and Union Twp, Coal Creek had the highest valuation of \$1,605,455. Lowest was Alamo with \$47,865.

DF Britton had one of the local liveries, but a business for not too many more years that would be available anywhere.



Grandcestors

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories



Our band, under the direction of Mr. Robert Warnick, marches at basketball games, participates in festivals and parades. Marching with the band are our majorettes performing drills and twirling routines.

Stepping high, leading and shouting commands to the band is our drum major, Tim Mitchell.

I was extremely lucky to be in the Waveland High School band as a 6th grader. There were only three of us chosen out of about 12 of us who played. I played the clarinet and I was quite surprised to be chosen since there were already so many clarinets in the high school band, but our band director had other plans for me. I was put on the Alto Clarinet. I liked it a lot better than the norm (B flat) and played it until my freshman year, and then was blessed to play the Bass Clarinet. Oh how I loved that instrument and loved going to band contests with Carol Miller and a couple others we couldn't remember.

Loved playing in the Civic Band, with Ernie Brown as the director. There were some amazing players in it and we had several from Waveland who went, too – Jim and Marty Chesterson, Linda Keys, Ron Keedy and others. I was blessed to be able to borrow the school's Bass Clarinet. I could have played my B flat but there were already several of those so the bass was a blessing. My Senior year, our band director, Mr. Warnick special ordered three songs where I got to play solos. I also did some directing that year. It was so much fun!

Along with playing, I was twirler (see 1966 Waveland yearbook photo) and that was a great deal of fun. I remember being so awed with Roxie Bowers and tried to pattern my twirling after her. I remember one parade that was a lot of fun, one for the Little Italy Festival in

Clinton. Waveland's band marched in it and just ahead of us was my two first cousins in the Clinton band. We marched by my grandmother's house on 9th Street and it was so exciting seeing my folks and grandmother sitting on their front porch with a bunch of others watching us. I was never super thrilled about going to the state band contest though, always so gosh-awful hot and our band uniforms were wool, but at least I had the advantage of a twirling outfit most of those years. Then again, that was a major disadvantage in the Christmas parade at C'ville. Oh, brrrr! I remember one year my legs were so red when I finished that my dad had warmed a blanket and put around me and held me but hey, I wasn't at all spoiled. Years later, I was in a parade as a clown. My dad had no idea I was in a clown group and was marching that day. My outfit was like a Leprechaun and when I saw dad on the sidewalk, I walked over to him and in my poor Irish brogue, I said, "Top of the mornin' to ya' Mr. Bazzani!" He about flipped and talked for a couple of weeks how he just couldn't figure out who the Irish clown was that knew him in the parade. I let him muddle over that one for awhile and finally told him it was me – too fun! We did love to tease each other!

Mom and Dad used to love to dance to Lawrence Welk and a couple of other band leaders' songs. I can still see them dancing in our living room and dining room. They were awesome. Never did catch on to dancing well. Loved to sing and play but not so much in the dancing department!

Jim's dad and mine as well as my mom were both in their high school orchestras, both playing the violin, Dad the clarinet. Wow, wish I could go back and hear them! I will say here that one of my ultimate stupid things I did was when Dad asked me if I wanted a new clarinet or his that he played (it was white and now I see it as pretty amazing but yuck not then). As you can tell, idiot choice! Neither of my brothers were in band, although Garry played guitar some. Neither of my kids and not many of the grands were in bands, although a couple play guitar and Reilley and AJ played instruments in their younger years. Jim's great nephew, Andrew Hurt is an impressive trombone player in the Crawfordsville bands and I need to go check that out!

To conclude, I'll just tell you that the whole time I was writing this, I was whistling "76 trombones led the big parade, with 101 cornets right behind!" Always loved that crazy song and my time in the bands of yore!

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