

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with thy might.

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Lucy is a 3 year old female calico domestic shorthair available for adoption at AWL since 5/17/24 (owner/guardian surrender). Lucy is affectionate, friendly, and loves to cuddle. Lucy is ready to find a forever home to enjoy the finer things in life, like wet food and a nice comfy kitty tree (maybe even a kitty sill next to a window)! Lucy is spayed, dewormed, and up to date on her shots. AWL is open Monday-Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 9:30a-3p. Come snuggle cats in a community cat room, walk dogs, or lend a helping hand!!

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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!

Flag Day was Friday and it kind of felt like the day came and went without a lot of fanfare. Well, we think Old Glory deserves so much more! So we're devoting today's By The Numbers to a look at our wonderful United States Flag – long may she wave proudly!

1777

On June 14 in 1777 the Second Continental Congress adopted the flag in a resolution. It said: That the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."



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Stars! We got our 50th star in 1960. Before that, well, see the list below.



13-15-20-21-23 . . .

OK for those keeping score at home, here are the number of stars for the flag and the years

9-11

Not a distress call, but the arrangement of stars. We have nine rows of stars staggered horizontally and 11 rows of stars staggered vertically!



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| 32 – 1858-1859 | |



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you're trying to get pregnant, or are pregnant, be sure to take 400 micrograms of folic acid a day to help prevent birth defects.

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



➔ THREE THINGS

You Should Know

- 1 An illegal immigrant who killed another man in Columbus in exchange for \$3,200 must continue serving a 55-year sentence after Attorney General Todd Rokita's legal team prevailed at the Indiana Court of Appeals. The killer, Eliel Avelar, appealed, asking the appellate court to review his sentence. He argued that his mental health issues called for a lower sentence. The appellate court did not find this persuasive
- 2 Most of us use our noses to breath and smell. But Guinness World Record holder, David Rush, uses his proboscis to blow up balloons. To date, Rush has earned 173 records, most recently for using his nose to inflate 28 balloons in three minutes tying fellow serial record-breaker Ashrita Furman. But Rush is determined to keep at it until he achieves his goal of earning the most Guinness record titles ever.
- 3 You breathe through your nose, you smell with it and your nose helps to filter the air you inhale. But Vinod Kumar Chaudhary has revealed that you can also use it to type with it. In fact, Mr. Chaudhary has earned the Guinness World Record for using his nose to type the alphabet – not once, not twice but for a third time. Last year it took him 27.8 seconds to type the alphabet but later in the year he did it in 26.73 seconds. But recently he broke the record yet again -- in 25.66 seconds using only a keyboard and his nose.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Everything is changing. People are taking their comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke."
Mark Twain

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What goes up when the rain comes down?
An umbrella!

➔ MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The 4th annual No Hero Should be Homeless Motorcycle Ride will take place on Saturday, June 22 at Hunter's Moon Harley-Davidson in Lafayette. A & D Biker Ministries is partnering with LTHC on this special event. Registration begins at 10 a.m. and kickstands are up at noon. Bikers are \$20 each plus \$10 for additional rider. All of the money raised will help LTHC provide critical services to Veterans without housing. If you're unable to attend but want to be a part in ending homelessness for our Veterans, visit www.lthc.net.



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Trucker Killed in Tragic Accident

A 42-year-old trucker was killed in a severe accident at the Lakeside Book Company North Plant last week.

Emergency responders found Adam Raad, from Alsip, Ill. at the back of a flatbed semi-trailer last Wednesday. He was a truck driver for Fast Line Trucking based in Chicago. He was treated at the scene before being rushed to Franciscan Health in Crawfordsville where he was pronounced dead.

Police say the driver was 34-year-old Mahmoud Mousa of Burbank, Ill., also a driver for Fast Line trucking. According to police Mousa said he and Raad came in separate trucks for a scheduled pick-up. Mousa

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The Life of a Breakfast Cereal Nut Case !!



BUTCH DALE Columnist

Yes, I admit it. I am a cereal nut case. It all started back in the 1950s when I was a little whippersnapper. I started playing

summer baseball and I wanted to be a champion...so all I needed to do was eat Wheaties, "the breakfast of champions!" Bob Richards, an Olympic champion pole vaulter, was on the front of the box, so that was proof enough. I ate Wheaties for breakfast. I took Wheaties in a Tupperware container for my school lunch (and purchased milk at school). I ate Wheaties as a snack before bedtime. I poured mounds of sugar on each serving... for extra energy of course.



As I grew older and watched more TV, I discovered that there were all kinds of cereal for kids. The heck with Wheaties, I wanted the ones that had the most sugar content...such as Kellogg's Frosted Flakes--("They'rre Great!")...Sugar Corn Pops- ("Gotta have my pops!") and...Sugar Crisp ("Can't get enough of that Sugar Crisp"). My mother kept trying to buy me cereals that had less sugar, such as Rice Krispies ("Snap, crackle, pop), Raisin Bran ("Two scoops of plump, juicy raisins"), Kix ("Kid tested, mother approved"), Cheerios ("Go with the goodness of Cheerios"), and Puffed Rice ("the cereal shot from guns"). I ate those

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➔ OBITUARY

Aeris Michelle Kent

September 12, 2020 - May 20, 2024

When God picked his newest angel, Aeris Michelle Kent, age 3 of Linden, on Monday, May 20, 2024, he picked one of the best. Aeris was born in Lafayette on September 12, 2020 to Robert Lonny Kent and Jamie Roshelle Brann.



Aeris had a nickname of "Toodles", loved to play outside, go on adventures, count, sing, and help in the garden. She was her momma's mini me. She loved to dress like a princess and dance around. She loved Minnie Mouse and Bluey and loved to go camping with grandma and grandpa. She always asked grandpa to make her pancakes with sprinkles and butter. She love the outdoors and never had shoes or socks on. She tried to do everything her sister did. Everyone loved her and her sassy attitude.

She leaves behind her mother, Jamie (Joseph Joyce) Brann; her father, Robert Kent; a big brother, Jayce Brann; a big sister, Emberly Kent; grandparents, Jim Bob (Shawna) Brann, Heath Evans and Nicole Brann; great-grandparents, Kay Risner, Betty Munro, Rich and Mona Clouse, and Al and Joyce Collingsworth; uncles, Aaron Evans, Travis Evans, and Nickolas (Emma) Brann; aunts, Natalee (Brian) Laube and Heather Evans; and great uncle, Lance (Elizabeth) Clouse.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandpa's, Robert Brann, Chet Risner, and Richard Munro; cousin, Camdyn Rice; great aunt, Jana Malone; and great uncles, Rob Malone and Brad Clouse.

There will be a Gathering of Family and Friends at the First Baptist Church, 1905 Lebanon Road, in Crawfordsville on Saturday, June 22, 2024 from 2:00pm - 5:00pm. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

FOR THE RECORD

MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNING BOARD

The Montgomery County Governing Board meeting scheduled for today has been canceled. The next meeting will be held on the regular July meeting date on July 22.

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Friends of Sugar Creek Get Grant



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Cindy Woodall, Executive Director, and Randy Wheeler, Board Member of Friends of Sugar Creek show an identified "Adopt a Storm Drain."

The American Water Charitable Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization established by American Water, the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the U.S., recently announced that the Crawfordsville-based Friends of Sugar Creek was awarded a Water and Environment Grant, supporting communities served by Indiana American Water.

Friends of Sugar Creek requested the funding to help promote their community-wide water quality program titled, "MOCO Adopt a Storm Drain." The program seeks to engage community members to continuously monitor, and clear storm drains from litter, yard waste, and other debris. Clearing street drains reduces pollution that enter waterways like nearby Sugar Creek and keeps streets from flooding during rains.

In 2020, Friends of Sugar Creek received a \$2,000 Indiana American Water grant to kickstart the program. With this new, \$7,685 AWCF grant in 2024, the nonprofit environmental organization hopes to expand awareness and engagement with area residents and students through more robust promotion of the program and recruiting more volunteers to help keep storm drains clear throughout the year.

"This grant is a very important part of our efforts to increase awareness through advertising, promotional campaigns and other initiatives to get more residents involved," said Cindy Woodall, Executive Director, Friends of Sugar Creek. "Our MOCO Adopt a

Storm Drain is a volunteer program that encourages the community residents to pledge 15 minutes twice a month to ensure a cleaner watershed and a healthier Sugar Creek."

So far, 92 drains have been adopted in Crawfordsville, with a goal to get as many of the estimated 2,500 city storm drains assigned to volunteers. Drains that have been "adopted" are often marked with a painted storm drain logo. In addition to the efforts of Friends of Sugar Creek, many other organizations and citizens support the program, including: the City of Crawfordsville Street & Sanitation and Wastewater Departments, and the Montgomery County Mapping Department. Additionally, area schools that adopting storm drains to provide hands-on education and teach students about stormwater runoff impacts.

Friends of Sugar Creek's mission is to "protect, restore and promote appreciation of Sugar Creek and its watershed." To learn more, please visit: friendsofsugarcreek.org

Carrie Williams, President, American Water Charitable Foundation adds, "The American Water Charitable Foundation is delighted to partner with eligible nonprofit organizations across Indiana. Funding for Water and Environment grants is allocated towards projects focused on clean water, conservation, environmental education, climate variability, and water-based recreation."

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This 1957 CHS Grad?

HINT:
He owned and operated a business of South Washington Street in Crawfordsville for many years.

Answer on Page A3



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Multiplication Tables



I never learned my multiplication tables. Not really.

CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

To this day, if you ask me, "What is six times nine?" out of the blue, with some urgency, I will panic. (Please don't do this.) The troubles started when I was transferred from one math class to another in the third grade. I now understand that this was some sort of promotion from lower math to higher math, but it did not feel like that at the time.

Almost immediately, I realized everyone around me was privy to some secret code I didn't know. It was called the multiplication tables, and I couldn't imagine how they all knew it, but I clearly didn't, and this was a source of enormous shame.

Only many years after the fact, I figured out that I had been transferred right after everyone had been drilled on the multiplication tables. The lower math class had not gotten to it yet. The higher class was finished with it. I was terrified.

I had no idea what was going on and, instead of actually learning the multiplication tables, I spent the next three years trying to hide my ignorance. In fact, as time passed, I became increasingly convinced this was knowledge I would never acquire and the best I could hope for was to escape detection.

I once talked to my mother about this. "I tried to help you with your multiplication tables," she said. "Don't you remember?"

Perhaps I do—vaguely. But I remained convinced that what I might be able to do at the kitchen table could never be replicated in real life—especially if someone shouted, "What is six times nine?"—which is exactly what my fourth-grade teacher did, in front of the class.

I had gone up to her to ask a question. Instead of answering it, she replied with this very loud non sequitur.

Predictably, I had no answer.

"Don't come up here asking me questions until you've learned your multiplication tables!"

You can rest assured I never asked another question in the fourth grade.

Today, I can still remember that awful fear. "How can everyone in the room know something that makes no sense to me?"

In retrospect, it seems so unnecessary. Shouldn't someone have known that I hadn't been taught this? I moved from the class next door, not from Finland. I'm guessing no one ever thought learning multiplication tables could be so daunting and intimidating. Although I've gone on to do reasonably well in math, I still would not like a pop quiz.

This memory bubbled up to me the other day as I made preparations to do some performances of my writing after a long time away from performing. There is a lot I don't know. Some things have changed. Many things I never knew. There are acronyms I do not know and a lot of people talking and writing about stuff I've never heard of. I feel a familiar urge to hide under my desk.

I remember that feeling of being convinced there was this world of secrets I did not know, and I've been reminding myself there is a very good chance that there is no secret. And then reminding myself, if I don't know something, I can always just ask.

I'm trying to do what I should have done in third grade. I'm walking right up to people and saying, "I have no idea what you are talking about. Will you please explain this to me?"

And, so far, no one has looked at me and said, "What is six times nine?"

Till next time,
Carrie

↓ BUTCH

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cereals, but always managed to heap plenty of sugar on top, so she eventually gave up and purchased the pre-sweetened brands.

Through the years, I believe I have eaten just about every brand of cereal. Here is a list of the ones I can recall: Fruity Pebbles ("Rocks your whole mouth"), Honey Nut Cheerios ("Bee happy, bee healthy"), Life ("He likes it! Hey Mikey!"), Lucky Charms ("They're magically delicious"), Alpha-Bits ("They're A-B-C delicious"), Trix ("Silly rabbit, Trix are for kids"), Quisp ("Quisp for Quazy energy"), Fruit Loops ("Follow my nose, it always knows"), Honey Nut Cheerios ("It's a honey of an O"), Apple Jacks ("A is for apple, J is for jacks"), Nut & Honey Crunch ("What are you eating? Nutin' Honey"), and Golden Grahams ("So happy together!").

I did try Cocoa Puffs, but I was not "cuckoo for Cocoa Puffs" like they claimed I would be. At one point in time, I became obsessed with eating Captain Crunch, which "stayed crunchy, even in milk," and consumed loads of it for two or three years. While many adults had their standard breakfast of bacon and eggs each morning, I stuck with cereal. For one thing, it seemed like I was always in a hurry, and cereal was a cinch to prepare. During the time that I served as Sheriff, I ate Banana Nut Crunch cereal every day, sometimes

not eating any other meals. Too much stress and not enough time. To supplement that, I lived on coffee, cigarettes, Diet Pepsi, aspirin, and Pepto-Bismol. Not a great diet. After I retired from the Sheriff's department, I resumed fairly normal eating habits and gave up cigarettes...Thank the Lord!

When I was older, I began looking for cereals with lots of fiber. I tried all sorts, none of which were particularly tasty. I ate shredded wheat for awhile, but it was like eating tiny bales of straw, so I switched to Frosted Mini-Wheats, which contains plenty of sugar. Not wanting to have diabetes, I now walk two miles each morning and then eat one cup of hot Quaker oatmeal, followed by six large strawberries, and a grapefruit. But not to worry, each night before bedtime, I head to the kitchen and fix a bowl of Life cereal...with a spoonful of sugar on top..."Life is full of surprises" He likes it! Hey, Mikey...Butch likes it!

And I forgot to mention, I won the county pole vault event when I was a senior in high school. Thanks to Wheaties and Bob Richards!

-John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 35 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

↓ TRUCKER

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told investigators that while he was maneuvering a large container toward the back of the trailer he was unaware that Raad had climbed onto the back of the trailer. The moving container collided with Raad, resulting in traumatic injuries.

Crawfordsville Police

are conducting an ongoing investigation into this incident and said that no personnel from Lakeside Book Company were involved with the incident. CPD is asking if anyone has information concerning this incident to please contact CPD Det. Bob Rivers at (765) 362-3762 ext. 233.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

Answer:
John Gianakis of the New York Bargain Center & Shoe Repair

In a League of Our Own



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

A small framed photo stashed in my office corner is over 60 years old. It's a picture of my All-Star Little League team from New Rochelle, New York, back in 1959—all of us posed in our individual team uniforms and bound for the state championships in Poughkeepsie, New York. Two more victories there, and we'd be headed to Williamsport, Pennsylvania for the Little League World Championships. I briefly wrote about this some 12 years ago, but doing a replay seems appropriate. Despite my love for baseball, I had not attended a major league game in many years. The other day, with my friend Joe, I went to Cincinnati to see the Reds play the Cardinals at the Great American Ball Park. Sitting there, sipping a beer, smelling the field, hearing the crack of the bat, and watching players round the bases (too many of them were on the Cardinals squad) brought back memories of 1959.

We were a motley crew: Jews, Hispanics, Italians, Blacks, and Ryan, our Irish second baseman. We were all animals: Cubs, Panthers, Colts and Tigers, our team names from regular season play. Money was tight, so the city couldn't dress us in spiffy new uniforms for the All-Star games. Our lack of funds also meant we couldn't afford hotels in Poughkeepsie, so the league arranged for us to stay in the homes of local residents. In the first game, I was thrown out at third base. I looked up to question the umpire's call and it was the guy whose house I was staying in.

Our team was small in stature but big in talent. Our shortstop, Larry Seidman, absorbed every grounder and flicked it sidarm to first base, the ball spending but a nanosecond in his

glove. Larry is now a professor of economics at an Ivy League university.

Pete Wagner threw a curveball that mystified every batter. Dickie Lipson majored in home runs. And then there was Dave Enoch, our other pitcher. He struck out the hitter or struck him...on the arm...on the back...on the head. He was so wild that when the other team had runners on base, we sometimes put one of our outfielders behind the catcher.

In that first game in Poughkeepsie, Pete struck out six. In the final inning, the score was tied. The coach told us all to bunt, so four times in a row we laid down the perfect dribbler. It worked. We won by one run. The other teams called us wimps. The Daily News called us winners...and favorites to win the next day and then head to Williamsport.

In that final game, we lost badly. I made a diving catch in the outfield, so we only lost by 10 runs. One sports reporter said I was the best Little League center fielder in the tri-state area. Three years later, I didn't even make the high school team. Baseball can be very humbling.

Look at the picture on my Facebook page. See the faces of 14 boys who never considered race, religion, or family heritage differences. We were a team. And a pretty good one. As a result of those experiences, my guess is that most of these young men grew up free of prejudice—the kind that may someday destroy our country. That photo makes me feel better about who we can be. And it makes me love baseball that much more.

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

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2024 Hyundai Kona Is Steeped in Style and Performance to Earn Its Precious Price



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

Like many of you, I'm acutely aware that the prices of new cars have ridden the inflation

curve like a SpaceX rocket heading to Mars, but even then, I wasn't completely prepared for the precious nearly \$35,000 sticker on the 2024 Hyundai Kona. I mean, the Kona is one rung from the bottom of the Korean automaker's crossover hierarchy. I thought, "I sure hope it's worth it". Fortunately, it mostly redeemed itself with the style and value for which Hyundai is renowned.

As automakers traverse the twilight between gas and electric, they must find a styling balance that hints at electric no matter the powertrain beneath. While there is an all-electric Kona, this one burns fossils. Designers penned a sleek front dominated by thin driving lights and headlamps set in the lower fascia and bodysides accented by black plastic wheel arch protection. Origami sheetmetal creasing, arched roofline, and a set of taillamps married to the lower rear fascia complete the look. Silver window trim that arches up and over the rear

hatch is especially chic.

The light modern interior appears as if lifted in-whole from one of Hyundai's IONIQ EVs. Twin screens conjure instruments and infotainment in a broad glassy swath across the dashboard with silvery dual-zone automatic climate controls below. Keep looking to find the wireless phone charger and deep console. Tap around and you'll find a lot of hard plastic, but nothing seems cheap given pebbly textures, contrasting colors, and satin chrome accents.

Our Limited trim came with faux leather seats that can be wiped clean, but are also heated and ventilated up front. A heated steering wheel, power moonroof, crisp Bose audio system, and hands-free liftgate are suave too. Don't be concerned about safety because the Kona checks all of the boxes for adaptive cruise, automatic emergency braking, lane keep assist, and lane following. A 360-degree camera, rear occupant detector, and safe exit assist protect the margins.

Base Konas run with a 2.0-liter normally aspirated four-cylinder engine delivering a tepid

147-horsepower and 132 lb.-ft. of torque. It's OK, but our Limited impresses with a 1.6-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine pumping 190-horsepower and 195 lb.-ft. of torque. Unlike many vehicles in this class, it employs a proper 8-speed automatic transmission instead of a CVT. All-wheel-drive handles inclement weather and light trails. All of this combines for peppy and natural drive feel. Fuel economy rates just 24/29-MPG city/highway.

Beyond the spirited turbo, the Kona is a joy to drive whether rumbling over broken city streets or posting big highway miles. It feels "German" in how the front suspension precisely absorbs rough roads. Front-drive models have a simple torsion beam out back, but our AWD version has a proper independent suspension for more agile handling. Most vehicles in this class clunk over rough roads, but the Kona's ride justifies its price point.

So, did the Kona Limited earn its lofty price? Its small with lots of hard interior plastic, but gives the impression of far more expensive crossovers while

flaunting an exterior that cribs upscale EVs. Driving is believing as the turbo and chassis return big smiles. If you don't want to spend \$34,695 for our Kona, there's good news. They start at a very affordable \$24,240, making them competitive with the Subaru Crosstrek, Honda HR-V, Chevy Trax, Buick Envista and Mazda CX-30.

Storm Forward!

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



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 - Fuel economy
 - Precious price

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Montgomery Medicine: Sun and Water Safety – Part 2



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.
Montgomery Medicine

Last week I went over some sun and water safety information. This week I want to review things with wheels. It's great to see kids and adults out on their bicycles now that the weather has warmed up. This comes with the unfortunate inevitability of bike accidents. Some of the most difficult experiences I had during my medical training were taking care of kids who suffered brain injuries from these accidents.

There were 966 accidental deaths from bicycle injuries in the United States in 2021. Despite cycling accounting for only one percent of travel, it accounts for two percent of all automobile-associated deaths. Cyclists being hit by cars accounts for about two-thirds of those deaths. There were 425,000 visits to emergency departments in 2020 for bike accidents that resulted in over \$10 billion in health care costs.

Most kids own bike helmets but often don't wear them. Parents frequently excuse this away by noting that they never wore a helmet when they were kids and did just fine. This is usually because helmets did not exist when they were kids.

Helmets really do work. Wearing one decreases the chance of a serious head injury by over 60 percent, brain injury by 58 percent, and serious face and neck injuries by 33 percent. Wearing a helmet reduces the chance of dying from a bicycle accident to about 17 percent – a marked improvement from pre-helmet days. Deaths from bicycle accidents in persons under age 20 have decreased almost 90 percent since 1975.

Children should be taught that they can't ride their bike if they don't wear their helmet. Adults must also set good examples by purchasing and using helmets. Also teach your kids to ride and the same side and direction as the car traffic.

While any helmet is better than no helmet at all, take kids with you to try them on. It's also worth the slight increase in cost to go to a bike store for a proper fit. Make sure the helmet meets Consumer Product Safety Committee standards. Also remember that bike accidents can occur anywhere, not just on the street.

Kids should also be fitted for a bike. It's better to take children to the store to size them up for a bike than to surprise them with one that is too big. Bikes that are too large or are purchased for the child to "grow into" can be very unsteady and lead to accidents. Don't push your child to ride a 2-wheeler until he or she

is ready (usually 5 to 6 years old).

Scooter injuries account for an increasing number of visits to emergency departments and medical offices. Most involve either head injuries or broken arms that are almost universally the result of going too fast (i.e. down a hill). The tiny wheels on a scooter offer very little control at higher speeds. Motorized scooters are very dangerous. Often the speeds they produce far outpace the rider's common sense (especially in males). If your child rides a scooter, the same bike safety rule applies – wear a helmet. In addition, he or she should wear wrist guards, elbow, and knee pads. The same goes for rollerblades.

All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) carry a high risk for serious injury and death for children. While they are no doubt fun, I am perplexed as to why any parent would allow a very young child to ride one. If you allow your child to ride one, make sure you supervise him or her closely. Purchase a good set of personal protective gear and a well-fitted, full-face helmet. Also have them take a safety course and limit the power of the machine.

Remember, most young kids don't have the common sense, hand-eye coordination, or reflexes to manage the speeds or hazards they may encounter. The same advice goes for dirt bikes.

Lawnmower safety is the last thing I'd like to address. Keep small children indoors when mowing since you may not see them approaching the mower. No matter how fun it seems, NEVER let small children ride on your lap when you're on the lawn tractor. Limb amputations can easily occur when kids fall off of laps and end up under the mower deck.

Parents ask me when it's safe for their kids to mow the lawn. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends age 12 before allowing them to operate a push mower and 16 for a riding mower. When teaching your child to mow, get out the owner's manual and go over all the safety equipment and make sure it's still functioning. The mower should have a bale with a kill switch on the engine and/or blades. Adjust the height of the handle to ensure the child to has good control of the mower.

If you feel uncomfortable mowing part of your yard, a hill for instance, certainly don't allow your child to do it. Also follow general lawn mowing safety rules: wear sturdy shoes, minimize mowing backward, clear the yard of debris, don't stick your hand in a grass chute with the engine is running, and wear hearing and eye protection.

Concerts Announced for State Fair

The Indiana State Fair unveiled the second wave of its 2024 list of scheduled concerts as a part of the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage schedule, August 2-18 (Fair is closed on Mondays). The Hoosier Lottery Free Stage has become a summertime staple for concert goers and music lovers. The lineup each year consists of some of music's most legendary and diverse acts and this year is no exception. All shows at the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage are free with paid fair admission and seating is first-come, first-served. All shows start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise. Discount tickets can be purchased for the 2024 Indiana State Fair today at IndianaStateFair.com

The 2024 lineup, so far, for the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage at the Indiana State Fair include:

- Three Dog Night - Friday, August 2 (opening day)
- Gladys Knight - Sunday, August 4
- Dogstar (guitarist/vocalist Bret Domrose, drummer Robert Mailhouse and bassist Keanu Reeves) - Thursday, August 8
- Bell Biv DeVoe - Friday, August 9
- *Fearless: The Taylor Swift Tribute - Saturday, August 10
- *Newsboys (evening) and Blessing Offor (afternoon) - Sunday, August 11
- *Happy Together Tour featuring The Turtles, Jay & The Americans, The Association, Badfinger ft. Joey Molland, The Vogues and The Cowsills - Wednesday, August 14
- *Sublime with Rome - Thursday, August 15
- Gary Allan - Friday, August 16
- *Gospel Music Festival featuring Yolanda Adams - Sunday, August 18

As title sponsor of the Free Stage, the Hoosier Lottery is inviting fairgoers 18 or older to enter the free myLOTTERY All-Inclusive Indiana State Fair Prize Package promotion. Six Grand Prize winners will receive State Fair tickets, parking, Fair Bucks, the opportunity to take in a concert at the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage, and a Hoosier Lottery Prize Pack. Enter by signing up to become a myLOTTERY member or confirming your existing account at HoosierLottery.com/StateFair by July 8, 2024. Promotional odds are dependent upon the number of entries received.

There will be a limited amount of reserved viewing area tickets available for these concerts made available in July. The 2024 Indiana State Fair is scheduled to open on Friday, August 2 and runs through August 18, when you can enjoy The Greatest 15 Days of Summer at this iconic Hoosier tradition. For more information, please visit www.indianastatefair.com or follow the Indiana State Fair on Facebook, Instagram and X. The Indiana State Fair will be highlighted by its 2024 theme The Art & Nature of Fun

presented by Newfields.

2024 Artist Bios:

Three Dog Night

This legendary pop-rock band dominated the charts between 1969 and 1974, with no other group having more top 10 hits. Three Dog Night has maintained and grown their audience, adapting to new music technology and continuing to tour yearly, giving fans new and old the chance to experience their dynamic performances of their classic hits as well as several new songs. Marking nearly 50 years on the road, Three Dog Night continues to captivate audiences with boundary breaking sounds and nostalgic music from their beginning.

Gladys Knight

As both a solo singer and a group musician, Gladys Knight has solidified herself as an icon of the music industry. Known as the "Empress of Soul" Knight has received numerous awards and accolades for her contributions to the R&B and Soul genres. She has also made appearances in numerous films and television shows. She has recorded more than 38 albums during her career, four of which are solo albums.

Dogstar feat. Robert Mailhouse, Bret Domrose & Keanu Reeves

Dogstar is an American Alternative rock band that was formed in Los Angeles in 1991. Its current members are guitarist/vocalist Bret Domrose, drummer Robert Mailhouse and bassist Keanu Reeves. The band saw its greatest success in the mid-1990s to the early 2000s, gathering significant attention from the media due to the presence of Keanu. The band started back up again in 2020, announcing their reunion in 2022. Their latest album was released on October 6, 2023.

Bell Biv DeVoe

Formed in 1989, Bell Biv DeVoe is an American music group hailing from Boston, Massachusetts. Their music aims to combine elements of soul, R&B and hip hop, with their multi-platinum album Poison having a song reaching number 3 on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1990. Their last album Three Stripes was released on January 27, 2017, and despite only having four albums of original material the group has continuously toured and performed live. The group formed as a spinoff of a R&B group called New Edition, and has participated in several of their reunion tours.

Fearless: The Taylor Swift Tribute

Calling all SWIFTIES! We are FEARLESS!! The ULTIMATE Taylor Tribute! We celebrate all things TAYLOR - from all the chart topping HITS to her ICONIC style! Composed of some of the top musicians in

CHICAGO, Fearless brings the magic of TAYLOR's music to life with passion, energy and STYLE! Get ready to sing, dance and make your WILDEST DREAMS come true! See ya at the show!

Newsboys

Newsboys is a Christian rock band that was formed in Queensland, Australia in 1985. Their debut album He's Coming Back was recorded and released in 1987, and is the first of two albums recorded in Australia, before moving to Nashville, Tennessee. Their fourth album Not Ashamed, released in 1992, was their first commercially successful album. In 2001 their fifth album was recognized by CCM magazine as one of the "100 Greatest Albums in Christian Music." One of their singles "Shine" was included at No. 9 on CCM Magazine's "100 Greatest Songs of Christian Music." Their thirteenth studio album In the Hands of God, released on May 5, 2009 debuted at No. 1 on the CCM charts. Their newest album is 2024's Worldwide Revival.

Blessing Offor

Born in Nigeria and raised in Connecticut, Blessing Offor combines Soul, R&B, pop and music from his African roots. Blessing describes this combination as "the genre of humanity." Having suffered from vision loss at a young age, Offor learned to train his ears for musical talent. His 2023 debut album, written and recorded in Nashville combines all the elements of his upbringing. Through a combination of personal lyrics and a soundscape rooted in Motown spirit and an "afro-inspired undercurrent," Offor works to combine his dynamic background. To honor his African heritage, Offor included three unique recordings of a call with his uncle to translate a Nigerian tune called "Akwa Uwa," which means "Tears for the World."

Happy Together Tour 2024

The Happy Together Tour 2024 consists of six acts: The Turtles, Jay & The Americans, The Association, Badfinger ft. Joey Molland, The Vogues and The Cowsills. These artists had their biggest hits in the 60's and 70's and brought timeless sounds and songs like "Happy Together" by the Turtles, one of the most recognizable songs of that time period. These bands combined have multiple No. 1 hits with this tour starting in 1984. Since then the band has consistently knocked out 50 shows a year, making this tour an iconic homage to an era of music that has influenced many of today's artists. The tour has consisted of several different bands and artists throughout the nearly 40 years it has been running,

with the only constant band being The Turtles.

Sublime with Rome

Formed in California in 2010 by former members of the band Sublime and singer and guitarist Rome Ramirez, Sublime with Rome is a ska alternative rock group. The group's debut album Yours Truly was released on July 12, 2011, and broke the top ten of the Billboard 200. After releasing their third album Blessings, the band went on a major tour. In 2023 they collaborated with Slightly Stoopid on "Cool & Collected," which was their first new release in several years. To celebrate the release, the group went on a massive summer tour to 27 different cities. Their latest album recorded at Sonic Ranch, is a celebration of their fifteen year run, and is a thank you note to their many fans.

Gary Allan

Gary Allan is a Nashville based country music singer. He got his start in 1996 after signing to Decca Records. His debut single "Her Man" was released in 1996, was the lead-off to his gold certified debut album, titled Used Heart for Sale. He has had three certified platinum albums, and three certified gold albums. Two albums reached the top two spots on the U.S. Billboard Top Country Albums. His newest album titled Ruthless tells the story of the Nashville country from the 1990s to the present.

Gospel Music Festival featuring: Yolanda Adams

Yolanda Adams is an American gospel singer, and host of her own syndicated gospel show. Adams got her start singing gospel music in the early 1980s as part of Houston's Southeast Inspirational Choir, which was affiliated with the Church of God in Christ. She was a featured vocalist on the Choir's single "For my Liberty. In 1987, Adams signed a contract with The Sound of Gospel, and released her first album titled Just As I Am. In 1990 she was discovered by producer Ben Tankard, and after signing to his independent label she released another album titled Through the Storm. In 2009 she was named the number 1 gospel artist of the decade by Billboard. In 2016, President Barack Obama gave her the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award for her outstanding volunteer service, and in 2017 she was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame. Adams has five number one albums on Billboard's Top Gospel Album list. In 2022 she was inducted into the Black Music & Entertainment Walk of Fame.