

TODAY'S VERSE

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

Meet Lincoln



Lincoln

Lincoln is an adorable 4 month old male orange tabby domestic shorthair cat available for adoption from The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL) since 7/20/24. Lincoln is vocal, snuggly, and loves to play! Lincoln is ready to find his forever home! AWL is open Monday - Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 9:30a-3p. Come say hi, snuggle cats, walk dogs, or lend a helping hand!!

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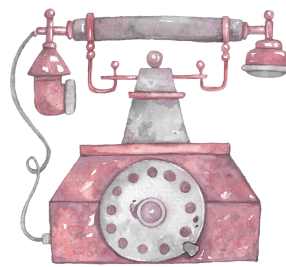
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By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous 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!

11-18-63

On this date 61 years ago, the first push-button telephone went into service. For a few in our reading audience, it represented a giant change. Our older readers remember growing up with crank telephones where you turned a crank on the phone to connect to an operator. Then rotary dial phones came along and calls could be made directly to a specific person or place without assistance. And in 1963, the push-button phone came along through the Bell telephone company (remember Bell?).



29%

In 2022, a survey from the Centers for Disease Control found that 29 percent of U.S. adults lived in a house with a landline phone.

90%

On the other hand, our friends at cnet report that 90 percent of U.S. adults lived in a house with a landline in 2004. Think about that for a second. That was only 20 years ago!



97%

According to the Pew Research Center, 97 percent of Americans own a cellular phone of some kind.

270

How many minutes a day on average Americans spend on their mobile phones.

144

That's how many times a day we check our phones.



59%

That's the percentage of the world's Internet traffic that comes through phones.

11.6

That's how old most kids are when they get their first phone. By age 15, most American kids have one.

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Stretching and strengthening exercises go a long way in helping to prevent falls in the elderly.

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

"These are the stakes. To make a world in which all God's children can live, or to go into the dark, we must either love each other, or we must die."
Lyndon B. Johnson

TODAY'S JOKE

Forgive us, but we're in the spirit of Christmas so we're starting the Yule jokes a little early this year (hey, with all the strife in the world, can't we all use some holiday cheer!)

What do you call Rudolph with lots of snow in his ears?
Anything you want, he can't hear you!

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The Montgomery County United Way annual fund drive is under way. Making a gift to United Way in Montgomery County is an investment in our community. Each year, hundreds of individuals across Montgomery County make gifts to support life-changing work in education, income and health. Your gift, regardless of size, makes a difference. Together, we can provide better opportunities for all our friends and neighbors. If you would like to donate online, just go to <https://uwlafayette.org/montgomery/donate-now/>

The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **NANCY HARTLEY** for subscribing!

THREE THINGS

You Should Know

- 1 Indiana real estate rallied to 6,670 home sales in October, up 5 percent from 2023, while new pending sales (6,669) finished 7 percent ahead of last year according to data released by the Indiana Association of Realtors. Mortgage rates inched higher in October but still remained more than a half-point below their 2024 peak, keeping more buyers in a market that also featured the most homes for sale statewide in nearly five years. 8,684 homes were also listed in October (up 8 percent versus 2023), so Indiana's overall supply of available homes increased for the seventh straight month to 15,410 average daily listings. More homes were for sale on a typical day than last October in 74 of 92 counties.
- 2 BadCredit.org recently conducted a study of five years of teen birth data to identify which counties in America have the highest and lowest rates of teen births. The study found that, overall, the number of teen births across the whole country has dropped by 6 births per 1,000 people over five years. In Indiana, the five counties with the most improved rates were Parke, Fountain, Lawrence, Perry and Fayette.
- 3 Cabinet manufacturer, Fabuwood surveyed 3,000 respondents to delve deeper into the role kitchens play beyond cooking. The findings reveal that Indiana kitchens are not only places of nourishment but also places where significant life choices are made. Remarkably, the survey uncovered that Indiana kitchens witness an astonishing 254 million life decisions annually - that's 4,900,309 decisions each week. Nice to think that families are putting down the electronics long enough to have a conversation!

Waveland's Small Town Christmas Set - Dec. 7



Photo courtesy Waveland Strong

Backroad Revival will bring the musical entertainment to Waveland Strong on Dec. 7.

Waveland Strong will be hosting their Small Town Christmas event on Dec. 7 at the Waveland Community Fire Department from 5-8 p.m.

A chicken & noodle and beef & noodle dinner will be served by the Waveland Community Volunteer Fire Department. Free-will donations are always appreciated.

There will be a silent auction held throughout the evening. Gift certificates, gift baskets, shirts, pet goodies, Purdue football tickets, Indianapolis Indians tickets, Indianapolis Zoo tickets, Holiday World tickets and several other items will be available. Proceeds go to Waveland Strong.

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Aches, Pains and Close Calls . . .



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

Recently I pointed out that I turned 76 years old in October, and that I'd had a few accidents and close calls during my life...which I'm sure is the case of just about everyone who reaches this age. With that in mind, I decided to make a list of all of the ones that I could remember...so here goes... (ages are approximate)

Age 3...Swallowed a spoonful of kerosene while parents were playing cards with another couple; Age 4...Received an electrical shock when I cut a light cord in two with a pair of scissors; Age 5...Shoved a double-edge razor blade through my cheek while pretending to shave; Age 6...Loaded up Dad's 12 gauge shotgun and fired off a round; Age 7...Started up Dad's truck and drove it back to a field, but hit a concrete post on the way and sheared off a running board and rear fender; Age 8...Ran a nail through my foot while playing in the haymow...also at that age, filled up Dad's lighter with fluid, but spilled some and caught my arm and the kitchen curtains on fire;

➡ See BUTCH Page A3

Ladoga Recovery Ribbon Cutting



The Crawfordsville | Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce was pleased to host a ribbon cutting for the Ladoga Recovery Center. The Center is dedicated to helping individuals reclaim their lives from addiction and mental health challenges with a mission to provide compassionate, evidence-based care tailored to each person's unique needs, regardless of their background or circumstances. At Ladoga Recovery Center, they believe that everyone deserves access to quality care, and they are committed to offering hope and healing to all who seek it. They offer a full range of programs to meet clients at every stage of their recovery journey from medical detox, residential treatment, inpatient, and outpatient programs with a wider range of substance abuse treatment. The Ladoga Recovery Center is located at 8506 Academy Way in Ladoga. They can be reached at (866) 609-8454. For additional information regarding the chamber, visit the website at crawfordsvillechamber.com or email Executive Director Stacy Sommer at ssommer@crawfordsvillechamber.com.

Many Ag, Natural Resources Extension Learning Events on Tap

The next few are going to be jam-packed with learning opportunities for farmers, gardeners, flower enthusiasts, and farm families. For more information about any of the events, please contact Tricia Herr at the Montgomery County Purdue Extension office. 765-364-6363 or triciaherr@purdue.edu

PARPS

If you would like to host a PARP for customers or clientele, please contact Tricia Herr with a minimum of 2 weeks notice for PARP credits, 3 weeks for CCH credits.

· 12/9/2024 Fountain County PARP: 8:30-11 am
 § @ Fountain County Fairgrounds: 476 W US HWY 136 Veedersburg, IN 47987

§ Credits Available: 1 PARP Point & CAT 1, 11, 14 and RT

· 12/11/2024 Tippecanoe County PARP 8:30-11 am

§ @ Tippecanoe County Extension Office: 1950 South 18th Street Lafayette, IN 47905

§ Credits Available: 1 PARP Credit & CAT 1, 11, 14 and RT

· BI-STATE CROPS CONFERENCE: 10 am – 2:30 pm (EST)

§ @ BEEF HOUSE: 16501 IN-63, Covington, IN 47932

§ Cost is \$30 at the door cash or check

§ Register today and secure your spot at go.illinois.edu/bistateconference

§ Credits Available: 1 PARP Credit & CAT 1, 11, 14 and RT



Blossoming Prosperity: Empowering Indiana Cut Flower Growers for Sustainable Growth

· Monday evenings: January 20 & 27, and February 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2025, 6:00- 9:00 pm @ Fusion 54 in the 3rd Floor Training Area and virtually (Dinner provided)

Purdue Extension is pleased to offer a 6-week workshop for new or experienced cut flower growers on Monday evenings January 20th – February 24th, 2025.

This workshop series will introduce and implement risk management skills for new and experienced cut flower growers. The course will focus on developing skills in new business development, financial management, strategic marketing, competitive production practices, and liability geared toward sustainable growth, that is applicable or any small farm or agrotourism business.

Participants will hear from keynote speakers who will be streamed live to dozens of workshop sites throughout the state of Indiana. Each site will also host local speakers and hands-on activities. Attendees will have the chance to ask questions of local extension experts while learning business skills and best practices to improve their cut flower businesses.

The workshop costs \$65 per person and participants should plan to attend each session. A virtual option is available for those who are unable to attend a workshop site, although in-person attendance is highly encouraged to better network with other attendees and to interact with speakers.

Hosts sites in these sessions include Boone, Montgomery, Warrick, Hancock, Clark, Lake/Porter, Johnson/Morgan, Steuben, and Allen counties.

Registration is required by January 13. If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact Tricia Herr or Emily Kresca at eluc@pru.edu or 574-372-2340 by January 13.

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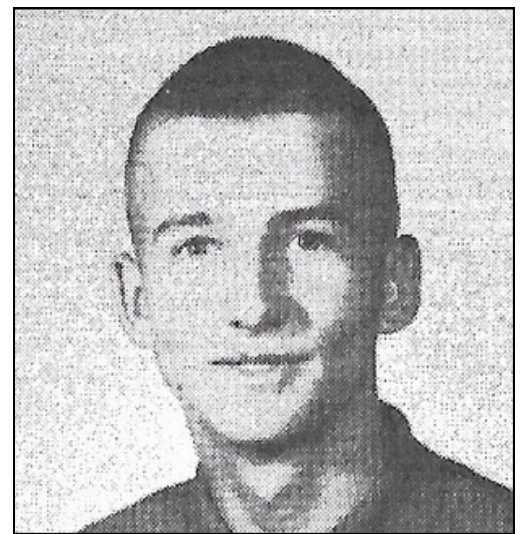
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Cost: \$65
 Register online before January 13th at:
<https://cvent.me/xbkgdZ>

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This 1967 Coal Creek Graduate?



HINT: He was a long-range sharpshooter on the basketball team, and later on became your friendly UPS driver!

Answer on Page A3

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Kids can get their picture taken with Santa – as well as children will be able to write letters to Santa and make a craft. Brown Lucky Leaf 4H club will be serving hot chocolate throughout the evening for everyone to enjoy.

Make sure to stop by the Veterans Memorial booth and take a chance on winning a basket of goodies. They will be selling this year's T-shirts and koozies.

Backroad Revival will

be entertaining everyone throughout the evening with their wonderful music.

The Waveland Community Volunteer Fire Department will be raffling off a family fun package. So make sure to stop by their booth and take a chance on winning this awesome package.

Make sure to come out and enjoy a wonderful dinner, music and catch up with friends!

**Thank you for reading
The Paper**

Other Mothers



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

Over the weekend, Felix met his three other mothers.

Felix is our cat, and we adopted him from Mexico. We are now back in Mexico for the first time since we adopted him and, of course, Felix is with us.

"I think she spends all of her salary on animal food!" Marcela's boss told Peter. Marcela has a big heart. She was delighted to come with her sister and niece to our apartment for cake and to see how Felix was doing.

"Do you think they'll be surprised how big he is?" Peter asked.

"They'll think he's fat!" I said.

I was a little nervous because I knew that having them over for cake would be a challenge. They speak almost no English, and Peter speaks no Spanish, so I am the one who is supposed to be translating for everyone, and I do not speak enough Spanish to be a translator.

But it really didn't matter because no one was there to listen to me. They were there to visit Felix.

"Oh! He's big." That's what they all said—and even Peter understood that.

"He is!" I agreed. "Do you think he's fat?" The two women and the young girl all looked at Felix very seriously while eating their carrot cake.

"No," they all said, after a moment's consideration. They did not think he was too fat.

"But he is a little spoiled, don't you think?" I asked.

All three of them laughed and said, no, he couldn't be spoiled because he was a precious cat, and he deserved the best—and even Felix understood that.

So we finished our carrot cake, and the young girl played with her bubble machine, which looked like a camera but shot out bubbles, which Felix thought was very exciting.

"He has found a good family," Marcela said.

"We are all Felix's family now," I told her. And everyone agreed—especially Felix.

Till next time,
Carrie

My Corrections Officer



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

My proofreader, Heidi, quit about a year ago. Just as well. I was going to dump her anyway. She kept correcting me. Who needs that? Then my wife, Mary Ellen, took over the job. That was an easy transition for her; she has been correcting me for 45 years. I could get a little huffy with Heidi if we differed on a grammatical point. I can't react that way with my wife, who I now call my corrections officer.

Mary Ellen does a good job editing, but I downloaded an app called Grammarly as a backup in case Mary Ellen was out of town, or out of sorts. This is a form of AI. The program suggests different ways to improve my sentences when I write a column. I can accept their suggestion or dismiss it. Being a dismissive person by nature, I only occasionally take their advice. I can also yell at the screen without getting any backtalk, a luxury I didn't enjoy with Heidi or now with Mary Ellen.

Each month, I receive an analysis of my writing from the previous four weeks. My work is evaluated in several ways. For example, here's what they told me for September...

They said I used 9879 different words, even though my weekly column is only 500 words. I have no clue where that number came from. Then they said I didn't use enough unique words. I wasn't going to take that writing down (I mean, lying down), so I emailed the company.

Dear Grammar People:

The juxtaposition of ontological paradigms often precipitates a plethora of dialectical conundrums in the realm of epistemological inquiry. Consequently, elucidating such profound philosophical tenets of writing necessitates an erudite comprehension of

axiomatic principles and heuristic methodologies.

I sure told them. I just don't know what I told them.

They also informed me that in the six months I have used the program, they have identified 574 errors. This is obviously another mistake. Unless they had access to all my old seventh-grade book reports?

Also, I was informed that I did not use the question mark correctly. Do they think I am stupid. I hope not?

They did state that I was more productive than 78% of their users. How could that be? Like I said, I only write 500 words a week. What are these other people doing with this app? Name tags for their kids?

They commented that my writing was spreading joy. I knew I was spreading something, but this was a total surprise.

The program also scans the internet to see if someone plagiarizes my column. So far, no one has been that desperate, but (true story here) about ten years ago, I inadvertently learned that someone was stealing my column for a newspaper in Minnesota. The only thing the reporter changed was substituting his wife's name for Mary Ellen's. When I called the publisher to report this, he fired the guy and told the readers it was no big deal because "The guy wasn't that funny, anyway."

Finally, Grammarly informed me that "Your area of focus for next week is clarity." Okay, how's this? Cancel my subscription.

I hope that's clear enough.

— 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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Age 9...Jumped from the house roof while pretending to be Superman, and broke my foot; Age 10...Drank from a creek while mushroom hunting and contracted typhoid fever...had a very high fever and was unconscious for several hours.

Age 11...Went boating in a metal washtub in neighbor's pond (couldn't swim a lick, but fortunately tub did not tilt over); Age 12...Fell out of a corncrib and broke my left arm in two places; Age 13...Crushed my thumb joint while rolling out a volleyball net pole in PE class...that same year I hit a mudhole on my Cushman scooter, ran over the dog, and landed on the trunk of the car (P.S...dog was not hurt); Age 14...Knocked unconscious when my brother hit me in the head with a large rock; Age 15...Was elbowed in the mouth (on purpose) by a basketball opponent and almost bit off the tip of my tongue; Age 16...Knocked unconscious when I lost my grip while pole vaulting at a track meet.

And after my school days...Age 18...Ran a 3/8ths-inch diameter steel rod through my foot while helping my father-in-law plow; Age 20...Suffered my first migraine headache while attending Purdue and working evenings at National Homes (had many more of those through the years and was transported to the hospital three times); Age 21...Got into a wrestling match with my brother and split my index finger knuckle to the bone; Age 23...Suffered food poisoning from tainted ice cream and was unconscious for several hours; Age 24...Received numerous stings from a swarm of yellow

jackets; Age 26...Knocked unconscious when I was struck in the forehead by a golf ball, and suffered seizures for many years; Age 37...Was bitten on the leg when a psycho sicced his pit bull dog on me; Age 45...Received a concussion and fractured vertebra when I wrecked my patrol car while chasing a burglary suspect; Age 47...Ran a thorn in my eye while mowing; Age 54...Ripped a deep gash over my thumb joint while shooting an antique shotgun; Age 56...Fractured my knee when attempting to jump over a 3-ft. high hog panel and landed on a broken-off steel fence post; Age 69...Fell off a 6-ft. ladder while removing a garage roof, subsequently tearing a cartilage in my elbow.

There were a few other accidents and close calls at various times. Just a few years ago, a semi ran a red light at the intersection of SR 52 and 47, and my wife and I missed T-boning the truck by mere inches. Then there were all of the incidents when I was on the Sheriff's department...a few of which I wasn't sure if I'd make it out alive.

These are why I consider myself lucky to just still be here. But perhaps you had similar experiences. If you are my age and are still hanging in there, why worry about a few aches and pains? Take a deep breath, enjoy a cup of coffee, order a case of Aspercreme, and just be thankful you're still above ground.

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.

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My Finger is Stuck!



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.
Montgomery
Medicine

Trigger finger is a condition many patients experience, involving pain and a “catching” or “popping” feeling when trying to flex or extend a finger. Formally known as stenosing tenovaginitis, this condition is more common in women than men, and often appears in people between the ages of 55 and 60, typically affecting the dominant hand. Although any finger can be affected, it frequently impacts the thumb, followed by the ring, middle, little, and index fingers. Trigger finger can be quite disruptive, as it interferes with everyday hand functions like gripping, typing, and handling objects, reducing the quality of life for those affected.

The cause of trigger finger is not fully understood, but it appears linked to activities that put significant pressure on the palm, especially those involving strong gripping or repetitive finger movements, such as using heavy shears. Although keyboard use is common, there’s no solid evidence that it plays a major role in triggering this condition.

Additionally, several medical conditions increase the risk of developing trigger finger. For example, rheumatoid arthritis, which causes joint inflammation, and diabetes, which may alter tissue structure and increase inflammation risk, are both associated with a higher likelihood of trigger finger. Other conditions, including psoriatic arthritis, amyloidosis, hypothyroidism, and sarcoidosis, also raise the risk, likely due to their impact on tissue health and inflammation.

The symptoms of trigger finger are distinctive and relatively easy to recognize. Patients

often feel a catching or popping sensation when they try to flex or extend a finger. In more severe cases, the finger may lock in a bent or extended position, making movement difficult without extra effort or assistance. Pain is often felt near the base of the affected finger in the palm, and it can worsen with continued use. For some, symptoms may be mild, while others find their finger almost permanently “locked” in a flexed position, making even routine tasks challenging.

To understand how trigger finger develops, a look at hand anatomy is helpful. Finger movement is controlled by muscles on the palm side of the forearm, which contract and pull on finger bones through tendons connected to them. These tendons must slide through connective tissue tubes called tendon sheaths and pass under small connective tissue bands called retinacular pulleys to function smoothly. It’s similar to a rope running through a pulley system.

In trigger finger, a swollen area or nodule develops on one of the flexor tendons in the palm, specifically the flexor digitorum superficialis (FDS). This swelling prevents smooth tendon movement through the retinacular pulley. Using the rope and pulley analogy, this is like having a knot that blocks movement. If the swelling is minor, the tendon might still move with some effort, but a larger nodule can completely halt movement. As the nodule grows, sliding through the retinacular pulley becomes increasingly difficult, and the tendon may eventually become stuck.

If the swollen part of the tendon is trapped on the palm side of the pulley, the finger can’t straighten and stays in a bent position. If it’s stuck on the finger side, the finger remains

extended and can’t flex. This restricted motion can be painful and frustrating, as it prevents normal hand use and may cause stiffness over time.

Treatment for trigger finger focuses on reducing tendon swelling. The first step often involves injecting a steroid solution directly into the tendon sheath surrounding the FDS. Steroids are potent anti-inflammatory agents that can reduce swelling, allowing smoother tendon movement. This minor procedure is usually done in a doctor’s office, and it has a success rate of around 85 percent, particularly for women, those with recent symptom onset (under four months), and those with a single swollen area on the tendon. However, the treatment is less effective for people with conditions like rheumatoid arthritis and diabetes, where inflammation may be more persistent.

If the first injection doesn’t fully resolve symptoms, a second may be given. For those who do not respond to two injections, surgery is generally recommended. This outpatient procedure is relatively straightforward and involves making a small incision to cut the retinacular pulley, freeing the tendon to move without restriction. Most patients experience substantial relief after surgery and can quickly return to their usual activities. As with any medical procedure, there are some risks, so patients should discuss potential benefits and complications with their physician. While trigger finger can be painful and disruptive, proper treatment usually restores normal finger movement, allowing patients to resume everyday activities with minimal discomfort.

– Dr. John Roberts is a retired member of the Franciscan Physician Network specializing in Family Medicine.

FBI Wants Your Help in Endangered Child Investigation

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is seeking the public’s assistance with obtaining identifying information regarding an unknown male who may have critical information pertaining to the identity of a child victim in an ongoing sexual exploitation investigation.

Photographs and an informational poster depicting the unknown individual, known only as John Doe 49, are being disseminated to the public and can be found online at the FBI website at <http://www.fbi.gov/wanted/ecap>.

Initial video of the unidentified male, John Doe 49, was first recorded by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and is believed to have been produced

on or before July of 2024. There is no EXIF (Exchangeable Image File Format) data embedded within the video file.

John Doe 49 is described as a White male between 45 and 65 years old, bald, with a dark goatee. He has at least five visual tattoos:

- the word Dabby on the right side of his chest
- 197 followed by possible additional unknown text on his left bicep
- additional tattoos on his left and right forearms and right bicep.

Anyone with information should submit a tip online at <https://tips.fbi.gov/>, or call the FBI’s toll-free tip line at 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324).

The public is reminded no charges have been filed in this case and the pictured individual is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

This individual is being sought as part of the FBI’s Operation Rescue Me and Endangered Child Alert Program (ECAP) initiatives. Operation Rescue Me focuses on utilizing clues obtained through in-depth image analysis to identify the child victims depicted in child exploitation material, while ECAP seeks national and international media exposure of unknown adults (referred to as John/Jane Does) who visibly display their faces and/or other distinguishing characteristics in association with child pornography images.

Back in the Day with Butch Dale



The game of basketball in Indiana got its start right here in Crawfordsville. The smaller schools in the county soon followed and started up their own teams. Shown above is Darlington's first team in 1907 ... and take a look at those uniforms!

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Leaving a Lasting Legacy for Midwestern Farm Women: A Succession Planning Series

• Tuesdays evenings: January 21 – February 11, 2025, @ Fusion 54 in the 2nd Floor PNC Conference Room (Dinner Provided)
This four session workshop series will guide farmers and family members learn more about succession opportunities available to them and actionable steps to take to begin or continue the process to successfully pass the farm and business assets to the next generation or new operator. Dinner will be provided, cost is TBD. Topics below:

January 21, 2025: Motivation for Succession Planning , January 28, 2025: Communicating About Estate and Transition Planning, February 4, 2025: Financial Aspects of Estate and Transition Plans, and February 11, 2025:Legal- Putting Your Plan into Place. Cost is \$60, dinner provided



Virtual Master Gardener Basic Training in Spring 2025:

Classes will be held on held Tuesdays, February 4 – May 6, 2025, 5:30 – 8:30 pm (ET) We will meet with a local group on Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 then join the statewide lesson. It is the same 40 hour educational course, just offered completely online! If you are interested, please call the Extension office. –
• Registration will open on December 3rd

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2024 Toyota Tacoma Trailhunter Takes Us Back to The Future



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

As with a lot of car-loving kids from my generation, I was enamored with 1985's *Back to the Future* movie. But it wasn't about the DeLorean, which is super cool. No, I wanted Marty McFly's black jacked-up Toyota pickup. It's become so iconic in its own right that Toyota created a new concept version a couple of years ago. Perhaps that's why, here in the actual future, I'm enjoying the 2024 Toyota Tacoma Trailhunter.

It looks like a big bad beast jacked up on its off-road suspension, all-terrain tires, and bed side bars. The front is menacing with its snarling grille, angry LED headlamps, and black trim. Trailhunters get a bronze TOYOTA in the grille with matching 18" wheels. There's even a snorkel attached to the

passenger side pillar for fording deep streams! Around back, notice red tow hooks, trailer hitch receiver, and trailer wiring plugs. A power up/down tailgate seems like overkill, but the built in air compressor and power outlet come in handy for off-the-grid adventures.

Grab the steering wheel and heave yourself inside, because well, the step bars are mere decorations and it's a long way up. Land in the big plush SofTex "faux leather" seats with gold stitching – heated and ventilated up front. Once plopped, check the 14" touchscreen, head-up display, wireless phone charging, and modish gold-lined TOYOTA lettering on the dash. The shifter feels carved from solid Lucite. Connect devices wirelessly with Apple CarPlay or Android Auto and thump the JBL audio system until your head pounds. Four passengers fit better

than five, but there's space for your crew in the cab.

This pickup's "i-Force Max" powertrain makes a flux capacitor seem simple. It starts with a 2.4-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine and eight-speed automatic transmission, but that's the easy part. It's actually a hybrid with the electric motor placed between the engine and transmission. That allows the Tacoma to retain incredible off-road capability and the fortitude to tow up to 6,500 lbs. Total system output is a potent 326 horsepower and 465 lb.-ft. of torque. Fuel economy won't challenge a Prius, but is a respectable 22/24-MPG city/highway.

The Trailhunter package isn't about fuel economy; it's an all-terrain fiend. Sure, the fat tires and off-road suspension with remote reservoir soak up pavement like a chamois

going after water, but those are really to tackle trails and fields. It laughs at snow. The truck has a locking rear differential for traction, disconnecting sway bar for wheel articulation, hill start assist to grip hills, and crawl control that functions like an off-road cruise control. A big knob in the console controls the terrain management system, which configures the powertrain for virtually any condition from pavement to mud.

It's an all-capable hiking buddy, but you may want to take a trip back to 1985 when you read the Tacoma Trailhunter's price. Base Tacomas start at a reasonable \$31,500, but came to \$64,944 all-in with the hybrid powertrain, sumptuous interior, and all the off-road kit. Back in 2024, you might also consider the Chevy Colorado ZR2, GMC Canyon AT4, Nissan Frontier PRO-X,

and Ford Ranger Raptor. *Storm Forward!*

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<p>Likes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buff styling • All-road capabilities • Comfy front seats <p>Dislikes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tight rear legroom • Useless step bar • Lofty price 	<p>2024 Toyota Tacoma Trailhunter Five-passenger, 4WD Pickup Powertrain: 2.4-liter T4, Hybrid Output: 326hp/465 lb.-ft. Suspension f/r: Ind/Solid axle Wheels f/r: 18"/18" alloy Brakes f/r: regen disc/disc Towing capacity: 6,500 lbs. Fuel economy city/hwy: 22/24-MPG Assembly: Guanajuato, Mexico Base/as-tested price: \$31,500/\$64,944</p>
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November Feature

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories



No knowledge of the occasion of why the Gray men would have taken their picture together but thanks to Mary Jo Barton for sending it in. Their moustaches and long thin noses and short, smooth necks (okay and ears, too) sure put them as relation. They are left to right facing picture: James B; Frank; Thomas W; Perry "Grant" and Martin Peterson Gray. Thought I would feature the Gray fellows this month. They are sons of Thomas Gray and Phoebe (Peterson) who are buried in the Peterson Cemetery in Sugar Creek Township and are only five of their ten children, the others being, John (died age four) and two infant sons. Plus, they had an infant daughter die and their only daughter to grow to adulthood, Rebecca Jane "Jenny" who herself passed at age 32 and married John Lawton. Interestingly, when Jenny died he married her niece, Lillie Gray.

James B. Gray never married but he lived an interesting life, leaving our area with an 8th grade education and heading to Colorado, later moving on and living for many years in Salt Lake City, residing in the Morey Hotel for 23 years in the same room. Sadly, his death record from Utah had so little – Born: unknown. Occupation: unknown. Parents, etc. Unknown. Oddly, his full birth date was known Oct 5, 1862 passing at 79 years 5 months 28 days of heart failure that he had suffered from for a week. While in Utah, he worked in a lumber yard and in the smelting business. His last two summers, he had spent in Darlington. At his death, he was returned home and is buried in the Darlington IOOF Cemetery.

Frank was the nickname for Robert Francis Gray who was born 4 June 1857 here and passed in Indianapolis 16 Sept 1918, the youngest of the above boys, passing at age 61 of a stroke. He married Anna Dunbar 3 Sept 1884 in Clinton County and parented at least two daughters, one with such an interesting name, Blanche Rowena and her sister, Hazel. Frank certainly is a handsome one. In census records, he was listed as a laborer, a Real Estate dealer and a saloon keeper.

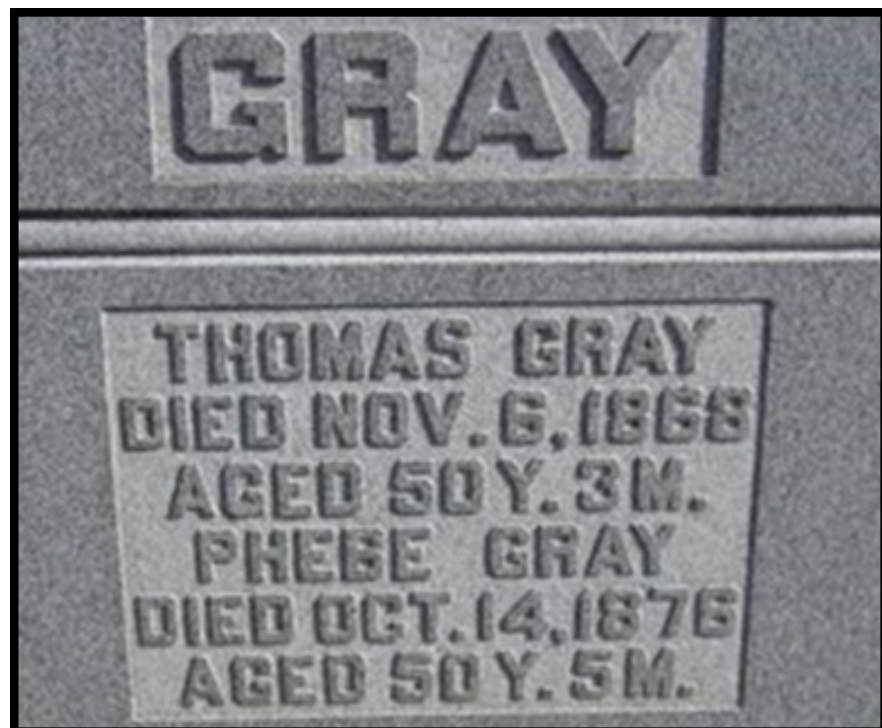
Thomas W. Gray was born in 1860 and passed away in 1935, buried Darlington IOOF. A farmer, he died after having been hit by an auto at age 75. He and wife, Vena have a beautiful stone there. They lost their only child at just 11 years old and there is a lovely picture of the three of them on FindAGrave. They also raised a foster daughter, Lois Cook.

Perry Grant was of course born here 6 December 1867 and died in Darlington 2 July 1938, buried Greenlawn. He farmed. He married Dora Branagin (Christmas Day in Arkansas) and had at least one daughter, Gertrude (married Damon Thompson) and believe another daughter who passed in May 1892 as an infant.

Martin Peterson Gray was a long-time local farmer and passed away at age 73 at his home in Darlington. He was born July 23, 1865 and was a member of the K of P lodge and fathered four children (Mary, Jessie, Frank and James) - married first Cynthia Hole who died 1894 and #2 Lottie Coyner. Buried Greenlawn in Darlington as are many of his relatives.

William "Harvey" was a grocer. His first marriage was to Elizabeth Fredona Wilson (passed 1889). Their daughter, Grace married Charles Dain – they lived in Kokomo. His second wife was Sarah (Sadie) Gray (relation – not sure) and they had children: Earl, Leora, and Chester. Harvey passed by a stroke on January 2nd in 1913, lacking two weeks of his 60th birthday thus the above picture was likely about 1910-1912. Sadie passed two years later.

Thomas and Phebe (Peterson) Gray passed fairly young, he at age 50 and she eight years later at that age. They are buried in Peterson Cemetery. Although these boys all grew to adulthood, they lost John E. Gray at age three years and two months plus the two infant sons (1847; 1855) and the infant daughter in 1851. The older boys took care of their younger siblings which to me, seems to speak well of how they were raised. Yes, such sorrows but so much to make Tom and Phebe quite proud! (thanks to WCIGS for the great photo (from FindAGrave)



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

Our first "Family Photo" we want to share as we continue our theme this month in the Odds-Ends section is of the four daughters of Nathaniel and Mahala (Turner) Akers who only lived in Montgomery County a few years near Ladoga. They are: front Amanda Akers Todd and Sarah Akers Forgey. Back: Lydia Akers Rabeck and Minnie Akers Hays. Such pretty ladies, Amanda, a real beauty. Lydia, Amanda and Minnie were born in Ladoga while Sarah was born in Franklin County, Virginia from where their parents hailed. This was quite a long-living

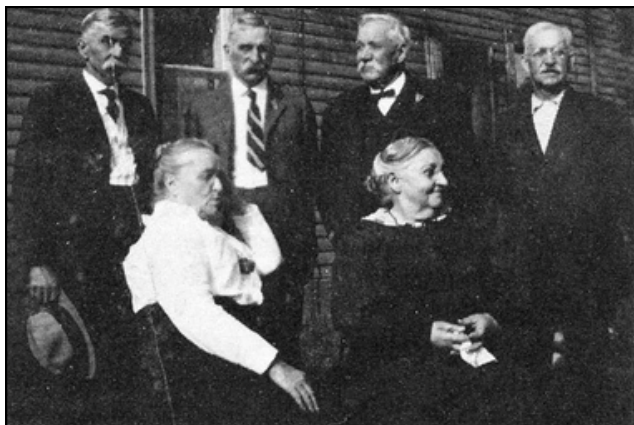


family as you will see below. The parents got the wandering itch again when Lydia was about six and headed in a wagon pulled by oxen to Kansas. Sadly, they left behind four babies in the Ladoga Cemetery, three infant sons and another daughter, all born in the 1860s. Sarah married twice, Joseph Wells and John Forgey and had three children. She passed at age 89. Amanda Elizabeth married Stacy Todd and was mother of seven. She passed at age 79. Lydia married George Rabeck, mothered three children and passed at age 92. Minnie Bell Akers married Frank Hays was the youngest and the youngest at death and is buried San Gabriel, California, age 71. Think just one son. Nathaniel is buried with Mahala in Wellsville, Kansas. She was 73 and he almost 83. I believe this photo was taken at the Akers' 50th anniversary which was held February 2nd in 1901. (Thanks to Melody from the Indiana Genealogy FB page for the awesome pic).

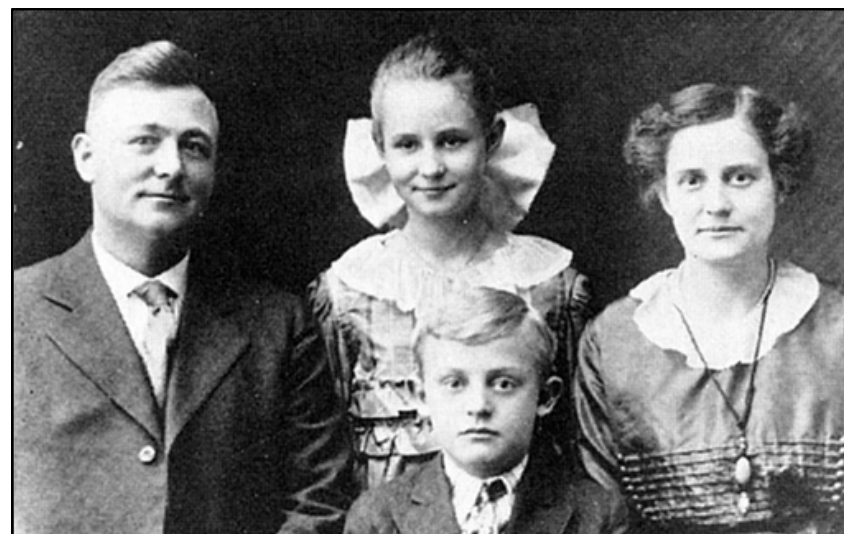
The next photo we're sharing in the Family Photos are some of the children of James and Phoebe (Allen) Bratton. All total, they had eleven children but many of them went west. These mainly stayed here. Front: Rachel Caldwell; Martha Elvina Crane; Back: Charles Bruce; John Newton; Benjamin A and Robert Logan Bratton. Again, most of these (their daughter, Margaret at 41, though) and their other children lived to their 80s (Benjamin Allen and William Harrison in their 70s) most 80s and Rachel 92 and Frances America Henry passing at age 93.

Their other children were: Mary Chambers; George; William Harrison. James was born 13 Sept 1813 Augusta County, Virginia died 14 Aug 1881 buried Union Hill Cemetery, Mace.

Phebe was from Shelby County KY (born 22 March 1814 died 3 July 1885). Fun following the census on this family – as his family grew, so did his farm!

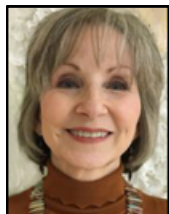


John Peter Faust and his wife, Ella Armentrout had three children, Ethel, Mattie and Ora pictured here with them. They look alike, don't they? John and son Ora were both farmers, John Peter passing at age 62 in an accident where he suffered multiple fracturing and coming down with pneumonia afterwards, he passed in a few days. Ella passed away in 1926 and I loved their stones having Father and Mother on them (Oak Hill). Ora on the other hand passed after retiring from farming at age 92 and going to the great beyond two years later. He fathered two sons and a daughter. Mattie married Fred Rhoads and had at least one son, while Ethel married in her mid-20s to Frank Massing and died having her daughter, whom they also named Ethel on June 8, 1912, both passing. Rest in Peace all!



Last pic for this section we are featuring is the James William Fouts family son of Joseph and Joan (Morrow) Fouts. He lived in New Richmond pretty much his whole life. His wife was Carrie (Davisson) and children Joseph "Leon" and Letha Irene who married first Edward Clark and after his death, John Inskip. No children and interesting she has two stones in the New Richmond Cemetery, one by each married name. Leon went out to Washington (lived in Walla Walla) and for some time was a guard at the State Penitentiary but think when he and wife Carol had their only son Gordon he began working for the phone company as an installer. Sadly James was but 46 (and I'd say it was likely lucky they took this photo as he looks close to that age although the kids' ages probably put him more at the 38-40 range) having been perfectly healthy but when loading some wood had a stroke and passed. Carrie lived 50 more years and do not think remarried. Such a nice family!

Well, hope you enjoyed some of the local folks' photos and brief histories! I sure love to see family photos!



Nifty at Ninety - And Beyond

Joy Willett - Montgomery Memories

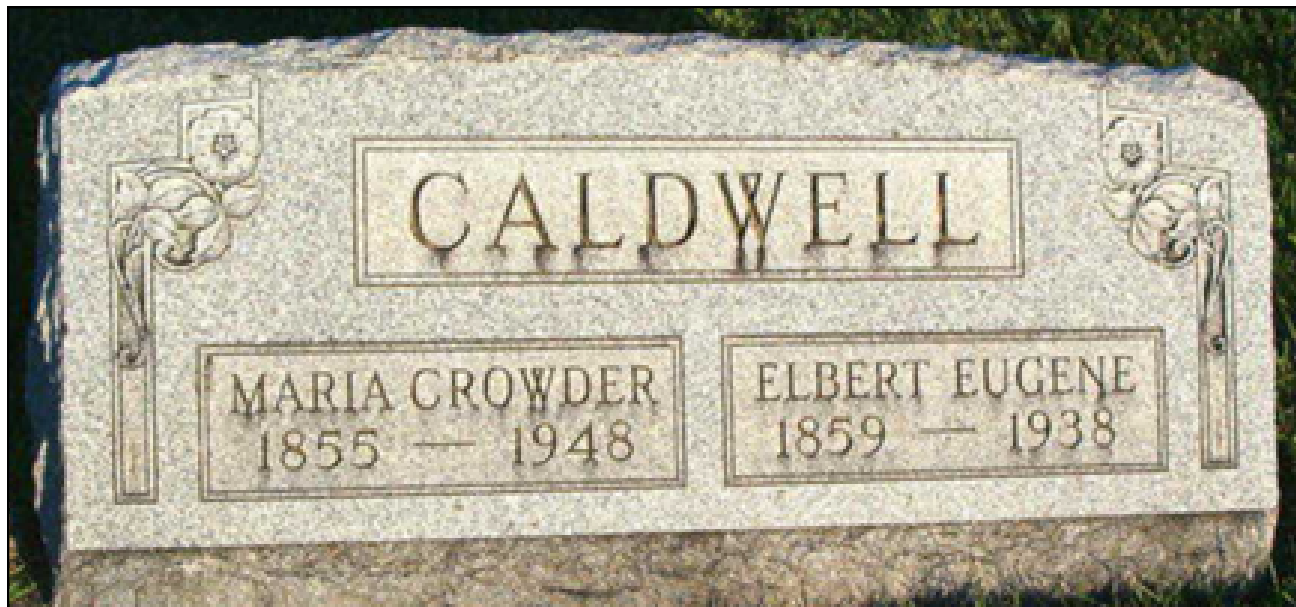
Maria Crowder was born in Decatur, Illinois on November 17, 1855. Maria's father, Hamilton Crowder, was from Kentucky while her mother Mariah Owens was from Ladoga, Indiana. Hamilton and Mariah married in Kentucky on October 2, 1854. They were in Decatur by the time Maria was born. Only three weeks after Maria's birth, Mariah died. She was interred in Decatur's Greenwood Cemetery.

In the 1860 United Federal Census, we find Maria living with her maternal grandmother, Phoebe Owens, in Parke County, Indiana. This is understandable as Hamilton had not yet remarried after Mariah's death. In 1861, Hamilton joined the Kentucky Third Infantry. On his enlistment record, his rank was recorded as "Musician." In 1862, Hamilton married Phoebe Caldwell, a woman 37 years his junior. (North America, Family Histories, 1500-2000 for Phoebe Elisabeth Caldwell). Hamilton and Phoebe made their home in Boyle County, Kentucky. After their marriage, Maria again lived with her father, and his new family. By 1870, they were in Hendricks County, Indiana. Hamilton died a year later, on May 2, 1871. He was buried in Boyle County, and Phoebe returned there with her sons John and Joseph, her daughter Mary, and Mariah - her step-daughter.

The Crowder family lived in Kentucky for the coming decade. Maria came to Indiana for college, graduating from Central Normal College in Danville (The Indianapolis Star, Thu, Nov 18, 1948). On August 3, 1882, at the age of 26, Maria married Elbert Eugene Caldwell, a second cousin of Maria's step-mother Phoebe. Elbert, four years younger than Maria, was born in Hendricks County but lived in Boyle County, Kentucky during his childhood. Elbert and Maria started their marriage in Cameron, Missouri, where they had two children, Clara in 1882 and Harriet in 1884. By 1890, they had moved to Ladoga, where Harold (b. 1890) and Mary (b. 1896) were born.

Elbert and Maria did well in Ladoga. By 1900 they owned their farm outright. Over the coming years, their children married. Clara married Fred Hillis in 1904 and had four children. They made their home in Putnam County. Harriet married Frank Radford in 1911. The couple lived in the Ladoga area but didn't have children. Harold married Hallie Henry in 1904. They too lived near Ladoga and had seven children.

The youngest of Elbert and Maria's children, Mary married Grant Payne in 1919. The marriage was short - Mary was again living with her parents in 1920



Courtesy of Jane via findagrave.com

and Grant remarried in May of 1920! His second marriage also ended in divorce. Grant worked as a restaurant cook. He died in 1935 at the age of 39. The cause of death was heat prostration (Indiana, U.S. Death Certificates, 1899-2007). This was the time of the dust bowl, which brought significant heat to the Hoosier state (David Hosansky, 1930s Dust Bowl affected extreme heat around Northern Hemisphere, National Center for Atmospheric Research, Nov 29, 2022). Grant's obituary (Journal and Courier, Tues, July 14, 1936) reported that he was the third local victim of extreme heat. Mary never remarried.

Elbert passed on April 9, 1938 at the age of 79. He was buried in the Ladoga Cemetery. After Elbert's death, Maria and Mary lived together in Ladoga, in the home Maria owned. In 1940, the women had a border - Alfarata Hodshire. Alfarata, 79 years old, had never married. She lived to the age of 96.

Maria had a fall in her home and died on November 16, 1948, one day shy of her 94th birthday. According to her death certificate she suffered from "arteriosclerosis and senility." She was buried next to Elbert.

In thinking about Maria's long life, including her 60 years in Ladoga, she was alive during the Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II. She experienced the invention of electric lights, the telephone, motion pictures, and various household appliances including the vacuum cleaner, electric stove, and electric iron. In spite of these momentous changes, we can imagine she lived simply, working hard to care for her family. May Maria, a quiet hero, rest in peace.



Town Talkins

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories



Let's talk Bowers. Most of you know somewhat where it is and some things about it so this may not be new info but hope you enjoy refreshing or learning!

The Bowers EUB church began at least as far back as 1896, employing Rev. James Carmack who rode a circuit before taking over as the first minister here. Bundys, Kirks,

McDaniels, Lewis and Hutchinsons were some of the members early on. They built a frame church that year. The church existed through 1969 and here's a photo by Lynn Reams.

Just below Bowers starting in the 1880s and for quite some time John Kirk had a wonderful tile plant just southwest of the town. He ventured our way after a fire destroyed his grist mill near Thorntown. Having eleven children, many boys, aided John in his mill work. In 1903, when John passed away, two of the sons, Alden and Frank took over the plant. Besides the tile plant, the Kirk's, amazing workers had threshing rings, loaded tile for farmers needing to ditch away sloughs that were so prominent in that area along with doing much other work. (information from Lynn Ream – thanks so very much). There was also a thriving elevator there for quite some time.

Prominent in the community was William H. Bundy who was born in nearby Thorntown 17 January (my hub's birthday) in 1869 (80 years before Jim), son of Abraham Darry and Rose (Tetrow) Bundy who were early settlers in that area – the Boone – Montgomery County line. At age 21, William left Thorntown and headed to Bowers to seek his dream which was to have a store and be an active part of a small community. His store was well loved by all, majoring in groceries but also hardware, paints, oils, dry goods, and shoes. In fact, in 1907, he was even appointed the Postmaster of Bowers (again thanks to Lynn R for the super photo) which was by the way in the store!



The town of Bowers was at first called Bowers Station because of the railroad heading through town. Many people came through, stopped and shopped or came to something at the church, school or store. It truly was a hopping town in its day!

And, as you can see in MoCo, the school prompted the thriving of the town as was the case of Bowers (we're finding that out in our little town of Waveland, saw it happen in Alamo and Browns Valley and many of the other towns

here). Anyway, the school at Bowers was a very nice one built in 1914 and continued through 1955 with the last graduating class. Then the Bowers students went to Linden and later to Darlington at consolidation. (Bill Boone's Bowers Blackshirts Sports page). One disadvantage was that there was no real gym just a little floor in the basement where the students had PE so most of the games and practices took place six miles away at the Darlington Armory in their later years. They did have an excellent baseball field behind the school and good teams. (BB)



Even smaller towns existed in Sugar Creek, including a spot in the road on the 1864 map called Beavers Station. Big Sough Ford was where for \$1,070 on May 7, 1901 the bid was accepted from MU Johnson to build two, 40' iron bridges. Buchanan was simply a cross road stop in about 1910 and not sure for how long the Ben Hur Line existed in Sugar Creek Township.

Many of you will know this one – Campbell's Chapel not only a Methodist Episcopal Church but where the Campbell family lived and a few others. It is in the extreme southwest limit of SCT. Concord was five miles northeast of Crawfordsville and six east of Linden and was on a geological report from 1875 by John Collett and near Garfield.

Don't know much other than Cottage Grove was a school in SCT and was likely a small town as well. Same as Cox Stop (in the early 1900s) a Ben Hur stop near where the Cox family lived in SCT.

Sulphur Spring was near Cottage Grove School house in Sugar Creek Township and names mentioned in the 1890s from there were Snyder, Ford, Booker, Peterson and Still.

Turnipseed Corner was near the corner of 700E and 1000N, and I'm sure there are others but these are the main ones in the 540 towns/places we've found

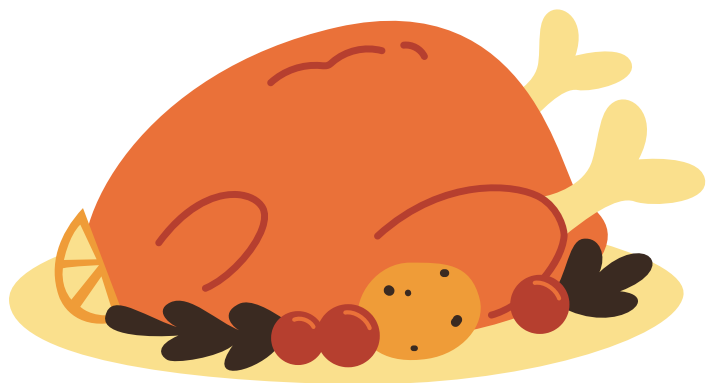
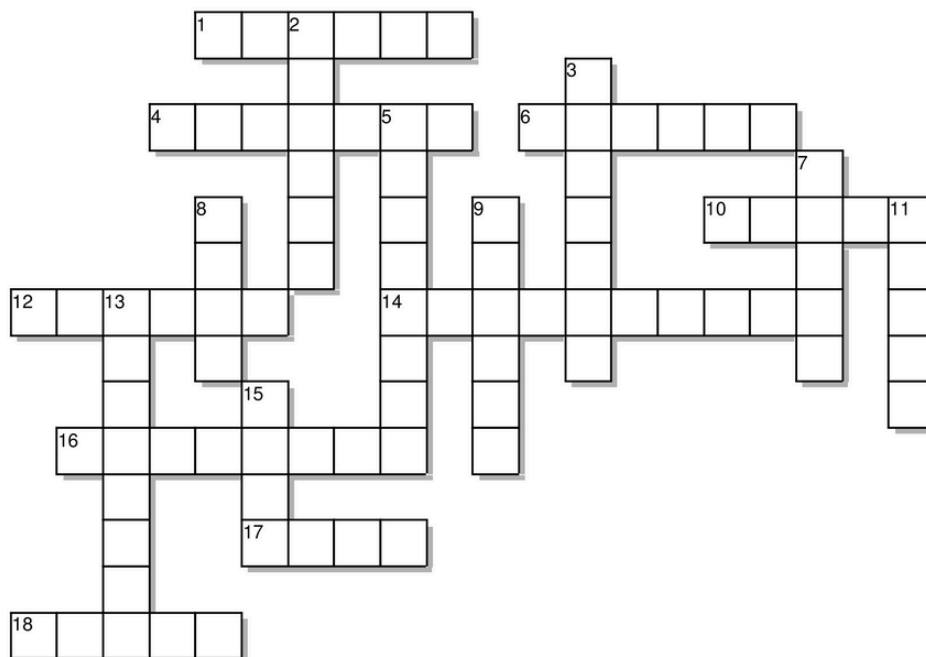


(listed on the GenWeb page). Thanks to all for their help – so greatly appreciated!

And if you're a Sugar Creeker or had relatives there you might enjoy this FB page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/479797622550332>

Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 --- Wiatt Family Singers
- 4 1914 State HS basketball champs
- 6 C'ville mayor 1913-1918
- 10 --- Friday, or shopping day
- 12 --- Station, small Mo Co town
- 14 --- Corner (former Mo Co town)
- 16 Honored on November 11
- 17 Another name for sweet potatoes
- 18 --- Bean Casserole (yum)

DOWN

- 2 Strung outside after Thanksgiving
- 3 Thanksgiving pie
- 5 Main ingredient KBZ's recipe
- 7 Sent at Christmas
- 8 Mo Co sheriff in 1914
- 9 Stuffed on November 28
- 11 MMs very talented writer
- 13 Bring this to Thanksgiving dinner
- 15 Big eared brothers (KBZ feature)

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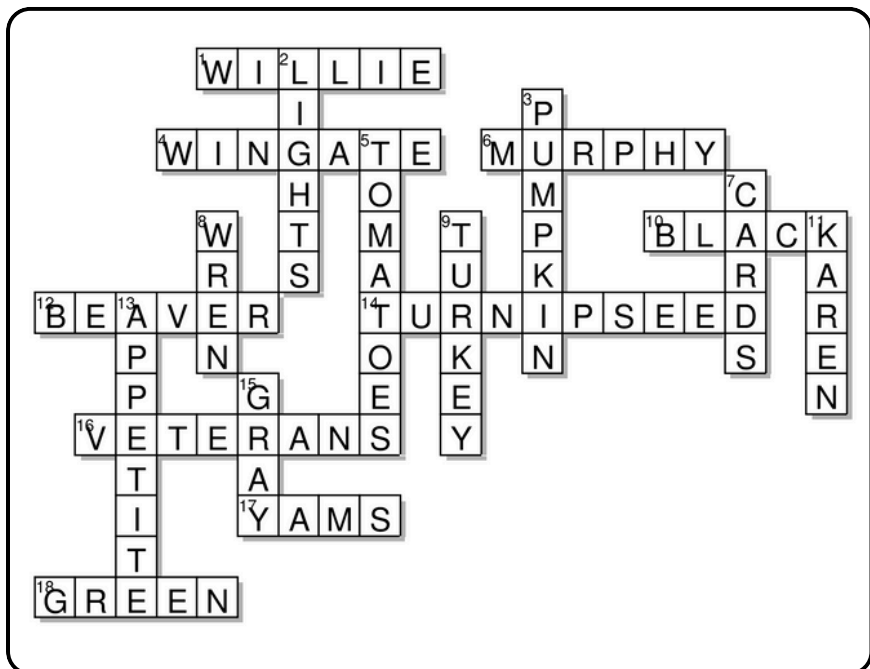
Poetry



Christmas Photo

by Joy Willett

The photo,
 cracked and faded,
 of a Christmas long ago.
 A blue spruce decorated
 with ornaments festive
 and lights aglow.
 Underneath a pile of packages
 each brightly wrapped,
 topped with a bow.
 From the mantle,
 jaunty hanging,
 socks lined up in a row.
 Outside the window
 a sky cloudy
 filled with ever falling snow.
 What makes the picture
 most engaging -
 smiling children in flannel robes.
 They wait breath-bated
 for a doll
 or jumping rope.
 While mom and dad
 keep the secret
 of Santa, Elves, the North Pole.





Karen's Kitchen

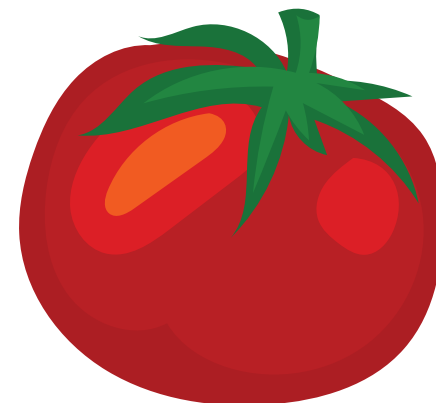
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Thought it would be fun to find a good 1914 recipe you might try. I love tomatoes about any way, shape or form, so this sounds super.

Source: 1914 Pillsbury cookbook.

Stuffed Tomatoes

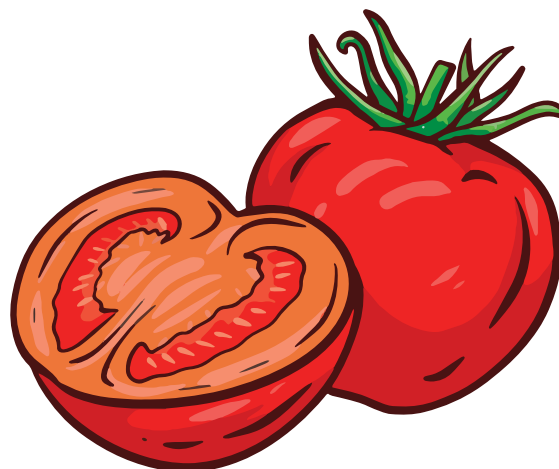
8 medium-sized firm tomatoes. 1 C. cold chicken, chopped fine.
1 T. salt; 1 C. Cracker Crumbs; 1 tsp onion. 1 C soup stock. 1 Egg.;
2 T. cream. Pinch pepper. Toast



Cut a small slice from the top of each tomato and scoop out the pulp with a spoon. Sprinkle the tomatoes on the inside with salt. Turn them upside down on a platter and let them stand half an hour. Remove the seeds from the pulps, drain off the juice and make a stuffing, using the chopped chicken, tomato pulp, cracker crumbs, egg, cream, onion (juice), pepper and a teaspoon of salt. Wipe the tomatoes dry inside and out and fill each with the prepared stuffing. Place in a baking dish, pour the soup-stock around them and bake in a moderately hot oven until the tomatoes are tender but not falling to pieces. You should baste the tomatoes frequently with the stock while baking. Serve immediately, placing each tomato on a square of toast.

Came up with another idea and read a LOT of current stuffed tomato recipes. I think this is the one I'd make as it sounds kind of like the old one. But a lot easier
(from Punchfork Food Network)

2 vine-ripened tomatoes
¼ C. finely chopped fresh basil leaves
¼ cup olive oil
½ C. bread crumbs
½ C. Grated Parmesan
1 clove garlic, mined
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper



400 degree oven

Slice tomatoes in half horizontally and scoop out pulp and seeds. Salt insides and rest upside down on a sheet pan lined with a wire rack to extra (excrete?) juices about 15 minutes. Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, mix together bread crumbs, garlic, basil, pepper, ¼ C. Parmesan and oil. Stuff tomatoes with the filling, sprinkle with remaining Parmesan and bake until tomatoes are cooked through and tops are golden brown, about 30 minutes.

Thought it was neat that the two were similar but this one more modernized! ENJOY!



County Connections

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories

Guess when we thought of this month's theme we were thinking of Christmas but this one is just super and it instead was at a family reunion of the Booher family in 1900 (sent by Ed and Cathy R for the Montgomery County INGenWeb page.) Luckily, we have all the names. Standing L-R: Sylvanus, son of John Jr. Booher & Margaret Zimmerly...John M. Booher, son of Guardianas Booher & Mahala Hampton...Samuel Hampton, son of Michael Hampton & Mahala Booher, Benjamin, son of Jacob Booher & Elizabeth Barnett, Jonathan & John Jacob & Elkanah Booher, all sons of John Jr. Booher & Margaret Zimmerly. sitting L-R: Margaret J. Hampton Booher, twins Mary & Catherine Booher, daughters of Guardianas Booher & Mahala Hampton, and sisters Elzira Booher Hiatt & Elizabeth "Aunt Bet" Booher, daughters of William M. Booher. Jacob Booher and his wife, Catherine Barnett came to the Darlington area where most of these children lived and passed. The family bible noted that "On Sept 23, 1830 we left Sullivan County, Tennessee and arrived in Montgomery County on October 23, 1830." John M. here is Guardianas' brother but not sure who Michael is. Guardianas had 14 children, so that alone would make a big family reunion!



Next up is the Bowman family and the big remembrance regarding this family (photo taken Nov 8, 1908) was that several of this family (of George Hugh and Julia Agnes) Bowman died in a flu epidemic but not the one you all are probably thinking of in 1918. This was in February, 1920 and five members of the family passed away within a week. Here are the folks and a bit about them thanks so much to David Smith from FindAGrave. Almost the whole family was born in MoCo, but many are buried elsewhere (Roachdale, Hendricks County ...)

Explanation: Young boy in front: Jesse Pauline Bowman, son of William Henry and Grace (Scott) Bowman (March 10, 1906 - March 30, 1996)

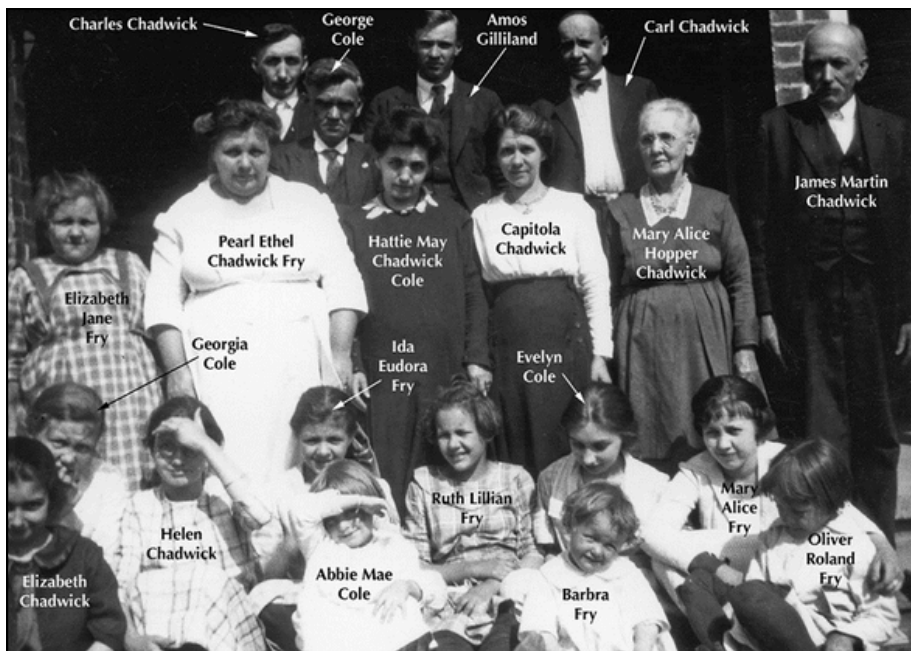
First Row: 1 - Fletcher (Fletch) Bowman (eb. 15, 1879 - Sept. 16, 1944) He was killed in an accident on a railroad track, no children.

- 2 - Anna (Wilson) Bowman, wife of Fletcher Bowman (1881 - Dec., 1939), no children
- 3 - George Hugh Bowman (Sept. 22, 1855 - March 27, 1923)
- 4 - Julia Agnes (English) Bowman, wife of George H. Bowman (August 13, 1859 - Feb. 8, 1920) died of influenza
- 5 - Willie Moreland, husband of Carrie (Bowman) Moreland (June 2, 1883 - Feb. 15, 1920) died of influenza, no children
- 6 - Carrie (Bowman) Moreland, wife of Willie Moreland (Nov. 15, 1883 - Feb. 17, 1920) died of influenza, no children
- Second Row: 1 - Willard Bowman (Sept. 3, 1894 - April 6, 1917) - died of measles in his 20's, married Erma White, no children
- 2 - Isaac Newton (Newt) Bowman (Jan. 27, 1887 - Feb. 7, 1968) eight children
- 3 - Grace (Surface) Bowman, wife of Newton Bowman (Nov. 13, 1889 - Sept., 1973) eight children
- 4 - Martin Obid Bowman (June 16, 1882 - Feb. 9, 1920) died of influenza, four children living to adulthood
- 5 - Catherine (Kate) Elizabeth (Alvord) Bowman, wife of Martin O. Bowman (Mar. 21, 1887 - May 7, 1937) four children living to adulthood
- 6 - Lilly Bowman, daughter of Martin and Catherine (Alvord) Bowman (Nov 8, 1907 - Mar. 31, 1966)
- 7 - Grace (Scott) Bowman, wife of William Henry Bowman (Dec. 18, 1884 - Jan. 17, 1956) four children
- 8 - William Henry (Henry) Bowman (Sept. 5, 1880 - May 3, 1955) four children
- 9 - Luther (Jack) Bowman (May 31, 1889 - May 7, 1976) no children
- 10 - Cora Bowman (Feb. 6, 1896 - May 8, 1984) later married Asa Burkett (five children, also died in Feb. 1920 of influenza) and Roscoe Pope (two children). Do note that it is great to tag the folks but I've seen many across faces and never seen the original so keep the tagged one and original together, please!



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Here is a Chadwick reunion photo with the names on it – great deal to know but sure bad if you wanted a good photo – however, if you want one, here is the url to nab it – remember to give credit if you use it for anything!

<http://ingenweb.org/inmontgomery/photo-people-grps/people---index.html>



George Washington Cedars and Margaret Emma (Singer) had four children: Burton (1881); Charles (1885); Oscar (1889) and Goldie 1891. Now, I can certainly see this on a Christmas card for sure and can't get over how much those four children look alike! Sadly, that cute little Goldie passed away in the New Castle epileptic home in 1949. Oscar served in WWI, married and had four children of his own. Most of this family is buried at Waynetown Masonic. Charles, a local farmer, passed at age 49 of uremic poisoning. From a coronary, on March 1, 1951, Burt passed in Kokomo, Indiana where he lived for many years, he and his wife active in multiple organizations. I could share so many wonderful photos from the GenWeb page people have shared with me and love to see what the people I write about look like so hope ya' enjoyed learning a bit about these families in the County Connections!



Grandcestors

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The original idea for the theme this month was old family photos at Christmas and such but we mainly got the "such" so thought I'd do old Christmas ones of my family. Fun to reminisce so why don't ya' get your old Christmas ones out and display this year at your get-togethers!

My parents were big on having our pictures taken and making it their Christmas cards (you'll notice some of me, Jim and our kids were pictures but taken mainly for the reason of displaying them in the Christmas cards), so here you'll see some of me and my original family plus we four, some just crazy Christmas photos and more - kind of self-explanatory, I think but it is weird to just have pics vs WRITE. I'll make up for it next time - heehee!!



"The Bazzani Family"

*Season's
Greetings*



*Merry
Christmas*

and a happy new year!

Karen, Jim and Jay Zach

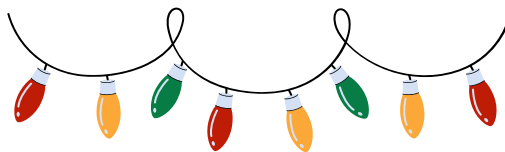


James Zach Family



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Santa is buddy Fred Zimmerman, by the way! Hope you enjoyed!!!!!!

In MoCo, it was a very good year in 1914

Marriage licenses (257) outnumbered divorces (46) 3 to 1. Oh and 24 divorces were dismissed.

30 criminal cases were filed this year. 18 were convicted of felonies, 4 for misdemeanors, 8 sent to Michigan City and nine to Jeffersonville.

Farms selling this year in the area ranged from \$130 to \$320/acre, some having homes and barns as well while others included nothing.

There were 23 one-room schools in the county and 27 consolidated schools. 15 high schools but only 7 of those were state commissioned. 180 teachers taught in the schools!

27 letters of guardianship were issued, 138 administration letters and 16 foreclosures.

30 students were made graduates by passing their examinations. Waneta Jarvis and Josephine Tapp made the highest and same grade 93.1. Very good but 98.3 was the highest from a CHS grad!

William C. Murphy served from 1913 through 1918 as C'ville mayor.

Superintendent George Myers of the County Poor Farm decided it was high time to show his wares, well the wares raised at the farm, anyway and took a wide variety of vegetables, grains and fruits all good quality and size to sale!

Two (one from Austria and one from Italy) men were naturalized.

Crawfordsville's Community House was becoming famous at this time – what a wonderful idea to make a place for social affairs and a home for many. Actually it became so famous in the next few months that people from all over the US came to study how it worked!

John F. Wren was in his third of six years as county sheriff.

The Saylor Brothers barked 10 sales in March alone.

Our little town of Wingate won the 1914 Indiana HS basketball championship. WOW.



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