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TODAY'S VERSE

Matthew 25:40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'" (NIV)

Meet Geoffrey



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Geoffrey is a 1 year old male Labrador Retriever available for adoption at AWL since 4/30/24. Geoffrey loves going out for walks, frolicking in a fenced yard, and is VERY food motivated. Geoffrey is looking for his best friend. Could that be you? Geoffrey is available for adoption, to foster, or just simply going out for walks. Come say hi and ask staff to meet Geoffrey!

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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!

This week we continue our look at the Christmas holiday season. Last week, we had a hodge-podge of facts and figures about Christmas. This week we take a look at Jolly Ol' St. Nick himself . . . By The Numbers!

23 Million

That's approximately how many gallons of milk Santa takes in if he "enjoys" one glass of milk at each house Christmas Eve!



11 Million

That's approximately how many pounds of cookies Santa takes in if he "enjoys" one at each house Christmas Eve!

14 Billion

That's how many calories those cookies are costing Santa! No wonder he stays fat and happy!



183 Million

The number of families Santa hits in the U.S. alone!

1 to 100 Gazillion

Well, we wanted to tell you how many presents Santa delivers. BUT, we aren't privy to his Naughty and Nice list, so we really don't know who's getting presents and who's not.



31

That's the number of hours Santa has on Christmas Eve to get the job done. Why isn't it 24? You have to factor in the difference in time zones! And we bet Santa appreciates the extra time!

0 (Hopefully)

That's the number of pounds of coal we hope that Santa doesn't have to deliver to those who aren't on the Nice list! Then again, we look at the politicians and aren't so optimistic!



Butch Recalls Winning, Losing, and 'Sudden Death' Overtime

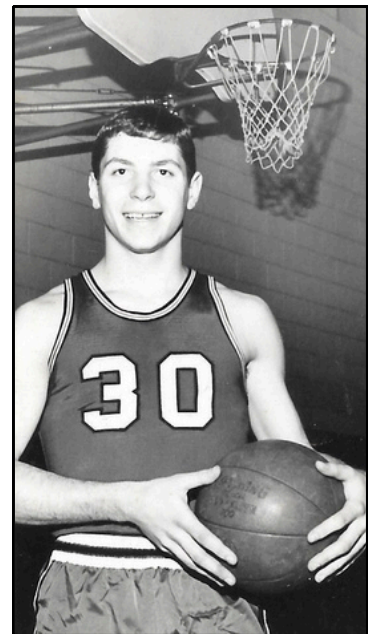
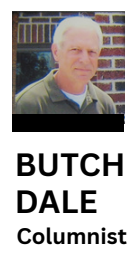


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Butch as a senior in 1965-66.



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

The North Montgomery boys basketball team recently played a three-overtime game against Speedway. When the final buzzer sounded, the Chargers won 69 to 64. The game reminded me of my senior year, playing basketball for my hometown Darlington Indians. (We could have been nicknamed the "Papooses," as none of our starting five were six feet tall.)

Our first game was against Wainwright, which was a new consolidation of Dayton and Lauramie Township. In fact, it was Wainwright's very first game and it was televised on Lafayette channel 18. I scored 18 points through the first three quarters, but never even got a shot off in the final quarter. We lost by two points 65-63. That game was a prelude to how our season turned out. My mother saved the game scores from the newspaper and made a scrapbook for me, which I still have.

In looking at those 1965-66 game summaries, we played four overtime games that year. We led Roachdale after three quarters, but lost 52-49 in one overtime. In the County Tourney, we were also ahead of Linden during the first three quarters, but lost 68-62 in two overtimes. Against East Tipp, our team surged ahead 51-38 after three quarters, but we hit a dry spell and were defeated in two overtimes 68-66. And we lost to a very good New Market team 69-67 in a FOUR overtime game. In addition, the Coal Creek Bearcats beat us 74-72 on a last second shot! Very disheartening! The strange thing is that in our

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Start exercising regularly early in life, continue, and reduce your risk of getting a middle aged spare tire.

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 Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita took new action this week against illegal robocallers who are trying to scam Hoosiers. He warned four voice service providers that they have been transmitting suspected illegal robocall traffic on their networks on behalf of one or more of their customers. In the warning letters, the task force informs the providers that it has shared the findings of its investigations with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which will consider appropriate next steps. Warning letters were sent to the following companies: KWK Communications, Inc., Inbound Inc., AKA Management, Inc. and CallVox LLC.
- 2 Guess what Hoosier guys? You're looking pretty good. Turns out that Indiana's Men were voted as the 7th most stylish in the country - BUT be aware that head-to-toe camo was cited as a deal-breaker by women on first dates! Our friends at datingadvice.com surveyed 3,000 women and found that the overall winner was the 'Urban Edge' style popularized in New Jersey. Indiana men's 'Midwestern Comfort' look was recognized among the most stylish in the country. Practical and relaxed, Indiana's style showcases plaid shirts, jeans, and cozy work boots, with a touch of sports culture-team jackets are a must. This laid-back approach reflects the state's easygoing vibe, and women adore the dependable, no-frills image it conveys, hinting at a man who's loyal and hardworking.
- 3 The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning is re-implementing a waitlist for new Child Care Development Fund and On My Way Pre-K (OMWPK) voucher applicants due to significant growth in both programs. The waitlist will impact new child care voucher applicants. Vouchers support low-income families who make less than 150 percent of the federal poverty level, which is about \$45,000 for a family of four, and have a service need including employment, seeking employment or enrollment in an education or training program. OECOSL will continue to re-enroll children already receiving vouchers as long as funding permits. The office will reassess the waitlist at the start of the next federal fiscal year in October.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love!"
Hamilton Wright Mabie

TODAY'S JOKE

What do you call the sleigh pullers during a thunderstorm?
Santa's Rain-Deer!

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Just a reminder, there will be no Paper of Montgomery County Print or Online Edition on Wednesday, Dec. 25 in observance of Christmas Day. There will also be no Paper of Montgomery County Print or Online Edition on Wednesday, Jan. 1 in observance of New Year's Day. The Paper will publish the regular Monday and Friday Online Editions both weeks.



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

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Wabash Placement Rate Almost Perfect



Photo courtesy Wabash College

Within six months of graduation, 97.3% of the graduating class had secured a first destination—employment, graduate school, or service—at some of the highest rates in the nation.

Better than 97 percent of the members of the Wabash College Class of 2024 have settled into a first destination—employment, graduate school, or service—within six months of graduation.

This year's 97.3 percent figure marks the eighth consecutive year in which Wabash graduates have claimed their first destinations at rates among the highest in the nation. In that span, Wabash graduates have secured first destinations within six months at a rate of 98.3 percent, well above the 84.1 percent Career Outcomes Rate as reported by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, which is the best current measure for national comparison.

Members of the Class of 2024 earned positions in management, human resources, sales, and logistics, and are employed by, among others, Amazon, Capital Group, Commodity Transportation Services, Eli Lilly, Enterprise, Home Town Logistics, and Penske Entertainment.

A total of 54 members of the class accepted postgraduate opportunities at institutions like Duke, George Washington, Indiana, Notre Dame, and Vanderbilt. Eight members of the class accepted fellowships, including the Fulbright, North American Language and Cultural Assistants Program and the Peace Corps.

"Our students choose Wabash because of the many opportunities they have to 'shift into the fast lane,' of life," said Wabash President Scott Feller. "From day one on our campus, Wabash men are driven to succeed—in class, sports, the arts—and they embrace our nationally ranked career services office and prepare themselves for internships, graduate schools, and careers with exceptional firms and companies."

The nation's second-ranked internship program and fourth-ranked alumni network, according to The Princeton Review, combine with Wabash's

outstanding liberal arts education to drive its graduates to high levels of success. Wabash was ranked No. 9 nationally by Forbes when it comes to producing the happiest and most successful alumni.

Of the 184 members of the Class of 2024, 117 (64%) elected to accept employment or postgraduate educational opportunities in Indiana.

"The resolve and resilience of the Class of 2024 has set a new standard for future classes at Wabash College," said Steven Jones '87, dean for professional development. "While we may have forgotten the impact of COVID-19 on this group, they persevered despite the adversity. I remain grateful for the trust our employers, graduate programs, military representatives, and others have in the work Career Services does daily to prepare our graduates to thrive in the real world. These relationships are vital to the run of significant outcomes we have achieved in the last eight years."

Through the work of the Schroeder Center for Career Development, students routinely engage in programming that keeps them focused on successful pathways after graduation. Weekly "Coffee and Careers" sessions and employment recruiting events are two of the many opportunities for students to connect with potential employers and graduate schools.

Additionally, the Professional Development team works to provide programming that meets the current senior class where they are in their postgraduate aspirations.

"Congratulations and well done to each of the graduates of the Class of 2024 who pursued their individual ambitions with intent and determination," said Cassie Hagan, director of professional development and the

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Witham Honored by Major Media Outlet

Witham Health Services Extended Care Unit has been recognized as a Best Nursing Home for 2025 by U.S. News & World Report. Since 2009, U.S. News' annual Best Nursing Homes ratings have assisted American families in need of either short-term rehabilitation or long-term care for themselves or a loved one. Witham Extended Care Unit earned its U.S. News Best Nursing Home status by achieving a rating of "High Performing," the highest possible rating, for Short-Term Rehabilitation. U.S. News gives the designation of Best Nursing Home only to those that satisfy U.S. News' proprietary assessment of consistent performance in quality measures.

"Being recognized nationally for care we deliver to our patients here in Boone County, Indiana is an honor," said Jessica Stockton, MBA, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing – Extended Care Unit, Witham Health Services.

For the 2025 edition, U.S. News evaluated nearly 15,000 nursing homes on patient and resident outcomes, such as infection rates; staffing levels; potentially inappropriate reliance on antipsychotic drugs; health inspection results and other indicators of quality.

"U.S. News' Best

Katie Viers Top Agent Once Again

F.C. Tucker West Central is proud to announce that Katie Viers has achieved the distinguished title of both Listing and Sales Leader for November 2024. With a remarkable month, Viers listed two properties and sold five.

Vier's dedication to her clients and deep understanding of the Crawfordsville real estate market have positioned her as a trusted and successful agent. As a Crawfordsville transplant, she brings a personal understanding of what it takes to buy and sell a home, enabling her to guide her clients with expertise and care.

Viers began her career in real estate over five years ago and has consistently demonstrated her commitment to helping clients find their dream homes or sell their properties efficiently. Her approach to staying updated on the latest market trends ensures that she prices homes competitively

Nursing Homes ratings put patient well-being at the forefront and provide families with the objective information they need to make confident decisions about their loved ones' care," said Ben Harder, chief of health analysis and managing editor at U.S. News. "These annual ratings recognize U.S. nursing homes that deliver high-quality care, earning consistent positive outcomes, and support American families in finding local nursing homes that prioritize safety and wellbeing."

To calculate the Best Nursing Homes ratings, U.S. News evaluated each nursing home's performance using a variety of quality measures obtained from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The U.S. News methodology factors data such as resident care, safety and outcomes. Both short- and long-term ratings include data on nurse staffing, use of antipsychotic drugs and success in preventing ER and hospital visits. The long-term care rating also includes measures of whether a home changed ownership and how well it was staffed on weekends.

For more information, visit USNews.com and explore #BestNursingHomes on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and X.



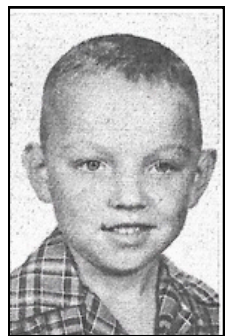
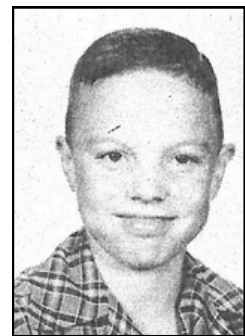
Katie Viers

and helps buyers navigate the market with confidence.

Viers lives in Crawfordsville with her husband Tim and their three children, ages 11, 8, and 4. When she's not working hard for her clients, she enjoys spending quality time with her family and friends and embracing the outdoors.

"At F.C. Tucker West Central, we pride ourselves on providing unmatched service to our clients, and Katie exemplifies that every day," said Chad Hess, co-owner of F.C. Tucker West Central. "Her dedication to our local market and her clients' success truly sets her apart."

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize These two fellows?

HINT:
 These two brothers were Ladoga farm boys in 1957.

Answer on Page A3

Looking for a part-time job that does not involve the words:

Would You Like Fries With That?

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Words About Teeth



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

"I don't know many words about teeth," I told the dentist.

Since my husband, Peter, and I spend time in Mexico, it makes sense to get dental work done while we're here, and I had been putting off going to the dentist. I knew I needed to get work done where my gums had receded, and the enamel no longer covered what it was supposed to. I've been told that over-exuberant toothbrushing contributes to this condition, so I've been trying to ease off. But I don't really think my toothbrush is the cause. I'm just getting old.

"Do you have the expression 'long in the tooth' in Spanish?" I asked the dentist and dental hygienist in Spanish.

I like this dentist. His name is Patricio. He is young and works quickly. He has a nice waiting room with a comfortable purple couch and a dental hygienist who doubles as his receptionist. As far as I can tell, they are the only two working at the office. They are open six days a week, and until 8 p.m. on weekdays. So, even with a short break in the afternoon, it's a long day. This is why I was sitting in his chair at 6:30 in the evening, chatting about long teeth.

"It's what we say about horses," I continued, while Patricio prepared his tools.

"Horses?" Patricio looked confused.

"The animal?" I clarified. Sometimes even when I know a word, I panic and think I have just said "cowboy" instead of "horse," and am describing long-toothed cowboys.

"Yes, a horse," Patricio confirmed.

"We look at their teeth to see how old they are. If they are old, they have long teeth. And so it's how we describe something that is old. It is long in the tooth."

I knew Patricio was busy with his dental preparations, but a part

of him was puzzling over why the length of horses' teeth had any relevance.

"So, I am an old horse," I concluded triumphantly. "I have long teeth!"

The dental hygienist laughed, but I'm pretty sure this was because I was a crazy gringa, not because I had managed to communicate anything meaningful.

"I'm sorry," I added. "I don't know many words about teeth."

So, as he worked, Patricio patiently taught me words about teeth. I learned saliva and resin and anesthesia (which were almost the same as in English), and gums (which was totally different), and a verb that described what he was doing with the drill (which I immediately forgot), and several other words Patricio thought I should know. The whole thing went much faster than expected.

"How many teeth did you do?" I asked when he finished.

"Five," he said.

"Wow! You are fast."

I told Patricio, in English, that I had meant to do this work a long time ago and was happy to have it done today. I think he understood, but I wish I could have said it in Spanish. I haven't studied Spanish in more than a year, and I feel badly that I haven't put in a little more effort. But I know the words I learned while sitting in Patricio's dentist chair are much more likely to be remembered than any I would learn in a classroom.

I looked at my teeth in a hand mirror shaped like a tooth and admired Patricio's work. I looked much less like a long-toothed horse, and the price was very affordable. I will be back on Monday to get the rest of my teeth fixed. And learn a few more new words about teeth.

*Till next time,
Carrie*

Some Fuzzy Thinking



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

I love police shows. I am a big Tom Selleck fan—maybe too much of a fan. Mary Ellen and I feel badly for Tom Selleck that Blue Bloods is going off the air so we're getting a reverse mortgage. Several years ago, I shared some clichés about these shows. Here are some new ones, along with a couple of old favorites.

During COVID-19 especially, criminals were always home when the cops knocked on the door. Felons were sheltering in place. Occasionally, they would go out for a quick heist, but they always wore masks.

If someone is arrested early in the show, there's no chance he did it. Here's a scene I'd like to see in Law & Order:

COP: Put your hands up. You're under arrest for murder.

SUSPECT: Well, you know it can't be me.

COP: Why not?

SUSPECT: It's only 10:10. What are you going to do for the rest of the show?

Why does every judge on these shows have stuffy first names? This past month, there was a Hollis, a Cecil, an Algernon, and a Percival. Once, just once, I'd like to see a Bob Smith presiding.

Police assume that if the dead victim still has cash in his wallet, the motive isn't robbery. It was personal. Want to do away with your cheating lover? Take the cash. Otherwise, you will be the first suspect. Plus, you'll have an extra \$38.00 for dinner.

Cops always look in the victim's eyes and say, "Stay with me." This person is not going anywhere—the guy is riddled with bullets. If this column is boring you, please stay with me. (See, it doesn't work here, either.)

When a police captain is angry, he storms out of his office, points to a cop and says: A WORD! Or, MY OFFICE! Sometimes, he just says NOW! Maybe it's the English teacher in me, but all sentences should have a verb. Right?

Often, when a perp is escaping, he runs across the street and is hit by a bus or a truck. Why is it always a bus? Why not a Mini Cooper? How about a driverless Tesla? Elon could afford a little bad publicity.

Cops always identify themselves when they are still a hundred yards away, resulting in immediate flight by the offender. The suspect takes off and there is a 95 percent chance that the pursuit will end up at a fence. This either deters the criminal, or he escapes because the detective is too fat to climb a fence.

A guy has just robbed a bank. The police report says: "He is 5'10" and is wearing a red sweatshirt and a Chicago White Sox hat." Committing a murder is a crime, but so is rooting for the White Sox (41 -121 this year). Taking off the sweatshirt after you murder someone is also a good idea.

When shown a photo, bartenders never recognize the person, so the detective threatens to submit a report to authorities that his beer glasses are dirty. Suddenly, a brainstorm: "Yeah, she was in here last Tuesday, wearing a yellow blouse and tight blue jean skirt." Never underestimate the power of the Board of Health.

Finally, when a murderer throws someone out a window, the victim always lands on a car hood—never on the street. In cities with alternate-side-of-the-street parking, you will hit the pavement half the time.

Gotta go. There's a rerun of Law & Order. All night.

— 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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Photo courtesy Butch Dale

The '65-66 Indians from left, Richard Huffer, Kenny Cain, Bill Douglas, John Wells, Steve Emmert, Mike Mutterspaugh, Wayne Palmer, Dan Hampton, Steve Welliever, Butch Dale and Lee Walden. Back row from left, Manager Bob Woody, Coach Galen Smith and Manager Bob Shelton.

last away game, we went up against Granville Wells, who had a record of 15-2. No one gave us a chance. My teammates and I couldn't miss, and we humiliated them 65 to 44..."a stunning upset" according to the newspaper. The IHSAA sent us to Zionsville for the Sectional, where we had to play Marion County champion Speedway, with a record of 19-2. We fought hard and stayed even with the Sparkplugs through three quarters, but lost 62-52. We won a grand total of seven games and lost 12 times that year. My high school basketball career was over.

I had a lot of confidence and was never afraid to shoot the ball. My coach encouraged me to always shoot the ball if I was open. Well, I didn't disappoint him, and ended up with a 19.8 season average. I wanted that last shot in those overtimes, too, but lo and behold, never had the opportunity. I would have loved to have had a chance to make a winning basket, especially if there had been "sudden death" overtime like high school basketball had in the late 1950s and early 1960s. If I recall, if the game was still tied after the first overtime, during the second overtime the winner was determined by which team made the first basket.

As a grade school youngster, I watched the Darlington High School team go into sudden death overtime

one night against a county school. When the two teams lined up at midcourt for the tip-off, tension filled the gym as the fans from both schools wondered who might get the ball first. I could see that one of our players, George Cox, was eyeing the opposing center to figure out to whom he might tip the jump ball. Yes, George knew. When the ball was tipped, he intercepted it, dribbled like lightning to the basket, and made a lay-up for the victory. The Darlington crowd went wild! I really believe that "sudden death overtime" would be fun to have today, not only in high school basketball, but also in college and pro games.

As far as my high school basketball days, our team went through a lot that year. We learned that heart matters more than size and talent. We learned that underdogs can beat anyone on a certain night. We learned that just because you are winning during most of the game . . . doesn't mean you will claim victory at the final buzzer. We learned that losing is not fun, but it's part of life ... just shake the winner's hand and try to do better the next game ... And we learned that win or lose, participating in sports was exciting and fun!

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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The outstanding post-graduate success continues to elevate the rankings for the 192-year-old liberal arts college. The Princeton

Review included Wabash in 20 of its 50 rankings lists for 2025, each identifying the top 25 colleges nationally (of the 390 profiled) in those specific categories. The College had 12 top-10 rankings, including Best Health Services (no. 3), Great Financial Aid and Professors Get High Marks (no. 5), Most Accessible Professors (no. 6), Best Run Colleges and Lots of Greek Life (no. 8).

In September, U.S. News & World Report ranked Wabash 29th nationally as a Best Value School and rated the institution in the top third of National Liberal Arts Colleges.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

Answer:
Tom and Dave Rhoads

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NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOL BOARD

Regular Meeting
 Monday, Dec. 16, 2024
 6 p.m.
 480 W 580 N, Crawfordsville
 Call to Order
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Public Comment
 Consent Agenda
 Minutes
 Monthly Claims
 Personnel, Extra-Curricular, Field Trips, Facilities Usage, Contributions, Gifts, Superintendent Stipends
 Other
 Consent Vote
 Action Items
 Approve to rescind the Form 4 Budget Resolution Adopted on 10-4-24
 Approval to Adopt the Revised For 4 Budget Resolution
 Approve Consulting Agreement for Jim McBee
 Approve Policy Revisions to Policies: 5111 – Determination of Legal Settlement and Eligibility for Enrollment of Students Without Legal Settlement in the Corporation; Proof of Indiana Residency, 5500 – Student Conduct, 5610 – Suspension and Expulsion of Students, 6250 – Required ADM Courts for the Purpose of State Funding and Verification of Residency for Membership, 7540.03 – Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety, 7540.04 – Staff Technology Use and Safety, 8420 – Emergency Preparedness Plans and Drills
 Hear First Reading of Policies: 6140 – Depository Agreements and 7540.09 – Artificial Intelligence
 School Corporation Fical Indicators Report
 Approve Budget Expenditures & Intra-Fund Transfer to Balance Various Funds
 Approve Early Literacy Achievement Grant Fund Distribution of Stipends
 Other
 Adjournment

PLANNING COMMISSION

City Building
 300 E. Pike St.
 Crawfordsville
 December 17, 2024 at 5:00 PM
 Common Council Chambers

I. Call to Order & Roll Call
 II. Presentation of Minutes
 A. June 18, 2024
 III. Old Business
 IV. New Business
 A. (SUB 0036) Consider a request submitted by Blue Peninsula Real Estate for primary and secondary subdivision plat approval for commercial development at the northeast corner of SR 32 (Lebanon Road) and SR 47 (Englewood Drive) (Parcel No. 54-07-33-100-001.000-028)
 V. Miscellaneous
 A. Informational Update by City Administration
 B. Next regularly scheduled meeting: January 21, 2025 at 5:00 PM
 VI. Adjournment

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

City Building
 300 E. Pike St.
 Crawfordsville
 December 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM
 Common Council Chambers

I. Call to Order & Roll Call
 II. Presentation of Minutes
 A. November 20, 2024
 III. Old Business
 A. (UV 0096) Delbert Maxwell requests a use variance from the schedule of uses of the City Zoning Ordinance to allow a shipping container as an accessory structure in an I-1, industrial zoning district at 502 Bluff Street (Parcel No. 54-07-31-442-015.000-030)
 IV. New Business
 A. (DSV 0143) Weihe Engineers c/o Brad Schoeff requests a development standard variance from the lot and yard requirements of the City Zoning Ordinance for an addition to an existing convenience store in a B-3, business zoning district at 453 E South Boulevard (Parcel No. 54-10-08-200-039.001-0030)
 V. Miscellaneous
 A. Informational Update by City Administration
 B. Next regularly scheduled meeting: January 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM
 VI. Adjournment

CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING CANCELLATION

December 18, 2024
 The City of Crawfordsville Historic Preservation Commission will not meet in special session on Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE CRAWFORDSVILLE BOARD OF WORKS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at 10 a.m.
 The Crawfordsville Board of Public Works and Safety will conduct a special meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 31, beginning at 10 a.m. in the City Building’s Council Chambers, Second Floor, 300 E. Pike St., Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. The Board’s Annual Notice did not include a meeting after Dec. 18, 2024, based on this year’s scheduled holidays. The purpose of the special meeting is to conduct the Board’s regular business.
 Date of Notice: December 11, 2024

If you have any questions, please call Mayor Barton’s office at (765) 364-5160. Also, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to attend, hear, or present evidence at the public meeting on the above-referenced matter and needs reasonable accommodation, please contact the Crawfordsville ADA Coordinator so accommodation can be made. The ADA Coordinator may be contacted at 300 E. Pike St., Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933, Fax No. (765) 364-1140, Telephone No. (765) 364-5160. Brandy Allen, City of Crawfordsville, ADA Coordinator; ballen@crawfordsville-in.gov.

Back in the Day with Butch Dale



The 1969 Waveland Hornet basketball team had an excellent season, finishing with a record of 15-5 under Coach Dick Bruner. Dean Miller and Steve Wheeler finished in the top ten in county scoring that year. Left to right: Dean Miller, Mark Miller, Danny Haskett, Steve Thomas, Steve Wheeler, Terry Cosby, Paul Swank, Bob Fowler, Ed Watson, Ron Bruner, Roger Gooding, Dale Miller, Ricky Thomas, Mike Kincaid; Front: Mgr. Larry Simpson, Coach Dick Bruner.

Franciscan Hits Platinum for Stop Smoking Program

Franciscan Health recently was recognized for achieving Quit Now Indiana Champion Platinum Level status for smoking cessation. The recognition encompasses all of the Franciscan hospitals in Indiana, including Crawfordsville, Carmel, Crown Point, Dyer, Indianapolis, Lafayette, Michigan City, Mooresville, Munster, Orthopedic Hospital (Carmel) and Rensselaer.

A Quit Now Indiana Champion is a health system, medical provider, or employer that values and promotes Quit Now Indiana Tobacco Treatment Services. Franciscan is one of only four health systems in Indiana to achieve Quit Now Indiana Champion Platinum Level status.

“This recognition highlights the ongoing

dedication of our organization and commitment of countless employees focused on prioritizing health and wellness for individuals and communities we serve,” said Beth Segal, director of clinical services and hospice at Franciscan Health.

Quit Now Indiana Champions are leading the way in helping Hoosiers end their tobacco use and begin recovery. The levels are designated by the health system’s number of referrals to Quit Now Indiana, as well as having 100 percent tobacco-free grounds from secondhand smoke, promotes a healthy environment and a tobacco treatment policy or workflow.

“Everyone deserves the opportunity to be as healthy as possible,” said Irene Boone

Phillips, program coordinator for Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Coalition at Franciscan Health. “Tobacco products are the only consumer products on the market that cause disease and death when used as intended. Receiving the Quit Now Indiana Platinum status affirms Franciscan Health’s commitment to saving lives and helping the communities we serve recover from nicotine addiction.”

The Quit Now Indiana (QNI) Champions Program was launched to promote Quit Now Indiana Tobacco Treatment services, encourage evidence-based health system change strategies, and recognize health systems, medical providers, and employers that champion Quit Now Indiana and other Tobacco Treatment elements.

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2025 Toyota Camry SE, Crown Nightshade Earn Keys To The Magic Kingdom




Toyota Camry SE



Toyota Crown Nightshade



 It's fall break and my family is in California. We're on our way to Hollywood, Disney, Pasadena and a week of relaxation and surfing in San Clemente. Gas is hovering near \$5/gallon. I'm thinking a Prius would be perfect. Or... what about the redesigned hybrid-only 2025 Toyota Camry SE I see across the lot?

It's a Camry, and you might think that's a pretty boring choice for a week of fun and adventure in the land of sunshine and movie stars, but the SE has a very California vibe and adopts some of the old TRD kit too. From the front, it takes on the look of a Prius with the "hammerhead" front and thin LED headlamps, but adds black lower diveplanes. Painted monochrome (especially white or red), it looks sports aggressive side sills and black 18" wheels. Around back, check the black diffuser and thin spoiler. I'd tint the windows and be proud of it.

There are no heated seats, JBL audio, power sunroof, nor leather

seats. There's no keyless entry either, but it doesn't feel cheap. Swaths of bunched sweatshirt cloth and French stitching sweep across the dash and doors. SofTex faux leather seats are ravishing with their white stripes and power lumbar. Check the aluminum sport pedals. Wireless phone charging, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto tapped my phone into the 12.3" touchscreen for easy navigation around L.A. A digital gauge cluster, dual-zone automatic climate control, and 6-speaker audio add class. Stay safe with adaptive cruise, automatic emergency braking, lane tracing, and safe exit alert.

For 2025, Camry, like Prius, is all-hybrid. Whirring away under the hood is a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine supported by lithium-ion batteries to conjure 225 horsepower. All-wheel-drive is available, but front-drive is fine for California. Heck, it's fine in snow too. And, it's pretty cheap to operate given 48/47-MPG city/highway. After a week of slaying freeways, city streets

and carving canyon backroads, I filled up with seven gallons of gas! Gotta love that when Disney lifts nearly \$200/person.

It feels like TRD may have tuned the chassis too. No matter the road, whether cruising Hollywood or fast-freeway-ing it towards the beach, the SE's tuning is compliant enough to be comfortable, but whisks through corners like a much sportier machine. It took about three minutes outside of LAX to start smiling. It's far more engaging than I expected - a commuter car that enjoys a good dance.

I wouldn't normally get worked up over a Toyota Camry, but we needed something that looked Cali-fresh and wouldn't cost a lot to feed. It turned out to be quiet, efficient, comfortable, and even fun to drive. Toyota's favorite sedan starts at just \$28,400 and came to only \$31,835 in SE trim. I'd add heated front seats and steering wheel for \$500 and call it a marriage.

2025 Toyota Crown Sedan Pulls Down Its Nightshade

As much as I enjoyed the Toyota Camry SE hybrid on vacation, I might like something a little bigger and more luxurious if I was buying a car for my family. Fortunately, when we landed, there was a 2025 Toyota Crown Nightshade waiting. Perfect timing. Think of it as a bigger, sleeker Camry that's even more of a grown-up Prius.

For a full-size sedan, it's pretty stylish. The sleek fastback look is hybrid future-tech, but the Nightshade package looks sinister with black badging and dark 21" wheels. Pinched beneath its hammerhead prow are eight LED headlamps over a wide expanse of mesh grille. Savor the rear view with thin taillamps and chrome detailing.

The Nightshade's interior looks like a posher blend of Prius and Camry. You step in at near crossover height to find a flatscreen gauge cluster, 12.3" infotainment screen deep console, and wrist-flick gear selector. Bronze accents add class. Our Nightshade's JBL audio

system, panoramic glass roof, heated/ventilated front seats and heated rear seats were sublime. Connect easily with wireless Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, and console charging. Safety is enhanced by the latest crash avoidance tech.

Much of the powertrain hails from the Camry: A 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine matched with Lithium-Ion batteries and a continuously-variable transmission to put 236 horsepower to the road. A motor for the rear axle provides all-weather traction with all-wheel-drive. Fuel economy is rated a very frugal 42/41-MPG city/highway.

If you're looking at the Prius or Camry, like them, but think your family needs more space and luxury, check out the Crown Nightshade. It's the slightly moody full-size sedan that appeals to teenagers and Baby Boomers alike. Prices start at \$41,440, but came to \$51,158 for our incognito Lexus. If you want even more space, consider the Crown Insignia crossover.

Storm Forward!

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

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Montgomery Medicine: Lupus

 **JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.**
 Montgomery Medicine

Lupus, or Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, is a fascinating yet challenging autoimmune disease that has been recognized for centuries. First described by the physician Rogerius in the 12th century, its name likely comes from the Latin word for wolf, referencing a facial rash some sufferers develop that resembles a wolf's face. Autoimmune diseases like lupus occur when the immune system mistakenly attacks the body's own cells. In lupus, this attack is directed at proteins in the nuclei of cells, where DNA resides. While the exact cause isn't fully understood, genetics and environmental factors seem to play significant roles. Rather than a single "lupus gene," the condition is linked to issues with multiple genes and triggers such as ultraviolet light, stress, certain medications, and possibly viral infections. Interestingly, lupus induced by some medications often resolves once the drug is discontinued.

In the United States, lupus affects an estimated 270,000 to 1.5 million people. It is

far more common in women, particularly young women, and is typically diagnosed between the ages of 16 and 55. People of African, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American descent are at higher risk, as are those with a family history of the disease. Other risk factors include smoking, sensitivity to sunlight, and post-menopausal estrogen therapy. Often referred to as the "great imitator," lupus is challenging to diagnose because it can mimic many other conditions. This results in an average of five years from the onset of symptoms for a diagnosis to be confirmed. The disease is marked by episodes of flare-ups followed by periods of remission.

The symptoms of lupus vary widely and can affect multiple organs and systems. Common complaints include joint pain (especially in the hands, wrists, and knees), fever, fatigue, muscle pain, weight loss, and skin rashes. Some women notice flares after ovulation with improvement during menstruation. The disease can involve severe inflammation of the heart, lungs, or kidneys and frequently affects the joints, skin, blood vessels, and nervous system. About 90 percent of patients

experience joint involvement, and the classic lupus rash appears on the cheeks and nose, though other skin changes can occur elsewhere on the body.

Given its complexity, diagnosing lupus requires careful evaluation. A patient must meet at least four of eleven established criteria, either simultaneously or over time. These criteria have different levels of sensitivity and specificity in diagnosing the disease. Laboratory tests, particularly the Antinuclear Antibody (ANA) test, play a crucial role in confirming the diagnosis. A negative ANA test makes lupus very unlikely, while a positive result may prompt additional tests to identify specific antibodies attacking nuclear proteins.

Although there is no cure for lupus, treatments aim to prevent flare-ups and manage symptoms. Medications range from non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) like ibuprofen to stronger immune-suppressing drugs for more severe cases. Lifestyle changes can also

make a big difference. Patients are encouraged to avoid direct sunlight and use high-SPF sunscreen, quit smoking, and maintain a healthy weight to reduce joint stress.

The outlook for lupus patients has significantly improved over the years. In the 1950s, the disease was almost uniformly fatal within five years. Today, about 95 percent of patients survive at least five years post-diagnosis, and many live much longer. Advances in treatment and care have made this possible, though challenges remain. Infections, whether from organ damage caused by the disease or immune suppression from medication, are the leading cause of death in lupus patients.

Lupus is a complex condition that demands attention and care, but with early diagnosis, appropriate treatment, and lifestyle modifications, patients can lead fulfilling lives. As medical research continues, there is hope for even better outcomes and, perhaps one day, a cure.



Montgomery Murder Mysteries

Part II: You Must Pass Over a Judgment

EDITOR'S NOTE: Karen Zach, a 50-year-local history writer, presents her Montgomery Murder Mysteries – historical fiction, based on fact – of the first 13 or so murders in our county. Karen has written a weekly column for The Paper of Montgomery County and was the editor of Montgomery Memories, a monthly publication from The Paper for many years. Now that she is retired, she is sharing these stories and The Paper is very pleased to continue working with Karen and her talented writings.



KAREN ZACH
Montgomery
Murder
Mysteries

No one knew I was there; I had ridden in slowly up the back way to tell Father of a sale of land near us that I thought he might be interested in. I saw Kizziah and my half brother, little Taylor, sitting on a log as Father was sawing some boards. What happened next I could not believe. It was worse than anything imaginable. Kizziah started to pick-up Taylor. This action probably saved her life, as Father would have sure put the saw right through her body. Instead, he nicked the edge of her head. I've only seen Father look that way once before when a sow broke his foot as he was trying to push the pig into the pen. He beat that sow clean to death. Never have I eyed so much blood that gushed from Kizziah's wound. I felt sure she was meeting the same fate as the sow. According to the doctors at the trial it was only a superficial wound, one not life-threatening. Of course, Father said it was an accident. I think even Kizziah believed him but I saw what I saw. Lucky for me, but surely unlucky for Kizziah, the lawyers passed over the whole situation fairly lightly. They didn't call me to the stand, or I'd have been forced to tell what I'd seen.

I told Father then and there that he should get Kizziah a doctor, but he told me, as usual, to shush up. Later, he convinced Kizziah to let him take out a piece of the bone he said was sharp in her head. She only agreed as she felt it would be quite a trophy to show to her brother, James. I wasn't there that time, but I'm wondering what Father was thinking when he cut into Kizziah's skull. This all seems odd to me but Father had an answer for everything and the lawyers fanned right over the so-called accident to Kizziah's head.

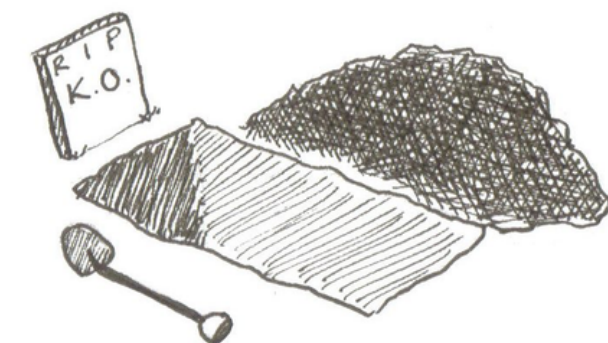
It was an unusual night when Kizziah died. Father had built Winnie a house all her own just a little ways from our home. I'd been staying at the McDonald's for several weeks but happened to be home this particular evening. After supper, all we children went to Winnie's leaving Kizziah, Father and baby Taylor alone until nigh on 10 o'clock when we returned home for bed. I thought little of it until 3 o'clock when I heard screaming. I jumped up, running to Father and Kizziah's room. Kizziah was lying there looking very sick. Father told me to get a Doctor but

by the time I put my clothes on, he said it was too late. Said to go get Kizziah's brothers. Was to tell 'em if they wanted to see their sister alive, to hurry up. I thought it odd I was sent to get them to see her alive if it was too late for the Doctor, but I knew it was not a time to question. I wondered if Father sent me hoping I'd have one of my spells. I didn't think I did yet James Owens didn't get to our house until 5 o'clock. His sister was dead, of course. He presumed she died because of the wound on her head. I believed that too until I saw Winnie pick-up a cup when everyone had been downing coffee for hours from the mantel, peer into it for quite sometime, smile, then wash it, rinse it, and hide it along with a small vial in the grandfather clock in the cook room. I thought it very odd she'd wash one cup nor do we keep our cups in the grandfather clock. This was before our neighbor and Kizziah's friend, Mrs. Clark and



Winnie made breakfast for everyone. Mrs. Clark saw Winnie do the strange thing with the cup, too and mentioned it at the trial but it was another of the many things passed that I felt prosecuting attorneys Gregory, Wallace and White should have dwelled upon. In fact, I think Mrs. Clark was the most damaging of all those called. She told of how Kizziah's hands and feet were so stiff, which later came-out as a strong indication of strychnine poisoning. She told of asking Father to help her get gloves on Kizziah. When they could not get the gloves on due to the stiffness, Father made the strangest comment, "Let's just bury her in a shroud. Someone may want her good clothes." No one in these days is buried in a shroud and who did father think would need Kizziah's good clothes? I bet he wasn't thinking of my half-sister, Kizziah's daughter, Susan!

They wasted nary a moment putting Kizziah in the ground either. I think Father would liked to have had her put there in the middle of the night but had to wait until morning. I had to ride in the sloppy weather to get the preacher, Rev. Jones. Both my Aunt Polly and Uncle James told of Father's odd behavior at the funeral. I noticed it, too, but they didn't ask me. James said other than moaning, "Oh, no, oh



no," that Father seemed to have no remorse. James was mortified when the last shovel of dirt was dumped on Kizziah's homemade, pathetic little coffin that Father smiled and hustled away. Polly stated, "I saw Sidney shed no tears – I don't think much of a person unless they shed tears!" Hmmm, I have to agree! Jones wasn't the preacher Kizziah would have wanted, but in the muddy mess, he was the closest. He only had us recite the Lord's Prayer, Amen and time to throw the dirt. It was a dismal affair!

James was the one to get the ball rolling with Dr. Wilson suggesting that Kizziah may have been poisoned. I have to give him credit that he came to Father and told him that all the neighbors were thinking that he poisoned his wife. I shuddered at the thought. James came in friendship and familyship, hoping father would deny it and put it all to rest. Father merely was worried about Father, asking, "How will that make me look if we dig up Kizziah? No, I just can't do it!"

The description of what they did to Kizziah's body when they took it up on December 21 in 1858 was enough to make me go into one of my spells. I missed half the testimony but read it in the paper the next day. Father mentioned that to James, but James said he didn't care what they had to do to Kizziah, she couldn't feel it anyway and they'd need parts of her body for evidence. That's when Father skipped the country. He was not at the inquest where they dug up Kizziah's body, cut her head off, checked her heart, liver and all, then took portions of her stomach and intestines to Professor Houghman of the Chemistry Department at Franklin College to test for the poison. Both he and Thomas Jenkins of

Kentucky University checked, Jenkins doing multiple ones on color, taste and shape. He killed a frog with what was in my stepmother's stomach. It made my innards convulse. I didn't go into another spell, but about did. Guess it's good I'm not going to be a doc.

While three doctors with about 200 spectators watching were cutting my stepmother into pieces, Father was selling our farm and running off to Canada. If that didn't make him look guilty, I'd be denied to know what did, yet Dan Vorhees in his most impressive ending statement slowly and deliberately spoke to each and every jury member and told them to step into my father's shoes for a moment and imagine the terror he felt when his own family members wanted to unbury his beloved wife of 16 years, cut her up and press on him the blame for her murder. Vorhees stated that the jurors had heard Mr. Owens cry, "I'm as innocent as an Angel in Heaven." I believe you must find him not guilty. Yes, Kizziah Owens had strychnine in her system, but there is no doubt in my mind that this fine gentleman who has lived an excellent life among you as a good citizen of our county is innocent, innocent as an Angel in Heaven, and you must acquit him because of such lame evidence. You heard him tell you that Kizziah was unwell in a womanly way and was a bit off of late. Kizziah likely drank the strychnine herself as she did have 'reason to keep the other half of the poison, as her son heard her say. Perhaps someone else gave it to her?" My heart stopped. What if they accused me or Will? Yet, he went on to say, "We may never know how the poison got into her system but you 12 men, good citizens of our community, must pass over a judgment of not guilty in this case.

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