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➡ TODAY'S VERSE

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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 marks the 80th anniversary of the death of perhaps America's greatest war correspondent, Hoosier Ernie Pyle. "Uncle Ernie" as he was known to some of the troops he covered and loved during World War II, was the representative of the GI, or the grunt in the field. Pyle had a way with words and could capture a story like few before or since. "Ernie Pyle's greatness lay in his ability to connect with everyday people, both on the front lines and at home," National Press Club President Michael Freedman was quoted as saying. "He was one and the same with those he covered and those for whom he wrote." President Harry Truman was quoted after Pyle's death. "No man in this war has so well told the story of the American fighting man as American fighting men wanted it told. He deserves the gratitude of all his countrymen."

So today, we are proud and humbled to bring you Ernie Pyle, by the numbers.

80 Not only is this the 80th anniversary of Pyle's death, in just a few months, it will be the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II.

700 Ernie Pyle's syndicated column was published in 400 daily and 300 weekly newspapers all across the United States.

2 Pyle and his wife Geraldine "Jerry" Siebolds were married twice. They had a rocky relationship that was made worse by depression, drinking and mental illness. They were initially married in 1925, divorced in 1942 and remarried less than a year later. Even though they struggled, Jerry only lived about seven months after Ernie was killed.

1 The number of Pulitzer Prizes Pyle won. He was honored with journalism's highest prize in May of 1944. Less than a year later, he would be dead.

56 Approximate number of miles from Crawfordsville to Dana, Ernie Pyle's birthplace and home of the Ernie Pyle World War II Museum. Take it from us and those who have visited multiple times, it is well worth it. Especially touching is the exhibit entitled The Death of Captain Waskow.

44 Ernie Pyle was 44 years old when he was killed by Japanese machine gun fire in the Pacific Theater on April 18, 1945. Friday will mark 80 years to the day since that sad event.

7-17-1944 Ernie Pyle was featured on the cover of Time Magazine on July 17, 1944. How many times do you recall seeing a newspaper columnist on a magazine cover?

\$25 a week That's how much Pyle made as a reporter in his first job (with a newspaper in LaPorte, Ind.). He left IU with only one semester remaining and without graduating.

Millions The number of people who read Pyle's work. To see an example of his writing, look inside today's edition. Thanks to our friends at the Ernie Pyle World War II Museum, we are sharing his final column today.

Photos courtesy of the Ernie Pyle WWII Museum

➡ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Treat burns by immediately soaking the area in cold water for at least five minutes and cover any open areas with antibiotic ointment.

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

"Our new Constitution is now established, everything seems to promise it will be durable; but, in this world, nothing is certain except death and taxes."
Benjamin Franklin

➡ TODAY'S JOKE

What's the difference between a tax auditor and a rottweiler?
A rottweiler eventually lets go.

➡ MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Looking for a pet dog? Thinking the responsible thing to do is to get one from the shelter? Then not only good for you, but here's some good news. Right now the Animal Welfare League on Big Four Arch Road, thanks to Best Friends, are waiving all adult dog adoption fees! A meet and greet is required – and this only applies to dogs six months or older – but that's all that stands between you and your next best furry friend! See the good folks at the AWL for more information or to get the process started!

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

➡ See BUTCH Page A3

➡ THREE THINGS You Should Know

1 In a significant step forward in its commitment to support Purdue University's operational needs through improved travel options, a two-year transportation services agreement with SkyWest Airlines for commercial air service has been reached. SkyWest will maintain at least one daily nonstop United Express round-trip flight between West Lafayette's Purdue University Airport and Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. The first flight is scheduled for Aug. 5, the same day the Amelia Earhart Terminal is scheduled to open.

2 Speaking of airports, big news is landing at the Indianapolis International Airport. Huse Culinary – the team behind St. Elmo's – is bringing a brand-new concept to Concourse B. The new 1933 Lounge + HC Tavern by St. Elmo blends the best of two beloved brands into one elevated, traveler-friendly experience. Guests will enjoy signature items like the world-famous St. Elmo Shrimp Cocktail, Lobster "Cargot," and HC Tavern's beloved sliders – plus a full bar and grab-and-go options.

3 Attorney General Todd Rokita and the 51 bipartisan Attorneys General of the Anti-Robocall Multistate Litigation Task Force notified nine voice service providers that they may be violating state and federal laws by continuing to route allegedly unlawful robocalls across their networks. The latest action targets voice service providers suspected of knowingly routing scam calls. In addition to sending these warning notices and demanding that these companies stop transmitting illegal robocalls, the task force shared its concerns with federal law enforcement, including the Federal Communications Commission.

A Reprint of Ernie Pyle’s Final Column Before His Death



ERNIE PYLE
Columnist

EDITOR’S NOTE: With permission from the Ernie Pyle World War II Museum, we are pleased to reprint the last column Ernie Pyle wrote. Pyle, a Hoosier born in tiny Dana, Ind., became the preeminent newspaper columnist in the U.S. during World War II. His touching columns were carried by 700 newspapers in the U.S. and loved by millions. When he was killed by Japanese machine gun fire on April 18, 1945, the nation mourned.

Ernie Pyle’s last column (written about the impending end of European hostilities)

And so it is over. The catastrophe on one side of the world has run its course. The day that it had so long seemed would never come has come at last. I suppose our emotions here in the Pacific are the same as they were among Allies all over the world. First a shouting of the good news with such joyous

surprise that you would think the shouter himself had brought it about.

And then an unspoken sense of gigantic relief—and then a hope that the collapse in Europe would hasten the end in the Pacific.

It has been seven months since I heard my last shot in the European War. Now I am as far away from it as it is possible to get on this globe.

This is written on a little ship lying off the coast of the Island of Okinawa, just south of Japan, on the other side of the world from Ardennes.

But my heart is still in Europe, and that’s why I am writing this column.

It is to the boys who were my friends for so long. My one regret of the war is that I was not with them when it ended.

For the companionship of two and a half years of death and misery is a spouse that tolerates no divorce. Such companionship finally

becomes a part of one’s soul, and it cannot be obliterated.

True, I am with American boys in the other war not yet ended, but I am old-fashioned and my sentiment runs to old things.

To me the European War is old, and the Pacific War is new.

Last summer I wrote that I hoped the end of the war could be a gigantic relief, but not an elation. In the joyousness of high spirits it is so easy for us to forget the dead. Those who are gone would not wish themselves to be a millstone of gloom around our necks.

But there are so many of the living who have had burned into their brains forever the unnatural sight of cold dead men scattered over the hillsides and in the ditches along the high rows of hedge throughout the world.

Dead men by mass production – in one country after another – month after month and year after year.

Dead men in winter and dead men in summer.

Dead men in such familiar promiscuity that they become monotonous.

Dead men in such monstrous infinity that you come almost to hate them.

Those are the things that you at home need not even try to understand. To you at home they are columns of figures, or he is a near one who went way and just didn’t come back. You didn’t see him lying so grotesque and pasty beside the gravel road in France.

We saw him, saw him by the multiple thousands. That’s the difference.

We hope above all things that Japan won’t make the same stubborn mistake that Germany did. You must credit Germany for her courage in adversity, but you can doubt her good common sense in fighting blindly on long after there was any doubt whatever about the outcome.

Butch Dale’s
Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize this
1967 New Market
Grad?

HINT:
She was the senior
class treasurer and
Homecoming Queen!

Answer on
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Ascension St. Vincent Marks 35 years of
Protecting Indiana’s First Responders

As thousands of fire and rescue professionals were in Indianapolis for the FDIC International Conference last week, Ascension St. Vincent’s Public Safety Medical program is marking its 35th year of providing physical examinations and important medical screening services to firefighters across the state of Indiana.

More than 9,000 first responders are tested each year by Ascension St. Vincent at fire stations across the state. This includes an average of 1,700 job applicants that need to be evaluated before being hired and about 700 who have been injured and need to pass physical testing in order to return to duty.

“We are proud to be one of the largest programs of its kind in Indiana, with 35 years of history supporting the health and safety of our firefighters but also helping to shape national guidelines for their physical well-being,” said Dr. Steven Moffatt, Vice President of Public Safety Medical. “Our work has also contributed to critical cancer

research, helping to identify key factors in firefighters’ cancer risk and advance efforts in prevention and early detection.”

While heart attacks remain the leading cause of on-duty deaths of firefighters, cancer has recently emerged as the No. 1 cause of deaths in all firefighters, both active and retired. These first responders are more likely than the average American to develop cancer due to chronic exposures to heat, smoke and toxic flame retardants through inhalation, ingestion and skin absorption.

That’s why Public Safety Medical has developed and continually improves comprehensive physical examination checklists that go beyond cardiovascular health and fitness. Each examination incorporates screenings for the cancers most commonly affecting firefighters, including digestive, oral, respiratory and urinary cancers.

The exams include stress and exercise

tests, coronary artery scans and echocardiography to evaluate any heart-related issues. They may also include colon cancer screening, pap smears, mammograms, testicular exams and head-to-toe skin examinations to detect evidence of cancer development.

“Keeping public safety professionals healthy and at their best is a

unique challenge—one that directly impacts the safety of our communities,” said Dr. Stephanie Gardner, Executive Director of Public Safety Medical.

“That’s why we’ve designed this comprehensive healthcare program to help fire departments ensure their tactical teams perform at their peak and recover effectively.”



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More than 9,000 first responders are tested each year by Ascension St. Vincent at fire stations across the state.

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Look for the Rainbow While Ignoring the Flood



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

My friend Wally and I have a fractious relationship. This is no secret.

Wally has said he thinks optimistic people like me are self-deluded, always looking for reasons to be happy when there is a lot to worry about and not much to celebrate.

Wally used the metaphor of a tornado. He said that people like me would be down in the storm shelter—right beside him—but would ignore the destruction the tornado left behind.

“Do perpetually positive people even hear themselves?” he asked. “How nice that must be! To see the world in ways it might or should be while ignoring how it is. To look for the rainbow while ignoring the flood!”

Wally got me so irritated that I wrote a whole book about a character he inspired. Since I didn’t figure I could ever change Wally’s mind, I wanted to create someone, just like Wally, who believed he had the world’s worst luck and that looking for things to be grateful for was an act of willful ignorance.

I wrote the book, and I shared it with Wally, and—to his credit and my astonishment—he wasn’t angry with my depiction of him at all. He was tickled that something he’d said inspired me.

Wally keeps on inspiring me. He has some interesting observations about life and thoughts about how optimism might fall short. It’s taken me much longer than it should have to realize that Wally makes some very good points.

Optimism can be clumsy. It can be ham-fisted. Disappointment and grief and setbacks and bad news and failures are all very real things, and the optimist’s impulse is to sweep them under the rug in record time.

“Where is the upside? What is the lesson? How can I learn from all this?” the optimist asks, and Wally gets a little angry.

And maybe he has a right to. Because somewhere, between the time when the tornado strikes and the optimist goes looking for the rainbow, maybe there is a moment that optimists, like me, tend to forget.

We forget to say we’re sorry.

Wally is worried about his future and the future of his children and grandchildren. When I tell him all this worrying isn’t getting much done, he gets angry and, really, I don’t blame him. Because I skipped a step. I skipped the step between the tornado and the rainbow.

Today, for a change, I remembered.

“Oh, Wally,” I said, “You always seem to think I’m scolding you when I try to cheer you and encourage you. I care about you. Do you not get that? I worry about you, and I want you to be happy.”

“Thank you,” Wally said. “Thank you so much.”

And I realized that he really didn’t know this.

I get impatient with Wally’s ruminating and doomsaying and daily dose of gloom. I want to remind him of all the things he has to be grateful for.

But I forget to tell him that I care. I forget to say I’m sorry he is troubled. I don’t acknowledge how he feels. I jump right from the tornado to the rainbow.

I’m pretty sure Wally will regularly irritate me, and I will do the same for him. And yet I don’t think he will ever be out of my life for good.

Because I will continue to remind him that things might not be as bad as he assumes. And Wally will remind me, in my endless quest for sunshine, it’s important to recognize the hurt and fear that come with the tornado.

Till next time,
Carrie

Getting to First Base!



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

This past weekend, I spent an hour on the phone with the Marquee Sports Network trying to find out why my Chicago Cubs app wasn’t working. After about 40 minutes, I politely asked Jim, the Marquee rep, if there was someone else I could talk to.

“Let me see who’s on deck,” said Jim.

Next in the lineup was Tony who touched all the bases but still couldn’t hit on the answer. Joe was next in the batting order. He tried everything and failed. Strike three. Then Joe told me that Manny, the fourth guy, who was batting cleanup, was great in the clutch for issues like mine. He was Marquee’s heavy hitter in technology. Sadly, Manny went down swinging. I wasn’t sure what to do next. We had covered all the bases.

Finally, with the problem unsolved, I downloaded the curling app, instead. The sport is boring to watch but has far fewer metaphors.

At that point, my wife walked in the door. And right off the bat, I was in trouble.

“Why didn’t you call me back?” she asked.

“I didn’t get a call from you,” I said. To be certain, I checked my voice mail. I knew my VM wasn’t broken because I had 13 spam calls telling me I owed back taxes (which I don’t) and one call confirming that I ordered a John Deere tractor (which I didn’t).

“Well, why didn’t you respond to my text?” said Mary Ellen.

“I didn’t get that either. Was the message important?”

“Yes, Dick, it was urgent?”

“What did it say?”

“I have no idea. That was almost an hour ago.”

We checked our devices and sure enough, her attempts to reach me by phone or by text were not coming through. I googled the problem and could not find an answer.

I tried powering down my phone, then powering up. Then I clicked everything that was clickable. Finally, I called our new service.

“Hello, this is The Cell Phone Network.”

” Yes, my wife and I are having trouble communicating.”

“Sir, you do know we are not that kind of a help line.”

I explained the problem...

“Let me tell you, sir, I find your concern very loving and romantic.”

“You do?”

“Oh, yes, three men called today asking if there was a way to stop their wives from reaching them.”

Finally, I had a suspicion what the problem might be. “Could I have put Mary Ellen on my blocked-call list by mistake?” I asked the rep. “Or is that way off base?”

“It is kind of out of left field,” she confirmed. “Everything in this technology is hit or miss.”

So, reader, that concludes my column. Maybe you didn’t like it. But I think I hit it out of the park.

– 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.

Butch

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the stuff one time, and used Vaseline . . . no kidding. I would definitely advise never to do that.

When the 1960s arrived, guys were getting crew cuts and flattops, but that changed when the Beatles made their appearance in 1964. Their style was called the shag, the hair grown out and somewhat messy-looking. In fact, that's when long hair for men started to become quite the thing. Just look at some of the senior photos in high school yearbooks, as many boys had longer hair than the girls! This continued through the 1970s until the crazy ‘80s and ‘90s brought on some weird hairdos . . . the mohawk, where the head was shaved except for a strip in the middle from the forehead to the back sticking straight up, the devil-lock, a punk rock style with hair pointing down in front, the liberty spike, when a guy’s head looked like the Statue of Liberty and of course the goofy-looking mullet, the ultimate redneck look . . . the Billy Ray Cyrus special.

Later on, there appeared the fauxhawk, shorter hair with a ridge of hair styled with gel in the middle, and the Emo, with hair dyed black, parted, with half bangs called fringe in front. Guys who hated all of the other complicated styling just got buzz cuts or became skinheads.

I see quite a few younger men today with hair that goes in all directions. They appear to have touched an electric wire. I don't think they can get a comb through it, but

perhaps that's their plan. There are also many men who, like women, sport a variety of colors . . . red, green, and blue being the most common . . . proud peacocks strutting the aisles of Wal-Mart.

African-American men had styles all their own through the years, such as dreadlocks, the jheri curl, the hi-top fade, the jazz cut and of course the Afro, just to name a few. Many now prefer cornrows and braids, which can be quite long and tied up in back.

At my age, I am just glad to have a full head of hair. Some fellows who are bald or shave their heads look great. I would not. My Dad became bald on top in his mid-50s and subsequently employed the "Gene Keady comb-over" style. He could accomplish that because his hair was straight. My hair is wavy and frizzy, so that's out of the question. The last time I went to a barber, it cost me \$5. I believe that was in 1998. Yes, I cut my own hair . . . and yes, I have screwed it up a few times. I took a big chunk out on the back once when the electric clipper attachment came off. It looked like I had been tomahawked by an Apache. And there's nothing you can do about it. "Hair today, gone tomorrow!"

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Memorial Bench Honors Doctor Who Made House Calls at 90

The Witham Health Services Foundation received a generous contribution made in loving memory of longtime Lebanon residents Dr. James and Jean McAfee. A memorial bench has been placed outside of the North Pavilion B Entrance to honor their memory.

Dr. James McAfee was a graduate of Lebanon High School and attended Purdue University Pharmacy School. After working as a pharmacist for a short time he attended medical school at Indiana University School of Medicine. Following his internship and residency, Dr. McAfee and his wife Barbara “Jean” moved back to Lebanon where they resided for 55 years.

Dr. McAfee was a dedicated family physician, working hard to save the lives of many patients. He cared for more than 5,500 patients and delivered more than 1,000 babies. Dr. McAfee specialized in pediatric medicine and would perform anesthesia for several doctors. He retired but never quit practicing medicine; his last house call was done at age 90.

Jean was a devoted Christian, wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Her children lovingly remember her holding down the fort while Dr. McAfee worked his long hours. They spent nearly 70 years happily married.

“We are grateful to Diana, Jim, Kim and Pam for this gift in memory of their parents,” said Cari Ann Guenther, Manager of the Witham Health Services Foundation. “It is our honor to place a bench in their memory outside of the North Pavilion B, which houses our Pediatrics Department, honoring the lives of Dr. James and Jean McAfee.”

Do You Have Unclaimed Money?

As tax season looms and Hoosiers reflect on life’s certainties, Attorney General Todd Rokita and Indiana’s favorite ghoul Sammy Terry are reminding residents that while death and taxes may be inevitable, losing your hard-earned money to the state doesn’t have to be one of them.

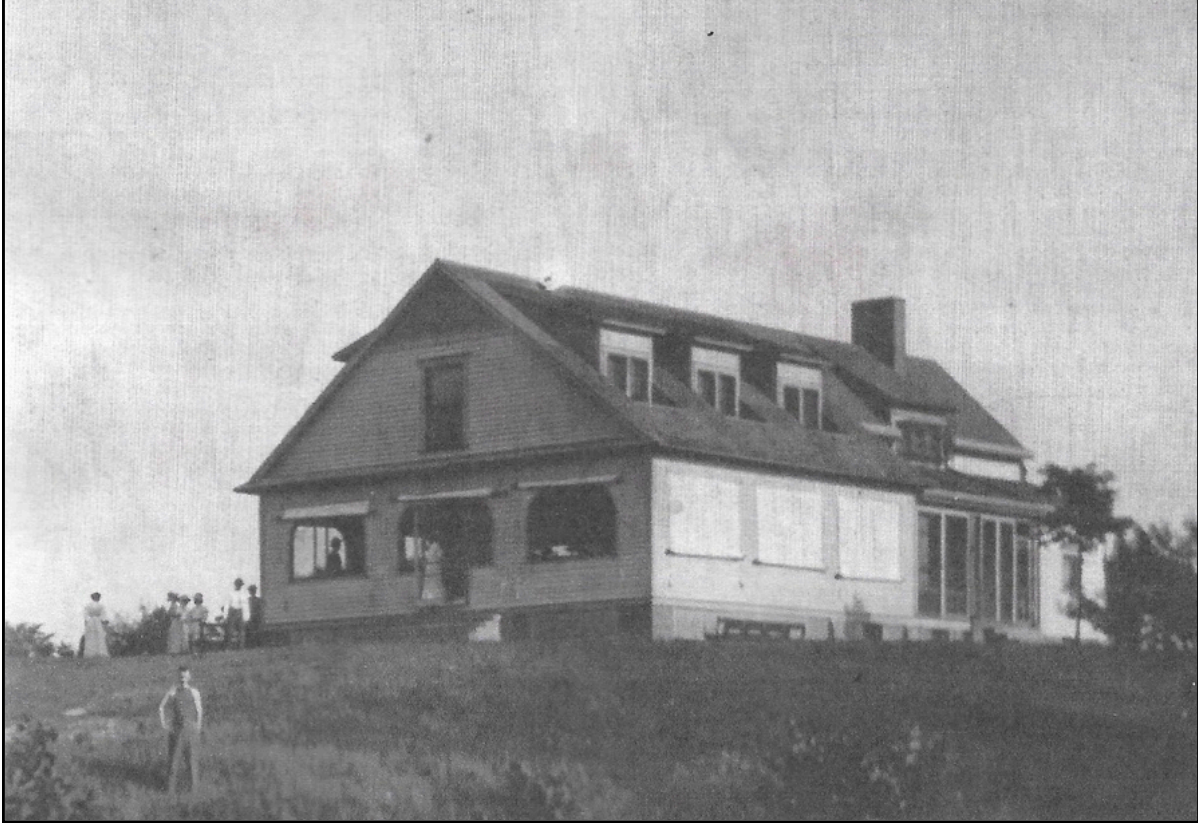
“There are two things guaranteed in life – death and taxes,” Sammy Terry said. “Death can be painful, but paying your taxes doesn’t have to be with a little extra cash in your pocket from Indiana Unclaimed.”

Rokita invites all Hoosiers to text SAMMY to 46220 to see if they can re-claim forgotten treasures from the state’s Unclaimed Property Division.

Hoosiers have 25 years to claim their money once it’s reported to the Unclaimed Property Division, and the process is free, fast and secure.

For more information or assistance, visit IndianaUnclaimed.gov

Back in the Day with Butch Dale



The Crawfordsville Country Club has been a popular recreation spot for many years. Do you remember what the original clubhouse looked like? The photo above was taken in the early 1900s.

Montgomery Medicine: Is it Alzheimer’s?



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.
Montgomery Medicine

It is quite common for middle-aged and older individuals who notice occasional memory lapses to wonder if they might be developing Alzheimer’s dementia (AD). Encountering someone with Alzheimer’s is increasingly common as our society's elderly population grows. However, it's essential to understand that forgetfulness is a normal part of aging and typically does not indicate impending dementia.

The word dementia comes from the Latin roots de- meaning “apart or away” and mentis meaning “mind.” Dementia involves a progressive decline in cognitive and behavioral abilities due to damage or disease affecting the brain, beyond what we expect with normal aging. Alzheimer’s dementia is the most common form, currently affecting approximately 6.9 million Americans aged 65 and older, though many more exhibit mild cognitive impairment yet remain fully functional. Most cases of Alzheimer’s disease occur sporadically, with only about seven percent linked to genetic factors.

As of 2024, about 1 in 9 people (10.8%) aged 65 and older have Alzheimer’s disease, with prevalence increasing significantly with age – 5% among those aged 65 to 74, 13.1% among ages 75 to 84, and 33.3% among those aged 85 and older. It is estimated that by 2060, 13.8 million Americans aged 65 or older will be living with AD, highlighting the disease's growing impact. The cost of dementia care in the U.S. reached approximately \$360 billion in 2024, with Medicare and Medicaid covering \$231 billion of this amount and out-of-pocket expenses by patients and families reaching around \$91 billion. Nursing home care costs for AD patients average \$9,733 per month nationally.

Alzheimer’s dementia is associated with specific changes within the brain. Two primary features seen under microscopic examination are neurofibrillary tangles (NFTs) and senile plaques (SPs). These features were first described by German psychiatrist Alois Alzheimer in 1907. However, NFTs and SPs are not exclusive to Alzheimer’s; they can also occur in other brain disorders, such as Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE), often associated with repeated concussions in athletes. A diagnosis of Alzheimer’s requires NFTs and SPs to be present in significant numbers and in specific brain locations.

Normally, nerve cells, or neurons, follow highly organized pathways that facilitate clear communication with other neurons. These pathways help us think clearly and form memories effectively. In Alzheimer’s, the neurons become disorganized and tangled, like strands of hair knotted and interwoven with bubble gum. These plaques and tangles disrupt neuronal communication, significantly impairing cognitive function.

Pinpointing the exact causes of Alzheimer’s disease remains challenging. Research has mainly focused on tau proteins, normal components of nerve cells that can fold abnormally, forming the tangles characteristic of Alzheimer’s. Researchers continue developing treatments designed to reduce these abnormal tau proteins or prevent their harmful aggregation. Additionally, recent advances have seen the approval of monoclonal antibody treatments aimed at reducing amyloid plaque formation, another hallmark of Alzheimer’s dementia.

Diagnosis of Alzheimer’s dementia involves a careful and complex process typically carried out by a team of medical experts. The process begins with a thorough medical history, physical examination, and basic blood tests to rule out other conditions that mimic dementia, such as infections, metabolic disorders, vitamin deficiencies, depression, or thyroid problems. Brain imaging, including CT or MRI scans, helps visualize structural brain changes, sometimes supplemented with special imaging agents that highlight the plaques and tangles. Additional assessments, including brain wave tests (EEG) and genetic testing, especially when a family history is present, may also be necessary. While researchers are exploring biomarkers detectable in blood or spinal fluid, these tests are still under development. Neuropsychological testing conducted by clinical psychologists can pinpoint specific brain areas affected by the disease.

Interestingly, recent research has highlighted preventive measures, such as vaccination. A notable recent study found a 20% reduction in relative risk for dementia among individuals who received the shingles vaccine compared to those who did not. This finding suggests that vaccines may offer an unexpected yet significant protective benefit against developing dementia, including Alzheimer’s disease.

Early Alzheimer’s dementia typically presents as slowly progressive memory loss, which understandably leads to worry. Routine forgetfulness, such as misplacing keys or forgetting a reason for entering a room, typically isn’t cause for concern. However, memory loss that consistently disrupts daily life indicates the need for medical evaluation. For detailed information, the Alzheimer’s Association website (bit.ly/3ajnKKV) provides a comprehensive list of ten warning signs and additional resources valuable for individuals and families seeking guidance about this disease.

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

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Auto Reviews

When the last horse left Ford’s stable last year, the all-electric Mustang Mach-E crossover outsold the classic gas-powered coupe 51,745 to 44,003 vehicles. And, deservedly so.

For way too long, the Mustang was little more than a stylish suit around big V8 and weak V6 engines. And for many owners, they were toys – not roomy enough for kids or luggage and a wonton mess in snow. But the brawny beasts accelerated like rocket sleds. So does the all-electric, all-wheel-drive, kid-coddling 2025 Mustang Mach-E Rally.

So, it’s a crossover. That just means it can support your daily life, taking kids to school, hauling their cellos to music classes, and can do it all while wrestling a blizzard. I’d argue it’s a better Mustang.

Despite the fact it is a tall-bodied five-door, it at least looks part of a sixty-year tradition – albeit one with a drainable frunk so you can ice down soda and other bevs at “hood opening” parties.The classic pony sprints across a plastic grille-shaped facia, but it’s flanked by angry LED headlamps and air intakes that flash visual snarls.

A wide stance and long arching roofline imbue more classic proportions while riding over the Rally edition’s 19” white wheels. Angled triple-barrel taillamps recall history – even if they’re under a hatchback and giant black wing. Black racing stripes finish the Rally suit.

Only cloth patches hint at the Mustang’s iconic twin-cowl dashboard, but it’s cozy inside. Proportions are more sport coupe than pickup and the deeply-bolstered sport seats

look like they last sat on the helm of a starship. That’s also true of the thin flatscreen gauges and 15.5” touchscreen. None of that takes away from the driving experience – very easy to use.

Rally editions are pretty luxurious with heated seats, heated steering wheel, automatic climate control, and enveloping B&O audio. Connect devices wirelessly through Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Charge wirelessly too. Safety is covered by automatic emergency braking, blind spot warning, and lane keep systems.

Before you share stories about the glory days of muscle cars, plant your big shoe on the accelerator. It’s all-electric, which means 480 horsepower and 700 lb.-ft. of torque tickles the all-wheel-drive system instantly and quietly.Watch 0-

60 mph zap by in 3.4 seconds. That’s modern Shelby territory. To keep going, quick charge 10-80% in about 30 minutes or fully overnight on your garage’s 240v charger.

Rally implies this EV is ready to power slide around dirt curves. Maybe not, but while most electric crossovers feel like science projects, the Mach-E connects drivers to roads with quick steering, Magneride adaptive independent suspension, Brembo disc brakes, and all-wheel-drive. Drive modes let drivers adjust accelerator feel and suspension damping.It feels almost analog, ironically through broad use of sophisticated electronics.

And you don’t always have to drive it if you opt for Ford’s hands-off BlueCruise. I endured a couple of hundred-mile round trips while I had the Mach-E and appreciated being able

to relax, sip coffee, and watch the road. It will change lanes with the flip of a turn signal, but not automatically. It can also take an excruciatingly long time to confirm a clear lane and scooch over.

If you love traditional Mustangs, they’re pretty amazing. Ford will happily sell you one and you’ll probably love it. However, I prefer this multi-functional all-electric pony with traction to

go almost anywhere. Base models start at a reasonably affordable \$39,995, but ours rode in at \$65,485. Competitors include the Chevy Blazer EV, Nissan Murano, Tesla Model Y, Honda Prologue, and Kia EV6.

Storm Forward!

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

Likes

- Rally styling
- Instant power
- Connected handling

Dislikes

- Cold range
- BlueCruise function
- Expensive options

2025 Ford Mustang Mach-E Rally
Five-passenger, AWD Crossover
Powertrain: Li-ion batteries/motors
Output: 480 hp/700 lb.-ft.
Suspension f/r: Elect Ind/Ind
Wheels f/r: 19”/19” white alloy
Brakes f/r: regen disc/disc
Driving range: 240 miles
0-60 mph: 3.4s
10-80% charge: 30m
Assembly: Cuautitlan, Mexico
Base/As-tested price: \$39,995/\$65,485

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SOUTHMONT SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Corporation Board Room
Monday, April 14, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.
Executive Session
The Board will meet in Executive Session on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Corporation Board Room located at 6401 S. US Highway 231, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 to discuss a job performance evaluation.

Public Meeting
I. Call to Order
II. Pledge of Allegiance
Ladoga students will lead the Pledge of Allegiance
III. Roll Call
IV. Welcome and Recognition of Visitors. –
We will be recognizing Student/Staff of the Month.
V. Revisions to the Agenda
VI. Public Comments
VII. Consent Agenda: (minutes, monthly claims, field trips/facilities usage, contributions/gifts and personnel)
Minutes from previous meetings
Claims/Payrolls
Personnel:
-Approve resignation of Kayla Murphy, Elementary Teacher - Walnut Elementary - effective end of the 2024-2025 school year.
-Approve resignation of Shelby Burger, Title One Teacher - Ladoga Elementary - effective end of the 2024-2025 school year.
-Approve resignation of Zach Higbee, PE Teacher - Ladoga/Walnut Elementaries - effective end of the 2024-2025 school year.
-Approve resignation of Kevy Bailey - Music Teacher - Ladoga/Walnut - effective May 23, 2025.
-Approve resignation of Hannah Long - English Teacher - High School - effective immediately.
-Erika Lough - PK Floater - New Market Elementary.
-Taylor Sims - Instructional Assistant - Jr. High.
-Tracy Mobley - Instructional Assistant - Jr. High.
-Approve resignation of Lindsey Raines - Preschool - Walnut Elementary - effective end of school year.
-Approve resignation of Nancy Burkett - ELA Instructional Assistant - Jr. High - effective April 10, 2025.
-Samantha Logsdon - Substitute Bus Driver.
-Laramie Howard - Bus Driver.
-Approve resignation of Michael Byrum as Varsity Boys Basketball Coach - effective immediately.
-Lana Gregg - JH Girls Tennis Coach - \$ 1500.00.
-Abigail Gregg - JH Girls Tennis Coach - Volunteer.
-Brevan Cornelius - JH Baseball Coach - Volunteer.
-Charles Maddock - JH Baseball Coach - Volunteer.
-BPA National Leadership Conference - May 6-11, 2025 - Orlando, FL
-FFA to National Soils Contest @ Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on April 27 - May 2, 2025. -Donations made to Ladoga Elementary in the amount of \$2127.00 and to Southmont High School in the amount of \$4150.00.
Call to Order Additional Appropriation Hearing
Adjourn the Additional Appropriation Hearing
VIII. Items for Action:
1. Adopt Additional Appropriation Resolution.
2. Adopt Final Bond Resolution.
3. Adopt Reimbursement Resolution.



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Montgomery Murder Mysteries: Molly’s Manifesto

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.

Chapter 3 – I’m Not Daffy!



My precious Molly. I see it in your eyes, those beautiful chocolate eyes. You think I’ve gone mad. I’m not daffy. I’m only concentrating hard on our life. I guess my life has always been hard. Lately, I’ve tried things to release the tenseness I feel, but that only makes things worse. Hmm, it’s too much work making me this way, I think. When I was just Will’s age, my father would make me work 12 hours a day. Being the only boy, and having a large farm, the work was never ending. For sure, we never lacked for love, but where was the fun at our house? True, father and mother loved we three children, but we never had fun! That’s why I’ve always enjoyed being around Molly. She makes life enjoyable. Why, she’s comical looking, kind of like a clown. Her nose is a button, her hair is a spring, and her face is aglow. How I love her, but worries, too many worries of late. She has no idea that we could lose our little 40-acre farm at any minute. It’s just too expensive raising four boys. If she could maybe sew their clothes, that might help. Or, if she put up more food. What am I saying? Molly works herself to the bone and always with a good spirit. It’s me. It’s me. Maybe I am daffy?!

Chapter 4 – Glorious Day

Oh, what a glorious day! I’m always better on bright, sunny days. We just haven’t had many of those lately. Breakfast is superb! Molly has outdone herself with bacon, sunny eggs, fried taters and cinnamon buns. Yum! Maybe, just maybe, I won’t be so down trodden today.

Chapter 5 – Glorious Day, Gone Amuck

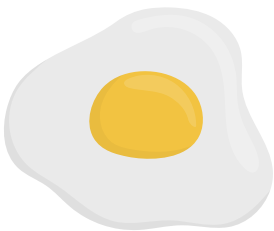
I’ve fixed a huge

breakfast, hoping to help mend what ails my man.

Alfred almost cracked a smile when little Will made this silly rhyme

Sunny, sunny is my egg

It’s just as gooey as Opa’s old nag



The older boys laughed and our morning began like the old days. It was going to be a glorious day!

Flowers are on my agenda. I need to prune the Morning Glories by the well. How I love those flowers even though Momma says they’re unruly like weeds. Asters by the strawberry patch are getting beautiful, too. Momma had brought over starts of Lily of the Valley two days ago and I need to get those planted before they’re ruined and I’ll catch the tongue of my mother. Will loves to help in the flowers, so I need to do that before his nap. Probably I should go see Ida sometime today. Perhaps if I make Bill Sutton some fresh chicken salad, he might perk-up. Ida and the children always enjoy it, too. I should have had Lee or George ring ones neck before they took out for work.

Speaking of George, here he comes. “George is something the matter?” He rushes to my side with a worried look upon his brow.

“Yes! Lee, Harry and I were working on taking those fence posts out that had rotted from the creek water. We heard something funny, looked around and there was Father sitting in the middle of the creek, saying ‘O Lord, I am a sinner!’ over and over again. We told him that we were all sinners and he ‘twernt no worse than anyone else. He looked at us and said, ‘My boys we need to change our wicked

ways!’ Ma, I don’t think we have wicked ways, do we?”

I hug George and state, “Of course not, you’re wonderful boys, but go on, what happened next?”

“Nothing! Father is still sitting in the middle of the creek. Lee told me to run fetch you!”

Oh my, it’s a Glorious Day gone Amuck!

Chapter 6 – The Rescue

I shepherded George into the house in case Will woke up and headed toward the creek, telling him to make sure they did not leave the place until I got back, hopefully with his Father in tow.

My thoughts were wild. Had Alfred completely lost his mind? Was he only beginning to lose it? Should I insist he see Dr. J.B.? He’d not go for that as he’d say we didn’t have the money. Well, I’ll just rush over and see what I could see.

What I saw astonished me. There was Alfred working with the boys like nothing had happened. Wonder if George did this for a joke? Yet, as I look at my oldest son’s face, I know there’s no joke to it. I’ll question him later. In the meantime, how do I explain me being out here? I don’t need to explain. Alfred just comes up to me and gives me a big bear hug. It’s the first time Alfred has touched me in months.

“Why, thank you dear,” I say as I touch his face. He jumps back as if I’ve branded him with a hot iron and hurriedly returns to his work. I smile at the boys and head back to the house. My, how strange. At this point, it’s too late to go see Ida, too late to work on my flowers and probably too late to do much of anything except get lunch. That I can do in a rote manner without having to put any thought into it unlike I’ve had to ponder so long and hard on how strange my dear husband has been

acting.

Really, I need to do something about it soon. Perhaps I’ll speak with brother George tomorrow.

The men come in and I give them their cheese sandwiches and milk. I’ve also fried-up some potatoes as that’s Alfred’s favorite kind. He’s not a mashed, boiled, stewed potato man like most, he much prefers ‘em fried. I’m trying so hard lately to please Alfred and relieve some of the load from his shoulders.

I ask Alfred if he wants to give our meal prayer. He nods to Lee. Lee says the usual Lutheran grace, “Be present at our table Lord, be here and everywhere adored, these bounties blessed and grand, that we may dine in paradise with thee. Amen.”

We all know that the Lord is present but lately, I can’t seem to reach Him, just as I can’t reach my beloved Alfred, either.

I say, “If one of you boys would ring the ‘ol hen’s neck after lunch, I’d like to make some chicken salad and take over to the Suttons. We can have some either for our lunch tomorrow or for supper tonight. Who wants to volunteer?”

Alfred stares at me. “I don’t want you going over to the Suttons. I don’t want you going anywhere.”

Silence. Complete silence follows. The boys look down at their plates. Alfred stares out the back window. I feel tears dribble down my face. Now, how will I speak to brother George or anyone for that matter?


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4. Adopt Resolution Determining Need for Project.
5. Adopt Resolution Approving form of Lease.
6. Adopt Resolution approving formation of Building Corporation.
- IX. Report from Superintendent:
- X. Items for Discussion by the Board
- XI. Adjournment
- Future Meetings:
- May 12, 2025 - Regular Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 PM
- June 9, 2025 - Regular Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 PM
- This meeting site is handicap accessible.
- Any person requiring further accommodation should contact the Superintendent at the School Corporation office.

- CRAWFORDSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**
- Board of Education - Regular Meeting
- Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.
- Crawfordsville High School
- One Athenian Dr.
- AGENDA
- I. Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Building Principal Report - Jay Strickland - CHS Principal
- IV. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes, Construction Accounts Payable Claims Vouchers, Register of Accounts Payable Vouchers, and Surplus Items
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
- a. Consider Approval for Student International Travel Opportunity - Chloe Carter
- b. Consider CHS Student Handbook for 2025-2026 - Susan Albrecht
- c. Consider CMS Student Handbook for 2025-2026 - Kent Minnette
- d. Consider AVA Student Handbook for 2025-2026 - Monte Thompson
- e. Consider MCCF Unrestricted Grant Application - Spring Cycle
- f. Consider Approval for Technology Advance from the Common School Fund
- g. Consider Policy 4420 Law Enforcement Relations - First Reading
- h. Consider Corporation Amendment - Administration Address Change
- i. Consider School Amendment - AVA School
- VII. Personnel
- a. Consider Ashley Fisher Resignation - CHS Teacher Assistant
- b. Consider Ember Neal Resignation - Hose Teacher Assistant
- c. Consider Brian Bartlett Resignation - CMS Part-Time Band Director
- d. Consider Michelle Pichardo Resignation - Hoover Teacher Assistant
- e. Recommend Sidney Veatch - Hose Elementary Teacher
- VIII. Business Manager Report
- IX. Assistant Superintendent Report
- X. Superintendent Report
- XI. Other
- XII. Board Member Communication
- XIII. Patron Comments
- XIV. Adjournment
- Patron’s Comments are limited to 3 minutes per spokesperson for a total of 30 minutes. The meeting site is fully accessible. Any person requiring further accommodations should contact the Superintendent at the School Corporation’s central office.



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