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■ TODAY'S VERSE

2 Timothy 2:7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

■ AWL VIGO



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Happy Birthday Eve to Hoosier Col. Harland Sanders. Yes, the KFC king was born in Henryville, Indiana on Sept. 9, 1890!

■ MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The Crawfordsville | Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend Donuts & Discovery at 9 a.m. Sept. 25, to discuss different aspects of health care. Franciscan Alliance will talk about HEALTHeACCESS and Indiana Farm Bureau will discuss insurance options. The free event takes place at Fusion 54, but registration is required. Visit crawfordsvillechamber.com or email Jessica McClamroch at jmccclamroch@crawfordsvillechamber.com. Donuts & Discovery is a series of educational events hosted by The Crawfordsville | Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce.

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair."

- Shirley Chisholm

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

Did you hear about the horse named Mayo?

Sometimes Mayo neighs.

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Remembering 9-11

BY THE NUMBERS

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!

Almost everyone remembers where they were and what they were doing on that tragic Sept. 11, 2001 when terrorists declared war on the United States. We observe the 24th anniversary of that fateful day this week so today, please join us while we respectfully look back at 9-11.

2,977 That's how many people were killed in the attacks on the two World Trade Center buildings (north tower and south tower, the Pentagon and the crash of Flight 93 in Pennsylvania.



343 & 72

The number of firefighters and police who were killed.



77

From the first life lost to the last crash, only 77 minutes went by.

56

That's how many minutes from the time Flight 175 hit the south tower and its collapse.

102

It took longer for the north tower to collapse after being hit by Flight 11. The impact speed is the main reason why.

\$100 billion

Some estimate the financial impact of the tragedy at \$100 billion. That takes into account the hit the U.S. economy took, job losses in New York, the airlines shutting down temporarily, the cost of recovery and more.



8:46.40

The time the first plane, Flight 11, crashes into the north tower.

10:03.11

The time the final plane, Flight 93, crashes in Pennsylvania.



■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. When the mood for Italian food strikes, what do you like? Well, if it's lasagna, then you are right in line with many Hoosiers. A study conducted by Cooking School Italy, which provides professional training in Italian cuisine, analyzed Google monthly average searches over the 12 months leading up to July 2025 to reveal which ones are the most popular in each U.S. state. The five most popular pasta dishes in Indiana are Lasagna, Carbonara, Ziti al Forno, Fettuccine Alfredo and Cacio e Pepe.

2. A wedding chapel in Las Vegas is offering 87 free weddings if Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce say 'I Do' in Vegas. Chapel of the Flowers has unveiled a once-in-a-lifetime offer: 87 free weddings or vow renewals for fans if the couple ties the knot in the Wedding Capital of the World. Why 87? It's Kelce's jersey number - and the first 87 couples to register will receive a complimentary ceremony at the landmark chapel. And here's the twist: Taylor and Travis don't even have to marry at Chapel of the Flowers. As long as the couple says "I do" anywhere in Las Vegas, the chapel will honor its promise.

3. The Indy Arts Council has achieved its \$300K fundraising goal for their annual Start with Art event held Aug. 21 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. Since 1987, Start with Art has kicked off the fall arts season in Indianapolis and celebrated the artists and arts organizations whose creative talents shape our world-class city. Nearly 1,000 arts, business, and community leaders gathered to support the Indy Arts Council's vision of a creative life for all. This year's sold-out event supports the work Indy Arts Council does to champion arts and culture.

Butch Remembers Local Businessmen...Part IV



John 'Butch' Dale
Columnist

In the last three columns I have told of the business men and women in my hometown when I was a youngster. Here are a few more "characters" who I will always remember...

Henry Endicott owned a "filling station" (Does anyone use that term any more?) located in a concrete block building across the street from the Cox Standard gas station. Many teenage boys headed there each day after school and during the summer to grab a bottle of pop and talk about cars and girls. When Henry passed away in 1962, Thomas "Von" Timmons purchased the business. I knew him, as he had a daughter, Beverly, who was a year older than me. My folks bought her used school books every fall from her mother (another practice that no longer exists). In addition to gas, Von sold petroleum products, replacement belts, hoses, etc. and candy and cigarettes. Instead of stocking cigarettes in a glass display case, he put in a coin-operated, self-serve cigarette dispenser. Teenage would-be smokers had easy access to their favorite brand. A boy in my class, Kenny "Smokey" Krout, purchased his first pack there when he was in the 7th grade. Von sold another product that he kept behind the counter. Teenage boys very seldom used this product, but they kept one in their wallet... just in case...but mostly just to show their friends. I suppose you can guess what it was....

Marvin Branstetter, my school bus driver, owned an auto repair business at the west end of Main street. He had a Phillips 66 gas pump out front, but I never saw anyone buy gas there. Marvin was an excellent mechanic and always had plenty of business. When he drove the bus, he often seemed somewhat gruff and grouchy, especially if some kid was horsing around or goofing off, but I guess a school bus driver has to be that way at times. Marvin's wife, Claudine "Claudie," was kind of "mannish" and had a gravelly voice. She sold Avon products to the ladies in town. They had three boys...Johnny, Jimmy, and Mikey, all of whom were intelligent and popular in school. Unlike most boys, the three of them never tried out for sports, and they preferred to hang out with the girls. Jimmy was in my class, and he became one of the cheerleaders for the basketball team, and did an excellent job.

Although not a business, another popular stopping place on Main street was the post office. In the late 1950's and early '60's, Marion "Runt" Maxwell was the postmaster. He was also my first baseball coach, so it was always

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■ BUTCH'S FLASHBACK TRIVIA



Do You Recognize This Gal?

HINT: She graduated from Waveland High School in 1961.

Answer on Page 4

► OBITUARY

HAROLD HESTER

September 12, 1947 - September 2, 2025

Harold Jonathon Hester, age 77 of rural Crawfordsville, passed away on September 2, 2025 at Union Hospital in Terre Haute. He was born on September 12, 1947 in Crawfordsville to the late Harold "Jack" and Grace "Irene" (Hite) Hester. Jon married Valerie Lyons on August 17, 1969 in Bedford, Indiana.



He was a graduate of New Market High School, Class of 1965 and Indiana State University with a Bachelor Degree of Industrial Art, Class of 1970. Jon proudly served in the National Guard. He taught Industrial Arts at North Montgomery High School for 2 years. He was a self-employed farmer on the family farm near New Market. Jon was also a registered commodity broker and market analyst with Wayne Nelson at L&M Commodities in New Market for the last 30 years. He was a member of the Crawfordsville American Legion Post 72, Eagles, and Indiana SAAC. Jon loved collecting his classic cars and attending car shows. He enjoyed going on casinos trips to play cards with his buddies. Jon was a devoted Packers fan and loved going to games with his children. He was often found at home spending time with his corgi, Cooper, and drinking a Coca-Cola.

Jon will be greatly missed by his wife, Valerie; 2 children, Jeremy (Angie Fowler) Hester and Shelly (David) Hamm; 3 grandsons, Bradley, Benson and David; and 4 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at Sanders Funeral Care, 315 S Washington Street in Crawfordsville from 12 noon until the time of the service at 2:00 pm. Burial will follow at Indian Creek Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to ASI Crawfordsville, 3097 E State Road 32, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 or Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306. Share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

Council on Aging Sets Celebration

The Montgomery County Council on Aging announces the 2025 MCCA Senior Celebration on Sept. 17.



This annual event will be held this year at First Baptist Church from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It features information on services and activities that cater to caregivers and seniors in Montgomery County.

A free lunch will be provided as well as entertainment.

Each year, the MCCA Senior Celebration brings our community together in a heartfelt tribute to the seniors who have shaped our lives, our neighborhoods, and our history. This isn't just an event — it's a movement to connect with and celebrate the vibrant lives of older adults in Montgomery County. The goal of this annual celebration is to promote wellness, connection, and recognition for local seniors, to engage with a loyal, civic-minded audience that values community support, to highlight our organization's leadership in supporting aging with dignity, and to connect our senior population with local resources ensuring seniors have the information, respect, and opportunities they deserve.

To learn more about this event, please contact:

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The Montgomery County Council on Aging in Crawfordsville is a dedicated organization working towards ensuring the well-being of seniors in the county. Our mission is focused on Advocacy, Navigation and Education.

For more information or to get involved, visit our website www.mcca54.org or contact Belinda Young, MCCA President and Director of Senior Programs, Crawfordsville Parks and Recreation at byoung@crawfordsville-in.gov or write to us P.O. Box 411, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. You can also find us on Facebook.

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2025 CHS Homecoming Queen Candidates, Attendants



Photo courtesy Jenny Sims / Crawfordsville High School

Homecoming at Crawfordsville High School is Friday against North Putnam. The queen will be crowned during halftime of the football game as CHS looks to keep up a winning record! The Crawfordsville High School 2025 Homecoming Queen Candidates and Attendants are pictured above. Front row, from left, senior queen candidates Aubrey Lowe, Ciara Wilke, LiLi Yeung and Bristol Presley. Attendants, back row from left, freshman attendant Olivia Abney, junior attendant Nahomi Sanchez and sophomore attendant Mila Blackwell.

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2025 Chevy Equinox Proves Ruggedly Handsome and High-Tech Crossovers Don't Have to Be Expensive

The Equinox starts at \$28,600, and even with leather, ventilated seats and AWD, you'll be comfortably under \$40k.



Casey Williams
Columnist

The first-generation Chevy Equinox that debuted for 2005 was the automaker's first car-based crossover and offered a roomy interior that catered as much to rear passengers as those in front. It felt equal parts concept car and jacked up Malibu, but was immensely successful. Now in its fourth generation, and seemingly larger than the previous, the latest 2025 version feels more downsized Traverse than puffy sedan.

All previous Equinox models barely hid their car-based underpinnings, wearing sleek sheetmetal that looked about as rugged as a trip to Urban Outfitters. This one is considerably more outdoorsy with a glint of Corvette too. A drive from Indianapolis to Memphis and back provided plenty of seat time.

We didn't have much choice since the Equinox is selling so well, but we chose the most basic LT trim. It still looked pretty fancy with its large honeycomb cross-bar grille, thin horizontal driving lights, and angled-in headlamps in the lower fascia. The side profile projects toughness with bolstered fenders, gray cladding, and blade-like C-pillar that tie it to the larger Traverse and smaller Trailblazer. ACTIV trim looks tougher still, but even with 17" wheels and fat black tires, our ride looked smart.

I think Chevrolet uses too much hard plastic on its dash and doors, but the rest of the interior is posh. Configurable flatscreen gauges flow into a 11.3-inch infotainment screen to echo Corvettes, and it's pretty sporty with large round air vents and thick three-spoke steering wheel. Climate control is manual, but blew ice cold.

Moving gear selection back to the column frees up cubbies of space in the console for cupholders and other stuff. Connect devices via Google built-in and a smattering of USBs. If you like Apple CarPlay, too bad; GM says no. Cloth seats are all-day comfortable and heated too. There's no fancy brand on the 6-speaker audio system, it doesn't sound bad.

When the Equinox debuted for 2005, it won praise for its roomy interior that neatly split the difference between compact and mid-size. Rear passengers had stretch-out legroom for three across and the cargo hold held much. Same was true for the second generation in 2010, but Chevrolet decided to downsize the last generation that came for 2018. This one feels back to bigger with plenty of space for families and all their stuff.

Out on the highway, either on board-flat Indiana highways or fast hilly Tennessee passes, the 1.5-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine provided pep. It delivers 175 horsepower and 203 lb.-ft. of torque to the front- or all-wheel-drive system through a continuously variable (FWD) or eight-speed (AWD) automatic transmission. Our car was front-drive, which

is fine for most snowy conditions given traction and stability control. Fuel economy is rated 26/31-MPG city/highway.

Those fat tires don't let you carry quite as much speed through curves, but that's not really the point. Attached to the ends of a four-wheel independent suspension, they sop up rough pavement while encouraging feet deeper into the accelerator. And the turbo provides enough torque to lift through hills and mountains with surprising ease. Automatic emergency braking stands by to keep travelers safe.

The Equinox has been immensely successful for Chevrolet. In fact, my parents have owned three of them. It's affordable enough for young drivers yet sophisticated enough for growing families and empty-nesters. Our base model was comfortable enough for days on the highway, but add options as you please. The base and as-tested price were \$28,600. Compare to the Ford Escape, Toyota RAV4, Honda CR-V, Kia Sportage and Subaru Forester.

Storm Forward!

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

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2025 Chevy Equinox LT
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Fuel economy city/hwy: 26/31-MPG
Assembly: San Luis Potosi, Mexico
Base/as-tested price: \$28,600

■ BUTCH DALE'S SCHOOL FROM BACK IN THE DAY



The Ladoga Cannons were county baseball champions in 1953. Shown above are Top Row: Bill Boone, Dick Powers, Coach Jack Hester, Dick Stull, Larry Burnett, Jon Todd, Woody Kenworthy, Max Todd, John Gott, Keith Todd, Don Todd and Assistant Coach Carol Faulkinbury; Bottom Row; Charles Kimmel, Clay Warren, Danny Gerald, Ralph Rogers and (inset) batboy Teddy Craig.

Taking a New Route



Carrie Classon
The Postscript

I'm driving back to my parents' home from a state park on a beautiful summer day.

"She's taking us around the slow part," my mother observes. My dad remains silent.

They are not interested in a new route.

My mother is riding shotgun; my dad is in the back seat. I have Google directions on my car dashboard, out of habit.

We emerged onto the road we would have come to, but a bit sooner than expected, having missed several slowdowns and traffic lights.

I want to be like my parents when I am 90. I want to be open to new routes. I may be sure I am right, but I want to be happy and surprised if proven wrong and something better shows up. I want to be open to new information, new stories, new ways of doing things. I want to try a new dish, a new path, a new idea. I think this is the way you get to be 90 and still have a lot of living to do.

"We know how to get home!" my mother says. And of course she does.

"I never knew you could go that way!" my mother exclaimed.

"We have a new route!" my father said.

"Turn here," my mother says.

And I realized, once again, why I admire my parents so much. My dad turned 91 this year and, although my mother might prefer I not mention it, she's going to turn 90 later this year. It would certainly be reasonable, at their time in life, to have found all the routes they were interested in taking and stick to them.

My dad uses his tablet to look up birds. My mom solves Wordle every day, sometimes consulting with her sister in California while she does it. They are better informed than I am about current events and attend more musical and theater performances than I do. They will be the first to tell you they are slowing down. But to hear them tell it, slowing down doesn't sound like such a bad thing.

"Turn in one-quarter mile," Ms. Google orders.

Now I am in a quandary.

"That's wrong," my mother says—meaning the directions Ms. Google has just given.

"There's nothing up ahead," my dad confirms.

But I have never sensed that either one of them was through learning. And I am not finished learning from them, either.

"We're not in a hurry," my dad will say.

"The turn is here," my mother insists. I am not always the best daughter. I drive on.

I can feel the skepticism seeping out of my parents. I turn onto the little road that Ms. Google has suggested. "You're on your own now!" my father says.

I know a lot of folks my own age who think they have everything figured out. They tell me how it's all downhill from here—whether they are talking about the country or their health or literature or the quality of baked goods. Everything was better in the past, and now we're all addicted to social media and reliant on the internet and nothing good will ever come of it.

"We don't have anywhere we have to be today," my mother will add.

"Turn right in one-half mile," Ms. Google tells me. Then, "Turn left in one-quarter mile."

"I have never been here before," my mother says. My father says nothing.

And that is why they are so much fun to be with. We have plenty of time when we are together. We have time to find a new route.

Till next time,

Carrie

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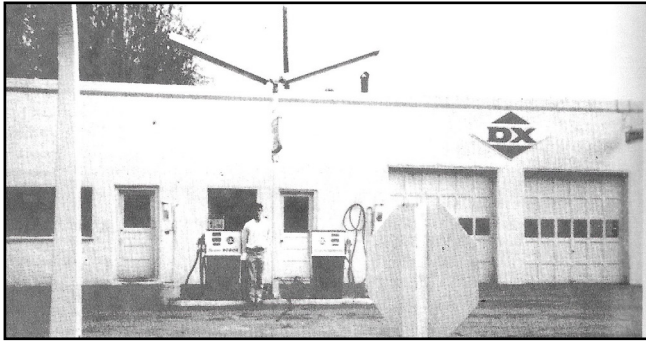


Photo courtesy Butch Dale

This concrete block building at the corner of Main and Madison streets served as a DX gas station owned by Thomas “Von” Timmons. Many teenage boys liked to loaf there after school.

fun to visit with him. My folks often played cards with Runt and his wife Phyllis, and my brothers and sisters tagged along to play with their children. When Runt switched to the rural route, Eugene “Beamer” Hampton became the new postmaster. Beamer was quite a character...very sociable and quite witty... and he enjoyed teasing all the little kids. Beamer loved the Chicago Cubs, and he and my Dad took my brother and me, along with Beamer’s son Bill, to see the Cubs play the Milwaukee Braves in the summer of 1961. I was thrilled! Little did I know at that time that both Runt and Beamer had served in WWII. Runt had won the Silver Star for bravery, and Beamer had been severely wounded... both having fought in the Pacific theater.

occurred to Beamer after he retired. He had been playing poker at the American Legion one evening with his buddies and had one beer too many. When he rode his little moped back to his home here in town, he had a minor accident and received a cut to his head. A neighbor, Gary Ryker, came to his assistance and helped him inside. That night, while Beamer was soundly asleep, Gary and a buddy attached bicycle training wheels to Beamer’s moped. Everyone got a big laugh out of that one, including Beamer himself!

John “Butch” Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 36 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

Stay tuned to Part V....

One funny incident

In a Manner of Speaking



Dick Wolfsie
Columnist

Five years ago, while the world was in the throes of COVID, I started looking through

some of my wife’s old cookbooks. I was preparing Mary Ellen for the next pandemic. I also found a couple of editions of books written by manners-maven Emily Post, who died in 1960. Very few attended her funeral because people feared they’d wear something inappropriate. Here are some new insights from the second edition, with a few favorites from the first edition, which I wrote about many years ago.

Don’t tell guests beforehand if you are serving an unfamiliar dish. It could prejudice them before they even taste it. After the first bite, casually mention that it’s not Beef Burgundy but Gopher Goulash.

In 1930, Emily said you should avoid “promiscuous kissing” at a dinner party. Yes, that’s her exact phrase. I’m no prude, but I agree. At least, wait until you have been introduced. Then please wait until after dessert.

Emily does not like pretension. She is not in favor of saying, “I am going to retire.” She wants you to say, “I am going to sleep.” In 2021, after 40 years on TV, I guess I went to sleep. She also prefers “Excuse me” to “Pardon me,” unless you have committed a crime and are talking to the president.

If you visit a friend’s home, you must conform to the habits of your host family...have meals at their hours, eat what is put before you, and go to bed according to their schedule. Similar advice is found in “Joining a Cult for Dummies.”

How about guests who overstay their welcome? Incredibly, the author says it is okay for the host to stifle a yawn. I prefer: “Would you mind dropping our kids off at school on your way home?”

If your hostess has not begun to eat, once several people have been served at the table, it is okay to pick up your fork and begin. I tried that once and Mary Ellen also picked up her fork...and stuck it in my thigh.

“Napkins must be unfolded in your lap,” says Emily.

I tried that and Mary Ellen thought I was secretly looking at my cell phone. Talking about folding, Emily Post says never cut your salad. Instead, always fold the lettuce leaves. Fold the lettuce leaves? I can’t even fold a fitted sheet?

To prevent guests from showing up late, ask guests to come about a half hour before you really want them to arrive. If the doorbell rings while you are still in your underwear, rethink the concept.

Men should remove their hats in elevators, says Ms. Post. Even nowadays, if a guy is headed upstairs to a chic restaurant, he should still consider taking off his hat when a lady enters, unless they are both rooting for the same team.

The guide says at home to peel a banana halfway down and eat it bite by bite. These rules for humans are pretty much the same as for orangutans. At a restaurant, says Emily, “You should peel the whole fruit, cut it into pieces, and eat it with a fork.” That’s why bananas on a menu have never caught on.

Another prohibition: When out for dinner, do not violently shake your napkin when you open it. (This puts a damper on my first magic trick at the table.)

Ms. Post says never to say, “I’m stuffed” after dinner. Growing up, failure to make this observation meant you were disappointed with the food. If I said, “Thanks for the delicious dinner, Mom,” she would not have fallen for that baloney. Especially if we were having bologna.

“Overnight visits require written thank-you notes.” We spent five days at my sister’s house in New York this past week. We consumed all the food she prepared; we agreed to sleep in her spare room, and we let her do our laundry. So far, not a word of thanks from her.

I thought our mother taught us better.

Dick Wolfsie is a retired TV personality, author, speaker, teacher and all-around good guy. His award-winning column appears here weekly. If you’d like to learn more about joining Dick on an upcoming trip to Costa Rica, go to this paper’s website and click on the Collette Travel ads.

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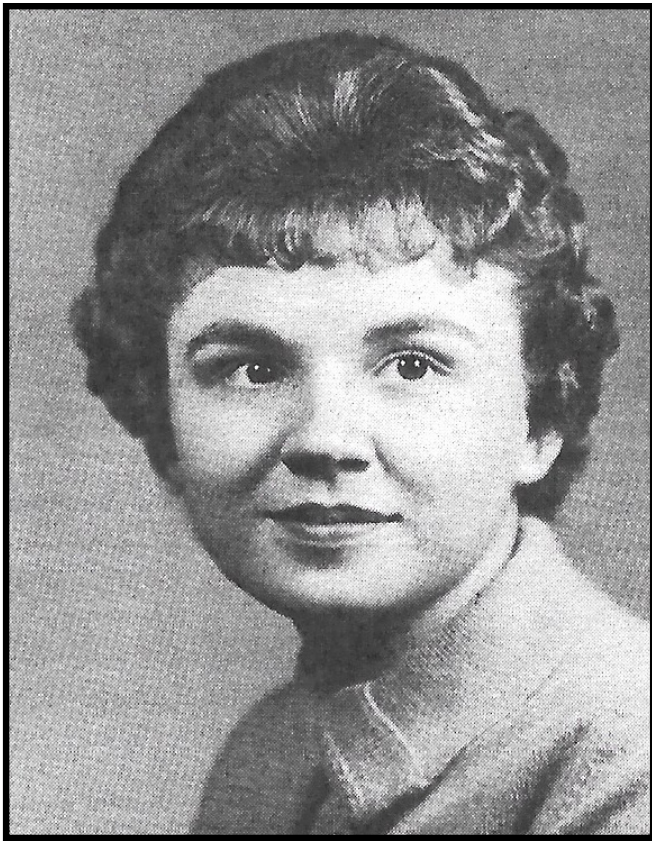
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Sunflower Contest Winners!



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The Crawfordsville District Public Library recently held a Sunflower Competition – and now, the results are in! The winner of the tallest sunflower was Douglas Keeling at 13-feet, 4-inches. The winner of the sunflower with the largest flower head was Lucille Fishero at 16 inches. And the most unique sunflower was Kelly Bengo. Congrats to the winners and all who entered and thanks to Janella Nunan and the staff at the library for sharing the results.

Franciscan Offers Virtual Diabetes Prevention Program

Franciscan Health will be hosting a virtual diabetes prevention program on-line, starting on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 6 p.m.

Franciscan Health's Diabetes Prevention Program follows guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that have been proven to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes.

More than 1 in 3 adults have prediabetes, but most do not know it. Without lifestyle changes, prediabetes can lead to type 2 diabetes, which can be prevented or delayed with lifestyle changes, like those implemented

through the Franciscan Health Diabetes Prevention Program.

Groups meet weekly for a total of 16 sessions, prior to six monthly follow-up sessions with a trained lifestyle coach. Throughout the course of the program, participants work with a certified healthy lifestyle coach who guides them in practices to lose weight, move more, reduce stress and build confidence.

The program is only open to participants ages 18 and older who have been diagnosed with prediabetes, not those who have previously been diagnosed

with type 1 or type 2 diabetes. They must also have a body mass index greater than 25. Those who had a previous diagnosis of gestational diabetes or a screening result indicating a high risk of type 2 diabetes are also eligible to participate.

The year-long program costs \$99.

Registration is required and space is limited. To register, complete the DPP Qualifying Questionnaire online, by going to https://franciscanhealth-care.formstack.com/forms/test_form_with_amy

Braun Creates New Utility Watchdog

Governor Mike Braun announced the selection of Abby Gray as the new Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor commissioner, who serves as Hoosiers' advocate.

Governor Braun directed the office to evaluate utilities' profits and find cost-saving measures to ease the financial burden on Hoosiers – including utilities' investors bearing more of the costs of doing business rather than ratepayers.

Governor Braun issued

the following statement:

"Hoosiers have been burdened with utility rate increase after increase. We can't take it anymore. I am directing the Utility Consumer Counselor, who is Indiana's ratepayer advocate, to evaluate utilities' profits along with other cost savings measures to ease the burden on ratepayers. I would also like to see the utilities' investors bear more of the cost of doing business." - Governor Mike Braun

Abby Gray, who will serve

as the Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor commissioner, issued this statement:

"I have dedicated my career to public service and it's the honor of a lifetime to continue to serve Indiana ratepayers in this new role. I am deeply humbled and appreciative of Governor Braun's confidence in me and look forward to advocating for Indiana utility consumers." - Abby Gray, Commissioner of the Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor

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1  National Little Black Dress Day	2 Baby Story Time: 9:30a 1st Grade Book Club: 4p Tech Tuesday Beginners' Excel: 6p	3 Toddler Story Time: 10a Kindergarten Book Club: 4p	4 Preschool Story Time: 10a Lego Club: 4p Drop-in Tech Help: 6-8p	5 Wiggle & Giggle: 10a	6 Read a Book Day Hoosiers Hometown 'Hickory' and Burnin' Rubber exhibit at CMMC: 2-4p
8 2nd Grade Book Club: 4p Yarn Works: 6p Drop-in Resume Help: 5:30-7p	9 Baby Story Time: 9:30a Tech Tuesday Beginners' Word: 6p Genealogy Club Annual Meeting: 6p	10 Toddler Story Time: 10a Kindergarten Book Club: 4p	11 Preschool Story Time: 10a 5-8 Grade Book Club: 4p CDPL Board Meeting: 4p Drop-in Tech Help: 6-8p	12 Wiggle & Giggle: 10a	13 Book Sale 10a-4p 
15 3rd Grade Book Club: 4p Drop-in Resume Help: 5:30-7p  National Online Learning Day	16 Baby Story Time: 9:30a Dungeons & Dragons for Beginners: 5p Tech Tuesday Beginners' PowerPoint: 6p	17 Toddler Story Time: 10a Kindergarten Book Club: 4p Wyrd Words Book Club: 6p 	18 Preschool Story Time: 10a Drop-in Tech Help: 6-8p	19 Wiggle & Giggle: 10a  Thank you for your support 20 years	20 Mushroom Observation Hike: 10a Teen Escape Room: 4p
22 4th Grade Book Club: 4p Drop-in Resume Help: 5:30-7p	23 Baby Story Time: 9:30a Tech Tuesday Beginners' Computers: 6p Genealogy Basics: 6p  be kind	24 Toddler Story Time: 10a Kindergarten Book Club: 4p Mystery of History Club: 6p	25 Preschool Story Time: 10a Yarn Works: 10a  Teen Anime & Manga Club: 6p Craft Collective: 5:30p Drop-in Tech Help: 6-8p	26 Wiggle & Giggle: 10a	27 28
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