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TODAY'S VERSE

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

FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Gracy Berry was all smiles recently when out shopping. Thank you for your smile, Grace!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Do you crave a taste of the dishes Chef Gordon Ramsay cooks up on his TV shows? If so, you may someday be able not only to watch how Ramsay, or any other of your favorite television cooks, put together their savory entrees, you'll be able to actually taste them as you watch, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. AMAC reports that Homei Miyashita, a professor at Japan's School of Science, claims to have invented a TV with a screen that lets you actually taste the yummy concoctions TV chefs cook up on their shows. "It works by mixing a combination of 10 flavors to create the taste of whatever food item is on the screen. Then it dispenses the flavor onto a film that slides onto the screen, where users can lick it off," explains ABC-TV News.

2 Demi Skipper of San Francisco has remarkable trading skills - remarkable enough to trade a bobby pin for a house, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. How did she do it? She used social media, including Facebook and Craigslist. It took a while, but someone finally offered to trade her for a pair of earrings. She then traded the earrings for a set of glasses, which she traded for a vacuum cleaner. A year and a half and 28 trades later she was the owner of a solar powered trailer worth about \$40,000, which she traded for a home in Clarksville, TN. But that's not the end of the story. Demi and her husband are going to fix the place up, give it to a needy recipient and then break out another bobby pin and start all over again.

3 The Indiana Legislature will be back in session soon and there are already rumblings about the politicians taking public notice ads out of newspapers so that the foxes are finally guarding the henhouse. Rep. Tim Brown of Crawfordsville recently sent a survey that included this question: "Currently, most units of local government, including schools, must buy newspaper advertising space for certain announcements, like budgets. Do you believe posting this information online as well as in a public building should be alternative options to this sometimes costly notification requirement?" Rep. Brown did not mention that governmental public notices are the cheapest rate of advertising we offer - preferring instead to add the word "costly." We hope you'll let Brown know you don't appreciate his attempt to pull public notice from the last guardians of a free press. You can reach his legislative assistant at (317) 232-9651.

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Crawfordsville hospital requests community to seek alternatives for COVID-19 testing

Emergency department physicians across the state are caring for a large volume of patients, including those with urgent COVID-19 complications and other serious ailments, including trauma and broken bones. Although you always have the right to visit the emergency department of your choice, officials with Franciscan Health are asking for your help to preserve critical emergency department staffing resources by asking patients experiencing mild COVID-19 symptoms to contact their primary care physician, an urgent care clinic, or community site to receive COVID-19 testing versus the emergency

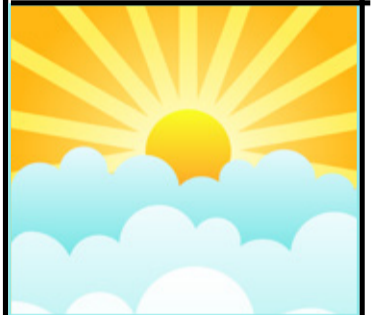


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Franciscan Health Crawfordsville is located at 1710 Lafayette Road, Crawfordsville.

room. Locations for testing can be found by visiting www.ourshot.in.gov.

The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 8:09 a.m.
SET: 5:31 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 51 °F
Low: 38 °F



Wacky Holiday Today
• Bacon Day
• Festival of Enormous Changes at the Last Minute



What Happened On This Day
• 2006 Saddam Hussein executed
• 1995 Lowest temperature ever recorded in the UK
• 2004 Highest barometric pressure recorded



Births On This Day
• 1984 LeBron James American basketball player
• 1975 Tiger Woods American golfer

Deaths On This Day
• 1970 Sonny Liston American boxer
• 2006 Saddam Hussein Iraqi politician

Happy New Year's



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Happy New Year's Montgomery County! We at The Paper of Montgomery County have seen and covered the news throughout 2021. From COVID scares to amazing new county advancements and events for all the locals to enjoy, we have seen it all, and we were all too happy to share it with you folks! As 2022 comes in just two days, we at The Paper will be sure to make an early New Year's resolution to do our best to bring you all the news as efficiently as we can in 2022! We hope you all enjoy this holiday and welcome in this new year with us!

Karen notes "Oh those Common Names" regarding Thomas Hall and his family

First one to admit this, but I sometimes avoid common names when I'm searching a subject for an article, but I've been avoiding this fella' and his wife for quite awhile now. So, it's time!

Thomas Hall I expected right away was going to be a challenge and certainly I was not disappointed in that aspect. In and around Crawfordsville there were three



of the same name at the same time. My chosen one's wife was Nancy (Swearingen) and one of the other ones wife was Nancy, as well. Both Thomases and Nancys passed away

close in time and I was definitely down the wrong Nancy path awhile, but in the end, here is what developed!

I actually became interested in Nancy prior to Thomas himself, but both are fascinating folks and together they were quite nifty. I had written a note to myself that Nancy would be a good subject because she had worked for many years at

➔ See KAREN Page A5

HONEST HOOSIER

Here's hoping that 2022 brings us together instead of keeping us on paths that are going farther apart.



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Eating quickly can triple your chance of becoming overweight - put the fork down between bites and allow your stomach to realize it's full.. 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.



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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Holiday schedule
Like the city and county offices, The Paper offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 31. In addition, we won't have an Online Edition on New Year's Day or the next day, Sunday. Our Online Edition will resume Monday, Jan. 3. All Indiana BMW offices will be closed New Year's Day. A few other branches (not Crawfordsville) will be closed on Friday.

TODAY'S QUOTE

Resolution One: I will live for God.
Resolution Two: If no one else does, I still will.
Jonathan Edwards

TODAY'S JOKE

Where can you go to practice math on New Year's Eve?
Times Square

OBITUARIES

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The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank CAROL PENDLETON of Crawfordsville for subscribing!



7 DAY FORECAST

47 PATCHY FOG, RAIN LATE DAY	38/51 SOME SUNSHINE	42/59 MILD, RAIN LATE	52/52 WET, FALLING TEMPS	22/29 BLIZZARD, SNOW SHOWERS	16/35 SUNNY	25/40 SUNNY
WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE

OBITUARIES

Barbara Johanningsmeier-Mason June 16, 1933 - Dec. 25, 2021

Barbara Ann (Ross) Johanningsmeier-Mason of Plymouth, Mich., died Dec. 25th, 2021, surrounded by love.

Born June 16, 1933, to her late parents Chester and Cecil Ross, raised in Crawfordsville, Ind.

She graduated from Lafayette Home Hospital, June 1954 school of Nursing. She moved to Michigan in 1959 with then husband the late Eugene Johanningsmeier. Barbara was involved with her church through Willing Hands Circle, Helen Beavers Circle, Handbell Choir, Children's mid-week program, and volunteered in the Thrift Store. She was a long-time member of the Michigan Association Extension Homemakers, a retired Charge Nurse from Northville Psychiatric Hospital, and Care Giver to many. She enjoyed sewing, camping and large family gatherings.

Survivors include her children, David, Douglas (Julie), Dwight (Dawn), Pamela (Richard) Smith and Daniel (Amy); from her marriage to the late Calvin Mason, his children, Susan (Bruce), Mary, Joe (Barb) and Carrie (Johan); grandchildren, Andy, Jennifer, Heather, Ryland, Alex, Dylan, Dawson, Ross, Deven, Jason, Emma, Mitchell, Austin, Ethan, August and Emerson.

She was preceded in death by her husband and by her siblings, Esta Lee, Thomas, Jack and Nancy.

Friends and family are welcome to gather Dec. 30, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Hunt & Son Funeral Home, Crawfordsville, Ind. for a social hour; she will be laid to rest immediately following at Oak Hill Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth, Mich. Details to follow. Memorial contributions can be made to First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation or Dementia Society of America.



Lee Joseph Morgan July 19, 1956 - Dec. 26, 2021

Lee Joseph Morgan, 65, Crawfordsville, passed away in Franciscan Health Hospital Crawfordsville, 6:22 p.m., Dec. 26, 2021 following a period of failing health.

Mr. Morgan was born in Lafayette July 19, 1956 to the late James R. Mary Lange Morgan.

He married Lisa J. McGaughey in Russellville Oct. 15, 1983 and she survives. He was a graduate of Lawrence Central High School, Indianapolis in 1974. He was trained in sheet metal design and was employed as a sheet metal fabricator until he was disabled due to a worked related injury.

He was an avid guitarist, enjoyed coaching Little League Baseball and football at Tri-West. He collected knives, guns and had enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Lisa; four sons, Benjamin (Ellie) Morgan of Buffalo, N.Y., and their son Benjamin, A.J Morgan of Crawfordsville and his son Colten, Joesph Morgan of Crawfordsville and Lucas (Bri) Morgan of Crawfordsville and their daughters Mickey and Lily; two sisters, Carolyn 'Suzi' Kirby of Greenwood and Diana Reed of Indianapolis; two brothers, Mark (Joyce) Morgan of Indianapolis and Eric Morgan of Indianapolis; sister-in-laws, Leah (John) Sinnet of Crawfordsville and Lenay (John) Yorke of Lancaster, Mass., brother-in-laws, John McGaughey of Heritage Lake and Craig (Chris) McGaughey of Edgewood, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, James.

There will be a gathering of family and friends 1 - 3 p.m., Jan. 1, 2022 with a celebration of life service scheduled to begin at 3 p.m., with Pastor Mike Parks officiating, at Family and Friends Funeral Home of Wingate. Memorials contributions may best be directed to American Cancer Society. To sign the guest book or share a condolence visit us at www.familyfriendsfh.com



Victor "Vic" G. Larson Feb. 17, 1942 - Dec. 25, 2021

Victor "Vic" Glenn Larson, 79, West Lafayette, passed away unexpectedly at his home after spending Christmas with his family on Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021 at 8:19 p.m.

Mr. Larson was born in Lafayette, Ind. on Feb. 17, 1942, the son of the late Victor Albert "Swede" and Winifred Frances (Williams) Larson.

He was raised around Independence in Warren County and graduated from Pine Village High School in 1960 where he played baseball and basketball and met his future wife. He then graduated from Purdue University with a BS degree in Management in 1964. He went on to work as an Operations Manager for CTS Microelectronics in West Lafayette for 40 years, retiring in 2004.

Mr. Larson had attended West Lafayette Christian Church and Bethel Community Church. He enjoyed the time he spent with his family and watching his children and grandchildren play sports. He loved tending his immense vegetable garden with a footprint larger than his house. Avid Boilermakers, he and his wife held season tickets to the Purdue football and women's basketball teams. He loved to travel including numerous hikes through the Grand Canyon, family trips to Purdue bowl games, and cruises that took him and his extended family to many far-off destinations. He was a tinkerer, working with Allis-Chalmers and John Deere tractors at his home. However, his greatest joy was time with his loved ones. On June 23, 1962, he married Janice E. Lemming in Pine Village Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years along; four children, Brian G. Larson, Indianapolis; Sara Crane and significant other Jeff Stumph, West Lafayette, Amanda (Jeffrey) Rehm, Commerce Township, Mich. and Julie (Jason) Tindall, Indianapolis; brother, Jack L. (Susie) Larson, Crawfordsville; ten grandchildren, Christopher Larson, Alexander (Francesca) Larson, Abigail, Brady, Kylie Crane and their significant others Caleb, Katie, and Nigel, Elizabeth Crane, Collin, Evan, Madeline, and Nathan Rehm; several nieces and nephews; and his loyal dog, Lacey.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, John Elmer and Charles Larson; three sisters, Edna Frances "Frankie" Larson, Rose "Rosie" Odle and Mary Ellen Melton; and son-in-law, Tim Crane.

Friends may call at the Maus Funeral Home, Attica, on Sunday, Jan. 2nd from 2 - 6 p.m. Services are scheduled at the funeral home on Monday, Jan 3rd at 11 a.m., with Chaplain Zachary Rainey officiating. Burial will follow in the Pine Village Cemetery, Pine Village, Ind. Memorial contributions may be made to Purdue Center for Cancer Research (PCCR) online at purdue.edu/cancer-research/ or mailed "Attn: PCCR" to Hansen Life Sciences Research Building, 201 S. University St., West Lafayette, IN 47907, or by donating blood to the Versiti Blood Center of Indiana. Mr. Larson was a universal blood donor acknowledged for being a 10-gallon donor. Family asks that masks be worn while attending the visitation and services. Condolences may be sent online to www.mausfuneralhome.com.

Phillip R. Thomas May 27, 1961 - Dec. 27, 2021

Phillip R. Thomas, 60, Crawfordsville, passed away Monday, Dec. 27, 2021 at Franciscan Health Crawfordsville.

He was born May 27, 1961 in Lebanon, Ind. to Lyle Dwayne & Shirley Y. Gosnel Thomas.

He had worked as a custodian at Crawfordsville Middle School. He was a loving father who loved spending time with his kids and grandkids.

Survivors include his sons, Phillip "Travis" (Betty) Dobson, Jacob Dobson, Joey "Robert" Dobson and Levi Thomas; his brother, George Gosnell; seven grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sisters Vickie Dick and Juanita Harp.

Cremation was chosen with a private family service. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.huntandson.com



Judy Kay Clark Dec. 19, 1965 - Dec. 27, 2021

Judy Kay Clark, 56, Crawfordsville, passed away on Monday, Dec. 27, 2021 at Franciscan Health Lafayette.

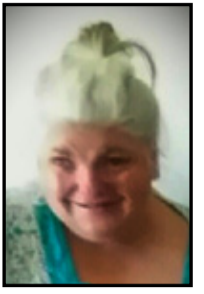
She was born in Clinton, Ind. on Dec. 19, 1965 to Charles Sanders & Harrietta Georgia (Clark) Bacon.

She graduated from Covington High School in 1985 and she lived her life taking care of other people. She loved watching Cubs baseball and was one of their biggest fans, loved watching the Colts, play bingo, loved trivia games and loved spending time with her family.

Survivors include her mom, Harrietta Bacon; her dad, Charles Sanders; two sisters, Tracy Clark and Jennifer (Michael) Cook; two brothers, Billy Clark and Joseph Sanders; aunts and uncles, Melba (Lloyd) Riddle, Jack Clark, Jim (Brigitte) Clark and Dick (Terri) Clark; nieces and nephews, Tamra (Matt) Gullion, Daniel (Kristen) Kahler, Allison (Brett) Williams and Denver, Hunter, Nevada, Cody and Shyann Boyer; great nieces and nephews, Savannah, Jasmine, Markus, Nathan, Christopher, Hunter, Cambri, Lilian, Adaline, Isaac, Lindsay, Cassie, Amanda, Shea, Miles and Ember; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by grandparents, Harry and Ethel Clark; uncle, Tom Clark; aunt, Jane Clark; her favorite cousin, Susie Clark; and several other cousins.

Cremation was chosen with a Celebration of Life at a later date. Sanders Funeral Care entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com.



Families can find ways to honor their loved one's physical absence during holiday celebrations by incorporating their spirit into celebrations and holiday traditions.

Managing your grief during the holidays

The holidays, as well as birthdays and other celebrations, are often difficult for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one, particularly during the first year of adjusting to life without them.

The holiday season may result in a renewed sense of grief, especially as well-intentioned individuals are encouraging those who are grieving to participate in traditional festivities. While there can be joy in being together with family and friends, the holidays can also bring feelings of sadness, loss and emptiness.

For those who find themselves struggling with grief during the holidays and other celebrations, consider these ideas from Remembering a Life, an online resource from the experts at the National Funeral Directors Association.

Talk About Grief
 Grief isn't a linear journey. Ignoring pain and emotions won't make it go away. Don't be afraid to talk about grief with others. Confiding in close family and friends can help a grieving person feel heard and understood.

Establish Boundaries During the Holidays
 Friends and family may encourage a grieving person to participate in the holiday just as they

normally would. While these intentions are typically good, it is important for the bereaved to set boundaries and focus on what they want. While grieving, one should openly and honestly discuss wishes with friends and family and clarify what they are comfortable with and have the emotional bandwidth to do.

Acknowledge the Loss
 Families can find ways to honor their loved one's physical absence during holiday celebrations by incorporating their spirit into celebrations and holiday traditions. Examples of this could be decorating ornaments in ways that are symbolic of a loved one, cooking their favorite meal or making a memorial donation to a favorite charity.

Reflect On and Embrace Fond Memories
 Memories of a loved one, both from the holidays and other special times, are an important legacy. Rather than ignoring these memories, talk about them with family and friends. It's OK to laugh and it's OK to cry. It is important to remember that even though an individual may be grieving, they can still celebrate and enjoy the holidays. Find support and resources for grief during the holidays and other special times of the year at RememberingALife.com.

Indiana American Water acquires Lowell Water System in Northwest Indiana

Indiana American Water President Matt Prine today announced the company's acquisition of the Lowell water system in northwest Indiana. The purchase of the system adds approximately 4,000 water customers to the company's customer base, which represents a population of nearly 11,000 residents.

"The acquisition of this system will help hold future rates down for Lowell customers as needed investments are made and also provide access to operations and capital management water professionals and a number of customer service options and payment methods," said Prine. "Indiana American Water already provides water service to several nearby communities, so this is a



good fit for us and a continuation of our efforts to expand our presence across Indiana."

The Lowell acquisition marks the largest acquisition by Indiana American Water in more than two decades. The company provides water service to approximately one in five residents across the state and owns and/or operates more than 35 water and wastewater systems in Indiana.

According to Lowell Town Council President Todd Angerman, "Lowell customers will benefit from Indiana American Water's experience and

expertise and the company's large customer base across the state will provide much greater economies of scale and future rate stability by keeping water rates lower than they would have been as a small stand-alone system. The acquisition will also help us to meet future growth in the area and provide the resources to focus on other community needs."

The acquisition of the Lowell water system for \$24.5 million was approved by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission on Dec. 22, 2021 and closed by Indiana American Water and the Town of Lowell on Dec. 28, 2021.

About Indiana American Water
 Indiana American Water, a subsidiary of

American Water is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and wastewater services to approximately 1.32 million people. With a history dating back to 1886, American Water (NYSE:AWK) is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 6,500 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and regulated-like drinking water and wastewater services to an estimated 14 million people in 25 states. American Water provides safe, clean, affordable and reliable water services to our customers to help keep their lives flowing. For more information, visit amwater.com and follow American Water on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

Five tips on how to stay safe on the slick and icy roads this winter

From slick roads caused by snow and ice to cold temperatures that can wreak havoc on many vehicle components, winter driving can prove challenging for even the most experienced drivers.

When temperatures drop, it's important to pay attention to your tires, as they are the only direct link to the road below. At 45 F - the same temperature you can see your breath - all-season tires start to lose their traction and gripping capabilities, becoming dangerous in cold and wet weather.

To help stay safe on the road this winter, consider these tips from the experts at your local Discount Tire.

•Get It Correct Right and Check It Often
 Tires lose air due to impacts and pressure of bumps and turns. At least once a month, especially before long trips, check the air pressure in your tires when they're cool. Low pressure can lead to poor handling and gas mileage, excessive wear and overloading. Colder temperatures can also impact air pressure. For every 10-degree drop in ambient temperature, tires

lose one pound of pressure (PSI). Keep a tire pressure gauge in your vehicle to ensure each tire is filled to the manufacturer's recommended inflation level (typically located in the instruction manual and on the inside of the driver-side door) and add air as necessary.

•Check Your Tread
 Tread depth determines a vehicle's safe stopping distance, which is vital during winter weather. In extreme cold, the rubber of all-season or summer tires can stiffen and may not provide sufficient traction on snow or ice. You can check

the tread depth by sticking a penny upside-down in a tread groove. It's time to replace your tires if President Lincoln's entire head is visible. You can also visit your local Discount Tire to have a technician check your tread with the industry's first tire tread depth reading mobile computing system.

•Rotate Often
 To help ensure proper traction, particularly during the winter months, tires should be rotated every 6,000 miles, or earlier if uneven wear develops. One easy way to remember:

Have your tires rotated every other time you have your oil changed.

•Double Check Your Trunk

Many newer vehicles have replaced spare tires with tire inflation kits that include puncture-coating sealants and air compressors or run-flat tires. Check to see what is included with your vehicle and consider adding a roadside assistance plan in case you experience any issues during inclement weather.

•Consult with an Expert
 Stay educated about your tires and know how to keep

them safe. If it is time to replace your tires, begin with an option like the Treadwell online tire-buying guide.

Using decades of data and experience, it delivers optimal winter tire recommendations personalized to your specific vehicle, where you live and your driving habits. By booking an appointment online for a free winter tire safety check at a local store like Discount Tire, you can experience a 30% shorter average wait time. Plus, with an end-to-end customer experience, you can even stay in your vehicle while service is performed.

BBB scam alert: Sellers beware! Fake buyers want to hijack your phone number

Selling items on an online marketplace like Craigslist or Facebook Marketplace can be an easy way to make extra money and get rid of things you don't need. However, scammers are using a clever trick to target sellers and set up a phone number in their name.

How the Scam Works
You list an item and get an immediate response from a potential buyer. The "buyer" claims to be very interested in your item, but they want to make sure you are legitimate first. The scammer asks for your phone number, so they can text you a verification code. They instruct you to reply with the 6-digit code on the platform where your item is listed.

Sounds reasonable, right? However, here's what's really happening. The scammer is setting up a Google Voice number linked to your phone number. If you send the verification code, the scammer will be able to complete the account set up. Then, the scammer



can then use that phone number to conceal their identity. Or, if a scammer gets your Google Voice verification code and other information about you, they can pretend to be you and open new accounts in your name.

One seller reported to BBB Scam Tracker about their experience listing and item on Facebook Marketplace and getting a response from an interested buyer.

"He asked if he could call/text me," the seller reported. "Then, I agreed and he said, 'Ok first I want to verify you. If you're real I will trust and meet you. Can I send the verification code to your

phone number?'" At that point, the seller got suspicious and asked if it was a scam. He didn't hear from the man again.

How to Avoid Online Marketplace Scams
Guard your personal information. You don't need to give someone your phone number to make a sale on an online marketplace. Be sure you know who you are speaking with before you share it. Never give out your phone number in public social media posts.

Watch out for red flags. Avoid making transactions with people who offer you deals that sound too good to be true (e.g. overpaying for an item you listed for sale) or people who pressure you to make a deal quickly.

Understand marketplace policies. Most online marketplaces encourage you to NOT take transactions outside of the platform. If someone asks you to carry out transactions elsewhere, be wary. Understand how the platform you use verifies both sellers and buyers and stick to their guidelines when

selling and buying items.

For More Information
Get more tips by reading the BBB Tip: Selling used items online. Read more about this scam on the Federal Trade Commission website.

Report suspicious activity to marketplace platforms and to BBB.org/ScamTracker immediately. Even if you didn't fall victim to the scam, your experience can help others to stay vigilant.

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Five ways to boost your wellbeing this new year

It's already the time of year to reassess where the past 12 months took you and decide what you want to improve, change or start doing in 2022. Coming up with meaningful resolutions can be hard. To help simplify this process and get started toward becoming a better you, here are five things to consider working into your daily schedule in the new year:

1. Cut screen time for better sleep. Multiple studies show if you stop using screens an hour or two before bedtime, you'll likely have a more restful night's sleep. Unplugging also allows you to relax and decompress after a busy day. Your energy levels will rise, your brain and body will thank you, and it will be easier to start fresh in the morning.

2. Add more fresh foods to your diet. Fruits and vegetables are loaded with vitamins and nutrients, so why not kick off 2022 with a resolution to eat more of them? Try a new kind of lettuce. Eat berries with your oatmeal. Take an apple to the office. Be realistic about how much you can eat in a week. Don't overstock your refrigerator, but definitely add more fresh produce to your shopping cart.

3. Allow your favorite spaces to bloom. Adding a flowering plant to your favorite room, such as an easy-care Just Add Ice Orchid, inexpensively brightens your décor. Research shows that having plants boosts mood, productivity

and well-being. Plants, including orchids, also remove toxins from the air. Orchids are particularly good at eliminating xylene, a chemical that causes nose and throat irritation and potential neurological issues.

4. Walk it off. Walking daily for even 15 minutes burns extra calories and improves your mood. Longer walks, such as vigorous hikes, build physical and mental endurance and strengthen cardiovascular health. If you're crunched for time, take that short walk or even a couple short ones throughout the day if your schedule allows it. The benefits are worth it. Don't forget to bring your favorite walking buddy with you!

5. Sing in the shower, the car or the kitchen. Research has shown that people feel happier after actively singing than they do when simply listening to music. If joining a choir isn't your thing, never fear. Breaking into song in the car, shower or while you're cooking can provide the same kind of lift. It doesn't matter where you sing, it just matters that you do. Harmonizing with friends makes it even more fun.

As you read this list, you might be inspired to come up with a few other encouraging ways to become your best self in 2022. Go for it. Kick off this new year with better focus, renewed enthusiasm and a fresh approach to the days and weeks ahead of you!

Dept of Education releases '21 graduation rate

Recently, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) released the 2021 state graduation rates, with data showing 86.69% of students in the Class of 2021 graduating.

"Across our state, our educators, families and community leaders are working to be difference-makers in our students' lives, preparing them not only for graduation but for the rapidly-changing world that awaits," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. "Looking ahead into 2022 and beyond, we must continue to work together to ensure our students earn their high school diploma and have access to intentional post-secondary credentials in high school. This mission takes all of us as we strive to make an impact on our students'



lives, now and well into the future."

A spreadsheet with statewide-, corporation- and school-level graduation data is available here.

These graduation rates correspond with research that shows that the academic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are substantial. According to research from IDOE and the National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment, Inc., the academic impact ranges from moderate to significant across schools, academic subjects and

demographic groups. In response, IDOE launched several accelerated learning programs, which are still underway and will be joined by additional efforts planned for next year.

This year, nearly 40% of Hoosier students graduated with a Core 40 honors diploma (academic, technical or both) or an International Baccalaureate diploma. Additionally, more than 78% graduated without requiring a waiver from passing the Graduation Qualifying Exam – an increase of nearly two

percentage points from 2019.

Due to differences between federal and state accountability equations and standards, IDOE also released 2021 federal graduation rates. In 2021, Indiana's federal graduation rate was 85.75%.

*Note: Graduation rates in 2020 reflect the State Board of Education's waiver of the Graduation Qualifying Exam requirement for the 2020 cohort, which could not be administered due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to this waiver, caution should be exercised when comparing 2019 and 2021 rates to rates in 2020.

**Note: Since the Graduation Qualifying Exam requirement was waived for students graduating in 2020, there is no non-waiver rate for that year.

How to make your home more earth-friendly

Resolving to green up your act in the New Year? Here are just a few tweaks you can make right at home to substantially reduce your environmental footprint.

Make Appliance Upgrades

Home appliances are improving all the time, with many newer models designed specifically with efficiency in mind. If your home appliances, such as your washer, dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator and HVAC system, are on the older side, it may be time to replace one or more of these items. Over time, you'll offset the upfront cost with reduced energy bills. Plus, you'll be helping protect the climate. Look for ENERGY STAR-rated products, which have met strict EPA standards.

Optimize Heating and Cooling

North American Technician Excellence (NATE) offers the following energy-saving tips to help you keep your home comfort

system running at peak performance:

- Change your air filters monthly, or as directed by the manufacturer.
- Add weatherstripping and caulk around windows and doors to improve your home's insulation. Improperly insulated walls, floors, attics, basements and crawlspaces waste energy and can also lead to moisture imbalance.
- Install a programmable thermostat to help regulate temperatures.
- Don't keep clutter near your HVAC units, and don't store anything next to them that could impede ventilation. Likewise, keep vents and returns free of obstructions. Don't lay carpet over vents, place furniture over or in front of them, or obstruct airflow.
- Dry air feels cooler than moist air. A simple humidifier may make your home feel five degrees warmer.
- Even the most efficient system can suffer if it's not properly maintained.

For optimum comfort and sustainability, make sure all your HVACR installation, maintenance and other work is performed by a NATE-certified technician. NATE-certified technicians have demonstrated their knowledge of today's increasingly sophisticated heating and cooling systems by passing a nationally recognized test developed and supported by all segments of the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning industry. Better installation and service means your equipment will run at peak efficiency. Visit nate.org for additional HVACR energy-savings tips and resources, and to find a NATE-certified technician in your area.

Reduce Food Waste
American food production uses 10% of the nation's total energy budget, 50% of its land, and 80% of its freshwater, according to FoodRescue.net. Unfortunately, up to 40% of all food ends up in landfills. Label food

items in your pantry and fridge and organize them by date to help ensure you consume food before it spoils. If you see that you've prepared too much of a certain item, freeze it. Of course, many foods produce unavoidable scraps. Use them to create stock or compost them. Composting will reduce your home's contribution to landfills while enriching your garden. Bonus: it's also a great way to reduce yardwork waste.

Make an Impact Today
Want a quick project you can complete in an afternoon? Swap out incandescent lightbulbs for energy efficient LEDs. According to the EPA, residential LEDs -- especially ENERGY STAR-rated products -- use at least 75% less energy, and last up to 25 times longer.

This year, consider making Earth-friendly New Year's resolutions. A few tweaks can reduce your household's impact on the planet.

Ring in the new year with three financial resolutions

The New Year offers the perfect time for a fresh start and a renewed commitment to getting finances back on track after a season of spending -- one where many Americans felt the effects of the pandemic on their wallets even before the onset of the holidays.

In fact, COVID-19 has already prompted consumers to start thinking differently about their finances. According to Lincoln Financial Group's Consumer Sentiment Tracker, 59% say they are planning to make permanent changes to the way they spend and save due to the crisis. The findings went on to show that consumers' top three financial concerns in today's market include emergency savings (41%), having enough income in retirement (40%) and inflation (39%).

"Our research found consumers are especially interested in protection during times of financial uncertainty, which reinforces the need for financial planning," said Sharon Scanlon, senior vice president, Customer Experience, Producer Solutions and Retirement Operations for Lincoln Financial Group. "Everyone has competing priorities but making a few easy adjustments can help people achieve their financial goals."

Here are three simple financial resolutions Lincoln Financial recommends for 2022 to help strengthen consumers' financial outlooks in the new year:

1. Review finances holistically. Ensure you evaluate the big picture -- not just where you are spending, but where you are saving and protecting your future too. A simple budget will help you differentiate between needs and wants, enabling you to find areas to cut back or eliminate to find money to meet your financial goals,

like retirement or emergency savings. Maximize online budgeting tools, calculators and other financial wellness resources available through your employer too.

2. Prepare for the unexpected. Without the right protections in place, an unexpected event can derail retirement savings, disrupt your ability to provide for your family or drive you into additional debt. Look into coverages like disability, accident and life insurance that may be available through your employer or consider an individual life insurance policy. Also, commit to funding your emergency savings account as part of your budget. And don't forget to think about how you would fund the cost of care if you or a loved one had a long-term care event.

3. Plan for the future. Start with your employer-sponsored retirement plan and commit to save at least up to the match, if available. If you already meet the match, resolve to increase your retirement contributions each year, or with each increase in pay. You don't just need a retirement plan, though -- you need a plan for retirement! Consider diversifying your portfolio with an annuity. Also, in-plan guaranteed income options can serve as a powerful tool to protect savings during periods of market volatility, while still benefiting you when the market goes up.

In addition to these resolutions, also consider meeting with a trusted financial professional who can help you identify solutions that best meet your individual needs and situation. Visit www.lfg.com for more tools and resources.

With a few proactive strategies, you can get 2022 started on the right financial foot.

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How to support adoption this holiday season

In the United States, more than 120,000 children in the foster care system are waiting to be adopted. With no permanent family to call their own, the gift of secure, safe and loving forever homes is the goal for these children.



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While fostering or adopting a child can be one way to make more family moments possible, there are additional easy ways to support children waiting in foster care who need help.

During the holiday season, consider these unique ways to give gifts that keep on giving.

•**Donate to Wish Lists**
Whether you support a family working its way through the adoption process, give to a foster agency in need of supplies or find another way to give, your financial support can make a meaningful difference for children in foster care. Supporting organizations that fulfill foster wish lists is one way to help ensure these children feel loved and supported during the holi-

day season. Most agencies and adoption organizations have wish lists online if you prefer to donate items rather than cash.

•**Enjoy a Treat While Giving Back**

Through Oct. 31, you can visit your local Wendy's to purchase Boo! Books for \$1 each, which contain five coupons for free Jr. Frosty that can be given to trick-or-treaters, family or friends. Proceeds support the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption (DTFA) and its mission to find forever families for children in foster care who are most often overlooked; teenagers, children with special needs and siblings.

•**Offer Your Time and Talents**

Like other nonprofits,

local adoption organizations are likely to run a lean staff and even leaner budget.

Volunteering your time can make a meaningful difference. Easing the workload can help the organization's staff dedicate more time to the ultimate goal of placing youth in permanent, loving homes. If you have skills or services that may benefit the organization, reach out to ask if you can help.

•**Give a Gift That Keeps Giving**

Gift loved ones (or yourself) a simple present that continues to give rewards all year long. Benefiting the DTFA, Wendy's Frosty Key Tags are available for \$2 each throughout November and December, and allow the holder to receive a free Jr. Frosty every day

for a year with any purchase.

•**Provide Aid to Adoptive Families**

Families who have adopted a child may need additional support, even if they don't ask for it. Reach out to a local agency to see if there are any families in your area you can assist. Some ideas for helping include delivering meals, assisting with household chores, such as yard work, or providing holiday gifts or decorations.

•**Quench Your Thirst While Giving**

Supporting foster care adoption can be as easy as ordering a drink. Throughout November, when you use Wendy's mobile app to redeem an offer for a free beverage of any size with purchase, Coca-Cola and Dr Pepper will donate up to \$500,000 to the DTFA.

Learn more about how you can support vulnerable youth in foster care by visiting wendys.com/adoption and davethomasfoundation.org.

Felicia Lawrence joins WTHR's 13news



Felicia Lawrence

WTHR-TV, the most-watched station in central Indiana, announced that Felicia Lawrence will join 13News as a weekday evening anchor, alongside local news veterans Scott Swan and Anne Marie Tiernon. Felicia has nearly a decade of experience in the television industry, from reporting and anchoring local newscasts to most recently co-hosting a morning news talk show in Chicago.

"I'm thrilled that Felicia will be joining the afternoon and evening teams and look forward to her building on WTHR's outstanding legacy and brand," says Michael Brouder, WTHR-TV President and General Manager.

"WTHR is a legacy station that means something to this community. I'm excited for this new experience," says Lawrence. "I look forward to growing with this community, meeting people, and telling their stories."

Before joining 13News, Lawrence co-hosted The Jam morning news talk show at WCIU-TV (CW) in Chicago. Prior to that, she was an anchor/reporter at WJZY-TV (FOX) in Charlotte, NC, KSN-TV (NBC) in Wichita, KS and KODE-TV (ABC) in Joplin, MO.

"Felicia is a journalist who understands that you have to meet today's news viewers where they are," says Jeff Rosetti, 13News News Director. "You can't just read a list of facts to them and call it a day. You need to engage them on the stories and conversations that shape their lives. That's what Felicia Lawrence will be bringing to Indianapolis."

Lawrence is a Chicago native and is passionate about community, female economic empowerment, and inspiring others to be their best selves. She graduated summa cum laude from North Carolina A&T State University. She is also a member of the National Association of Black Journalists, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, and the National Association of Realtors.

Lawrence will join the 13News team in late January.

Ring in the New Year with an 'anti' resolution list

(NAPSI)—As the world celebrates the new year, many will make an annual list of resolutions and goals, which often include improving overall health and fitness.

As we continue to weather the COVID-19 pandemic, improving overall health is front and center, more so than usual. However, according to the U.S. New Year's Resolutions 2020 study conducted by YouGov, over half of those who set New Year's resolutions can't follow through.

Luckily, exercise physiologist and Bowflex fitness advisor Tom Holland has a new approach to setting and reaching your health and fitness goals this year.

Focus on Anti-Resolutions

Holland recommends turning the typical New Year's resolutions list on its head by creating "anti-resolutions" to focus on what you're not going to do. For example, instead of saying "I'm going to work out every day" or "eat only healthy foods," resolve to not make excuses. This can take the focus off the

broader goal and onto in-the-moment actions. The next time you plan to go the gym or cook a healthy meal, and you start to come up with reasons today's not the day, you can remember your resolution to not make excuses. If you set unrealistic resolutions to transform your entire lifestyle all at once, it's more difficult to take the necessary steps to get there.

Most people have made excuses for not making a workout or sticking to a routine. This anti-resolution approach changes the focus from overly ambitious goals to a more subtle mindset shift.

To help you continue or take those first steps on your fitness journey, Holland also recommends connected fitness services and apps, such as the JRNY digital fitness platform (<https://www.bowflex.com/jrny.html>). With the JRNY app, you can easily fit exercise into your schedule with a wide range of personalized, trainer-led workouts. JRNY is integrated with Bowflex cardio equipment, including stationary bikes and tread-

mills, and features off-product workouts such as HIIT, strength, yoga, stretch and Pilates, which can be accessed from a mobile device or tablet via the JRNY app. So many options means no more excuses. No matter your fitness level, goals or lifestyle, JRNY has exercise programs to help you stay motivated and active so you can make exercise a habit in your life.

Determine What Works Best for You

Often people struggle to get started working out because they think they need to go to the gym all the time or sacrifice privacy, comfort and entertainment to see results. Holland notes that it's important to not let trends, other people's opinions or even your own preconceived notions get in the way.

It's easier than ever before to find a workout routine that aligns with your lifestyle. If going to the gym isn't your speed, you could pick up a versatile fitness product such as a set of Bowflex SelectTech 552 dumbbells ([\[lecttech/552/100131.html\]\(https://www.bowflex.com/se-lecttech/552/100131.html\)\) or download the JRNY mobile app \(<https://www.bowflex.com/jrny/subscribe/checkout>\) for access to hundreds of video workouts that can be done from the comfort of your own home—no expensive gym membership or commute required.](https://www.bowflex.com/se-</p></div>
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If you find your motivation is dwindling, the Bowflex Max Total 16 (<https://www.bowflex.com/max-trainer/mt16/100915.html>) is a great option that lets you do high-intensity, interval workouts at home while streaming your entertainment subscriptions including Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime Video, HBO Max, and Disney+.

This new year, try a different approach to health and fitness resolutions by kicking the overly ambitious goals of the past to the side in favor of setting anti-resolutions instead. At the same time, take advantage of what today's fitness technology has to offer to improve your odds of success and make this your year.

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Six tips on keeping your pets safe and warm this winter

Just as people prepare their homes, cars and families for extreme temperatures and weather events of winter, it's important to remember pets' needs this time of year.

As cold weather sets in, Dr. Jennifer Freeman, DVM, resident veterinarian at PetSmart, shares these tips to prepare and ensure your pets are warm and happy throughout winter.

•Take Caution When Outdoors

When temperatures reach levels of extreme cold, Freeman recommends limiting outdoor walks and monitoring your pet's behavior for signs of stress or discomfort. Letting your dog outside to use the bathroom or go for a quick walk is OK, but never leave a pet outside for a long period

of time, especially during a winter storm.

"Don't let your dog off its leash after snowfall, as snow can mask familiar scents," Freeman said. "This can cause your pet to become disoriented or lost if they get too far away."

•Add Extra Layers Despite efforts to limit time outdoors, your pet needs to go outside for bathroom breaks and exercise. Pets who are small, short-haired, old or have any health issues or illnesses may be more sensitive to cold weather.

Pet sweaters can help keep your pet warm. If your pet is shivering, that's a sign they need extra layers. To help trap body heat and protect paws from extreme cold, consider using booties when venturing outside.



Just like humans, many pets get dry skin during the winter. When your pet needs a bath, try using a pet-friendly moisturizing shampoo to help keep skin healthy and hydrated.

•Watch out for Hazardous Chemicals Many people use snow-melting products like deicers, antifreeze and salt, which can cause skin irritation and be fatal if ingested by your pet. Pet parents should keep an eye on their pets when they're outside and be mindful of hazards. After a walk, it's important to thoroughly rinse your pet's paws and stomach,

Freeman said, especially after walking in areas where these products are frequently used.

•Keep Skin Protected Just like humans, many pets get dry skin during the winter. When your pet needs a bath, try using a pet-friendly moisturizing shampoo to help keep skin healthy and hydrated. If your pet's skin seems extra dry, supplements like fish

oil can be added to your pets' food to help the skin and coat. It's important to keep an eye on skin health and check with your vet if issues persist as they could be signs of larger problems.

•Have an Emergency Plan

"While creating emergency kits in case of a storm or power outage, don't forget about your pet's needs," Freeman said. "A pet's kit should include supplies needed to keep them fed, warm and secure during emergency conditions like blizzards or extreme cold. Items like sweaters, insulated vests, paw booties, pet-safe ice melt and a heated bed or pad can help avoid risks associated with freezing temperatures."

Gather any other care items your pet may require

such as medications, puppy pads, waste bags, litter box supplies and calming spray. Freeman also suggests storing a one-week supply of food in a waterproof container along with bottled water and portable bowls as well as a list of feeding routines and behavioral considerations in case others need to care for your pet.

•Ensure Identification Information is Current

While winter emergencies may add to the importance, it's crucial your pet wears a tag displaying your phone number year-round. Microchip and register your pet with current contact information and tuck a copy of their vaccination and medical records, veterinary contact information and a current photo in your emergency kit.

KAREN

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the Yountsville Woolen Mill. Oddly, I never found that and unusual for me, hadn't left a source on the note. Other than she had quite a bit of money in the 1870 census of her own which is quite rare for a woman to be tallied with that much (perhaps she had saved her earnings), it could also have been a mistake and it was meant for Thomas, and they moved around so much (Wayne Township, Monitor in Tippecanoe County, Troy in Fountain) I don't see how she could have worked plus she had several children to raise. However, they had ties to Yountsville and at one point lived not far from there so perhaps. Or, perhaps it was the other Nancy Hall or one I didn't find - oh those common names!

Both Thomas and Nancy were born in Ohio, she in Butler County (1819) and he in Warren (1816). She came to Montgomery County early in age with her parents, he on horseback alone, bringing a large amount of money to purchase his father's

farm - he was just 18. His father, Thomas was born the year of America's Independence in Shenandoah, Virginia, his mother Elizabeth Williamson born there as well. This couple parented 14 children, one of which was Eleanor Hall wife of Abijah O'Neill who has been written about by many. Thomas and Elizabeth Hall are buried in the O'Neill Cemetery (Yountsville) with two of their grandchildren, Thomas and Nancy's oldest son, John K. (1842-1862) and youngest and only other son, Paris James (1849-1854). Nancy's parents were John and Mary Ann Swearingen and had at least Matilda (Tillie Austin her husband, Samuel Wilson Austin mentioned here) and James G. Swearingen. Suspicion more but that'd be another quest.

Nancy and Thomas and most of the rest of their children (Mary Billingsley, Martha Clark, Druzella, Sarah Hawkins and Eleanor Sanders - still trying to find their one daughter, Annie Smith)

are buried in Oak Hill (thanks to Kim Hancock for the tombstone photo) with only Eleanor (named for his sister and sister in turn named one of her sons Thomas O'Neill for him) and Mary surviving their father. Thomas Hall died in July 1902, from being overheated, Nancy passing in February 1895, of old age complications, leaving "her fond and loving husband and five children." Most of their girls died between their parents. Did find it interesting their oldest, Mary lived the longest (14 Jan 1841 - 11 June 1923).

Thomas was a farmer mainly but was touted as being a fine businessman in one article, so per-

haps had a small shop or whatnot, nothing I could confirm anyhow. It is sad they lost their two sons, but the girls were all wonderful and loved their parents. They made sure "Uncle Tommy" as he was called by many in the area and Nancy had a wonderful 50th wedding anniversary party on Christmas Day (married Christmas Eve in Crawfordsville, 1839 by Justice of the Peace, Conrad Smith) in 1889, a quiet day with close family, eating, talking and fellowship. Sam Austin (his brother-in-law) was present to represent their son, John K., he said. Their granddaughter, Mary Sanders, complete

with a wonderful speech regarding her grandparents' lives and love presented them with \$50 from the family, most in gold, but they of course had to wait a day or two to put it in the bank.

Tommy and Nancy's children were well-educated, some at the Ladoga Seminary and all lead a beautiful Christian life, as far as I could tell! Tommy Hall seemed to be well-loved by all who knew him and starting with such a large family, involved in the community and Baptist Church, having lived in several places, he was certainly widely and well known. He was strictly honest in all his dealings, his obituary stat-

ed, along with: "A man of a large fund of experience, his tales of the early days of the county were always entertaining!"

Sometimes when I'm finished with an article, it's done, but I don't know, may have to keep finding goodies on dear Uncle Tommy and his sweet wife, Nancy! At any rate, hope you enjoyed!!

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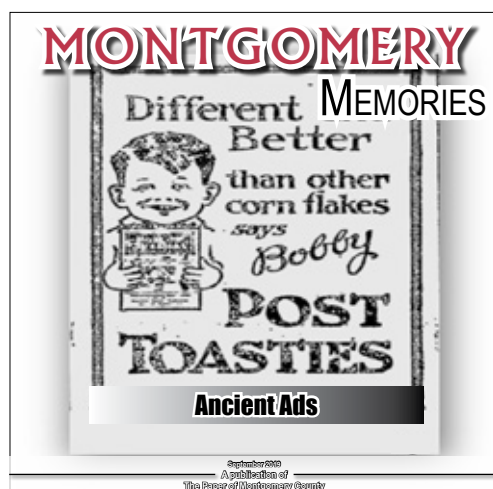
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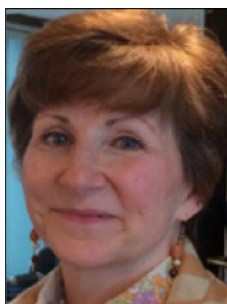
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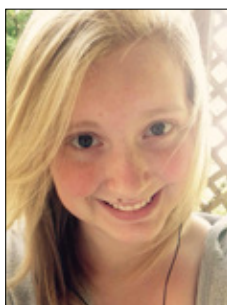
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December Feature:

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Born, raised and died in Crawfordsville, this little lady (smallest in this CDPL picture) was aided along to her unusual job but she was also amazing at it and was often lured to other areas in order to ply her wares.

Mary K. Keeney was born to Jere and Sarah (Stanfield) Keeney, their oldest of five daughters and two sons, on August 5th in 1852 (one source saying 1845 but this is incorrect, since she was born ten months after her parents were married in October 1851). She passed away the month after her 51st birthday on the 17th from peritonitis probably from a ruptured appendix.

When I was wrapping-up my research on this gal, I found her name as Mary K, but nowhere else did I see her referred to in any way but Matie, in census records, articles, on her tombstone, sisters and parents and even her own obituary, it was always ... well, meet Matie Keeney!

The Keeney children (Matie, Jere, Ida, Sallie, Stanfield, Bessie and Annie) grew-up in "a suburban home," on South Elm Street that was surrounded with a beautiful and yummy garden – many varieties of flowers and fruit were in abundance. The family later moved to 508 W. Main where Matie would pass away Sept. 17, 1903.

As with all the Keeneys, Matie was highly intelligent. A brother was a doctor, her father and other brother were newspaper men, her maternal uncle a judge at South Bend and the list goes on.

Matie was always cheerful and well-loved by all. When she'd visit her relatives in South Bend for long periods and it was time to return home, often someone would give her a goodbye party with many attending. Once while in that city, she even attended the Bachelor Club's annual banquet, the only single female in attendance, although two wives of past Bachelor Club members were there, I suppose for chaperoning purposes.

Matie was involved in local clubs, her favorite the Current Events one where she loved to hear papers presented and in like matter, enjoyed pre-



senting them on various subjects. This group was mainly made up of wives of the intellectuals (doctors, lawyers, ministers) but a few single women too.

Early in life, Matie became favorably known as a stenographer, likely urged on by her father. She worked for a couple of years for the Wabash Valley Protection Union but when they moved their headquarters from Crawfordsville to Indianapolis she opted not to follow, even though the company was devastated in her decision. She had several options offered to her so she stayed on in our city. Mainly, she worked in the court system as a transcriber of trial minutes, never hurt by owning that last name of Keeney.

In fact, Rita Metcalf from Anderson and Matie were chosen as the stenographers in one of Montgomery County's most famous trials, that of the death of Hattie Pettit. The Pettit trial was lengthy, expensive and sad. Hattie's husband was William Fred Pettit both from New York, he being the minister of Shawnee Mound where a rich young widow also attended. Pettit was somewhat wishy-washy, having had many jobs, and when he got it into his head that he wanted to marry widow Elma Meharry Whitehead, he didn't let anything stop him (he had helped David Meharry draw up his will and learned that Elma would inherit a fortune, literally), including putting strychnine in the tea he fixed for his wife. Although Matie had done some work before the point of Pettit's trial, this one was what made her a famous stenographer of the area. The trial was lengthy, she was paid well and the work was certainly pretty thrilling. By the way, Pettit went off to jail where he died still a young man, Elma led a quieter life, her

father taking care of her until his own death, she passing six years thereafter at the young age of 45 well-loved in the community. She had five brothers and sisters but only one outlived her passing at age 55! So, this whole affair kept Matie not only entertained but in good money, as well.

Only guessing, but since her father, Jere's middle name was Madison I wonder if her nickname, or adopted name was in his honor?

Matie became the actual court reporter when Judge J.F. Harney informed Will White that at the end of the 1892 year, beginning January 1st of '93, that he would be terminated and his replacement would be Miss Matie Keeney. Guessing the tongues were wagging on that one, a female replacing a long-time male in a coveted position. In one jury in 1897, Jere West was allowed the sum of \$50 as special judge and Matie earned \$160 for stenographic services. She did extremely well salary-wise for the times for a single woman. Matie was somewhat in the newspaper business as well, also something fairly unique for those times as a woman's occupation. Her father retired and she and her brother Jere managed the Sunday Star one of my favorites of the old newspapers. They sold it in November of 1901, Jere going to Gilman, Illinois where he went into the real estate and livestock insurance business, thus ending a 75-year reign in the newspaper business for the Keeney family in Montgomery County.

The downfall of sickness started in 1900 when she began a siege of malarial fever. Semi-recovering from that, she continued working but in September 1903, she was attacked with appendicitis. Her brother, Dr. Stanfield H. Keeney was called from Indianapolis and he pronounced her case too far gone for an operation. She passed away shortly thereafter with much to remember (travelling so many places, having many friends, a close-knit family, exciting life) and for a great deal to be proud and thankful!

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

Well, let's just say that this article will reflect its name. Today you will read some unusual happenings women planned and carried out, had the idea for, or just simply did, all Odds and Ends!

For instance in August of 1889, Julie Wilson Irwin (wife of Volney) gave her niece (Laura Marsh from Okahumpka, Florida) a party with a great number of friends. It was rather appropriate thinking of Florida as a fruit center. It was a lemon party and prizes were given to the lady finding the largest number of seeds in her lemon and another prize for the one with the least number. Sounds like fun and it was tagged as quite a unique idea for the time!

I had never heard of this group of gals but unique I'd say so. The Mud Turtle Club was a group of "pretty and bashful girls," according to the Crawfordsville Review 10 August 1889. They loved to go camping and sludging around at the Shades and other places of nature. Jim Hanna, a Review reporter had gone down to the Shades to check them out. He found a group of Greencastle girls enjoying the Shades as well. The Review thought that Jim had "broken an even dozen hearts." John Robinson and wife were chaperones for the gals and they had four Indianapolis girls join them, including Julia Walk whose handsome brother came down to visit them. He "is climbing the hills like a regular ruralite, though his whiskers will have to grow a few weeks before he can pass for one!" The gals set-off a wonderful display of fire works that was enjoyed by other campers as well. They had been camping there for quite some time and were still remaining for a week or so, inviting any Crawfordsville folks who would be assured with a hearty welcome. Someone interesting did indeed visit the group, Rev. and Mrs. W.F. Pettit and Mrs. Whitehead who signed the camp autograph book, one of the Turtles' traditions. The Rev. and Mrs. Whitehead were later said to have killed his wife, and although she was cleared, he went through a lengthy trial, and was found guilty. He passed away in prison, so the Mud Turtles were quite proud to own that autograph! At that time, the MTs were over ten years old but not sure how much longer they lasted. Sure love the idea of a bunch of young gals enjoying camping, though!

About 100 years later, an amazing local gal who was honored as Indiana's Trail Blazing Woman, along with dubbed Wabash Coach of the year – 7 times – in Wabash's Athletic Hall of Fame and hired as Wabash's first-ever female coach which position she held for 18 years as head swimming coach, tallying an impressive 87% win rate and never once did she hear a swear word from "her boys!" I'd say that was because of the great respect the Wabash men (or anyone who knows her) have for Gail Peabworth!

In the same time frame, we had another gal who adopted Montgomery County as her home place and was impressive – she began her career as a nurse, but decided she liked to write. That she did! Coming to Crawfordsville in 1971 as Civic Affairs editor, the next year she took one big leap as a correspondent to the Viet Nam war zone and stopping in seven various countries.



In 1976, she co-founded a unique look at MoCo history in the Montgomery Magazine. The wonderful book, Montgomery County Legend and Lore was compiled and edited by Pat and her amazing work, 100 years of Public Power was exceptional. I especially love her Pictorial History book but the list goes on. Pat was beneficial in boosting several writers in our area, including me and our own Tim Timmons. She passed away July 24, 1996, leaving one son, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Blessings upon her – one amazing lady!

Since I have more room, I'll wind this down with a couple of interesting and ahead of their time sisters. Much has been written about them already, but here is just an overview as they certainly go in our unexpected profession category. Mary Hannah Krout (see photo from Crawfordsville District Public Library Image database) first taught for eleven years in area schools, but it was the newspaper business she desired to crack. Her first writing job, other than at age 15 when she wrote "Little Brown Hands," which was published in a children's magazine, began in 1879 with the Journal. She also began to contribute to Indianapolis and Cincinnati papers. Actually, she wrote a gossip column under the pseudonym of Henrich Karl. Often funny, her columns might get her in major trouble today. Basically, she wore herself out more than once. Susan Elston Wallace, an impressive writer herself sometimes sent Krout money while she would recuperate from overwork. (CDPL "Writers"). This may have been for partial thank you for helping Susan finish Lew's (auto)biography. Her job on the Chicago Inter-Ocean boosted her career as a writer and her first book, Hawaii and a Revolution, and later in 1900, Alice's Visit to the Hawaiian Islands. Women's suffrage was a main topic both in writing and lecturing for her.

Her sister, Caroline Krout took over the care of her four younger siblings when their mother passed when Caroline was 16. Three years later, their sister Jane took over as the mother figure and Caroline began to teach school. It wasn't long before that occupation went by the wayside and she remained home recuperating from nerves. She began to write as well, having articles published in the Ocean, Chicago Daily News and such. A bit later, she did some court reporting in Crawfordsville. Susan Elston Wallace encouraged this sister as well and prompted her to complete Knights in Fustian (pen name, Caroline Brown). The novel, quite popular even prompted then NY governor, Teddy Roosevelt to write her, "You have given me far and away the best and most vivid idea I ever had of the Indiana Copperheads." (CDPL Writers). In 1911, she retired from writing and spent the rest of her life until death in 1931 as a happy home body!

A plethora of gals could be mentioned, (Janet Lambert, writer; Eleanor Lambert, designer; Theodora Larsh, artist; Lucille Hutton, actress and writer; Beatrice Schenck DeReigners, writer; Althea Luse, playwright) but let's suffice to say that Montgomery County was not lax in having women go out into the world making their marks in various professions, many long before their time and several right now in our own era!

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Nifty at Ninety - And Beyond

Joy Willett, Montgomery Memories

For this edition of Nifty at Ninety... we meet Bess "Maxine" Best. Maxine was born on June 19, 1924 in Indianapolis. Her parents were Charles (b. 1899) and Mary Theresa (Gipe) Best. The Gipe name is German in origin. Mary Theresa, the daughter of Samuel and Mamie (Snead) Gipe, was born on January 1, 1902.

Charles' father, Peter, was born and raised in Hancock County, Kentucky. At the time of Charles' birth, Peter Jr. was the proprietor of a sawmill in Lewisport, a town situated along the southern bank of the Ohio River. Charles' paternal grandfather, also named Peter, was born in Darmstadt, Germany. Peter Sr. arrived in the U.S. in 1843 at the age of 11. Charles' paternal grandmother, Mary Balzer, was also German but was born in France. Her family immigrated in 1835 and settled in New Albany, Indiana. Mary and Peter Sr. married in Ohio in 1851. They lived for a time in Indiana, where Peter Sr. was in the lumber business and he owned a chair factory in Tell City, Indiana. The couple finally settled in Lewisport where they raised their family.

Charles' mother, Lucy Prentis, was born in Indiana. Her father, William, was from Virginia. He was a physician and practiced in Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky. William's family lived most of their lives in Hancock County, Kentucky. Lucy's ancestor, James Prentis, founded the town of Lewisport. Lucy died in 1908, four days after giving birth to her seventh child, who was stillborn. Peter Jr. married again. His second wife was named Etta Lamb, whose occupation was a nurse.

In 1910, Peter Jr. and Etta, his six children, and Peter Sr., were living in Owensboro, Kentucky. Not only was Peter Jr. the manager of a sawmill, he was a Legislative Representative for Hancock County. Peter Sr. died in 1911. Peter Jr. passed three years later, on March 31, 1914 from injuries sustained when he was scalded by boiler water during an inspection of his factory (The Twice-a-Week Messenger, Owensboro, Kentucky, January 14, 1914). Mary, the wife of Peter Sr. died in 1915. In 1920, Etta was living with five of her stepchildren and two borders. Charles was a woodworker in a carriage factory.

Before her marriage to Charles, Mary Theresa worked in a cigar factory. Her father, Samuel, had died in 1916 of Bright's disease, leaving Mary Theresa to help support her mother and siblings. Samuel served during the Spanish American War, and attained the rank of Captain. He continued his life-long service with the National Guard until his death at the age of 39 years (Twice-a-Week Messenger, October 28, 1916).

Charles and Mary Theresa wed on April 23, 1921. Soon after, the newlyweds moved to Indianapolis. He worked as a woodworker in an automobile factory. The 1940 census lists



that he was a "body builder" in a "highway garage." Maxine, their only child, attended Arsenal Technical High School, where she was a yearbook typist for the Arsenal Cannon (Indianapolis News, September 22, 1941) and was on the honor roll. An accomplished organist, she played during programs presented at the Edwin Ray Methodist Church (Indianapolis News, December 24, 1941), as well as for many wedding services. After high school, Maxine attended Indiana University, where she studied music and the organ (Crawfordsville Journal Review 6 Oct 2016 p 2A).

The Society page of the July 19, 1947 Indianapolis News announced the marriage of Maxine (see photo) to Gerald Dreyer on July 14, 1947. Born in Ripley County on August 12, 1922, "Gerry" moved with his family to Indianapolis in the 1930s. Maxine and he attended high school together. He was a 1944 Wabash graduate and served in the Navy during WWII. After the war, he attended Indiana University for graduate studies in journalism. Beginning in 1947, he worked as a staff reporter for the Indianapolis News. He was promoted to Business Editor of the paper in 1951. For four years, beginning in 1956, Maxine and Gerry lived in Ft. Wayne,

where he worked for a public relations firm (U.S. Directories 1822-1995). Five children joined the family – Jerry, Tom, Richard, Mary Beth, and Carol Ann. The family returned to Indianapolis, and in 1960 they were nominated as the "All-American Family" (The Indianapolis News, April 27, 1960).

The family moved to Crawfordsville in the 1960s. After the children were grown, Maxine worked for the president of Wabash College as secretary. She was a member of the Kiwanis Club and served as their secretary and resident piano player for many years. She was the organist for the First United Methodist Church for 47 years. She taught piano and organ, and continued to play for weddings, even at the age of 78. Gerry and she were very involved in volunteer work, including Habitat for Humanity (which Gerry started in Montgomery County), and Methodist mission work.

On April 5, 1997, at the age of 98, Charles died in Crawfordsville. Mary Theresa and he came here to be closer to Maxine. Mary Theresa died in Crawfordsville on August 1, 1997 at the age of 95. The couple was interred at the Washington Park East Cemetery in Indianapolis. When Gerry passed away May 26, 2011, he was buried there too. After his death, Maxine lived at a nursing facility in Carmel. Like her parents, she was long-lived. She passed October 3, 2016 at the age of 92. She was laid to rest next to Gerry. May this talented, accomplished, and caring woman rest in peace.



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Oh My Word

By Chuck Clore



Photos by Chuck Clore

Grandma Hattie Mae Cole used to caution, “Choose your words carefully!” Was it because she was grandma the grammarian? Nah, it was more likely because she was a strict upstanding member of the First Baptist Church. She had no appreciation for blue language fostered by my father’s side of the family. Pappy could peel the paint off the barn with a few well-placed expletives. I’ll discuss Dad’s blue-streak abilities later.

Let’s face it. Some words deliver more of a wallop than others. I used to know which words packed the most punch and use them sparingly to exact more emphasis. Today, in our politically correct counter-culture, that discernment has vanished. For crusty old boomers like me, one poor word choice can explode like a grenade. A legion of Gen—X, Y, Z’s can easily be incited to riot with a benign word from yesteryear. That is why God invented editors. They keep bumbling writers like me from the embarrassment of incensing the masses. Thank you, Karen Zach, for saving me from my many grammar violations.

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious—big words are marvelous. Use a plethora of long multisyllabic words. And you be branded a sesquipedalian. — Yeah, I know I had to look that one up in the dictionary too. I suspect people using too many big words don’t really know what they are espousing. But with my limited vocabulary, I have no way of proving it.

There once was a young evangelist shouting, “Are you saved?” He entered the seminary for higher education. Four years later, upon graduation, he exited with an enhanced vocabulary asking, “Have you considered the theological ramifications of regeneration and their effect on your eternal destination?” Who knows how many confused souls wandered the wrong path asking, “What on earth is he talking about?”

Most words don’t have eternal consequences.

A few words are more fun to say than others. I like the old-time word, shenanigans.

“What shenanigans are you ragamuffins up to?” sounds much more intriguing than, “What mischief are you kids doing?”

Where were you raised? It may affect your word choices. I worked with Amy, a lady from Eastern Tennessee. The first blustery-winter snap Amy stepped through the door shivering and shaking snow everywhere.

“Brrrr! It is colder than hooleygoblins out there!” she grumbled. It must be a Tennessee thing. I never heard the word hooleygoblins before or since.

“Y’all” may sound foreign to a Yankee who could address a group says, “You all are welcome.” Visit a native of Southwest Missouri, and you might hear, “You’uns come back and visit anytime.”

When I was a C-Ville east end kid, Dad had a fruit and vegetable stand out on Delaware Street. He sold all kinds of good stuff, including rutabagas. Rutabaga, now there is a fun word. I imagined a rutabaga driving a Studebaker.

Big juicy muskmelons were also a favorite. I didn’t realize until I visited the big city of Minneapolis, you are supposed to call them cantaloupes. I assumed a cantaloupe would have antlers like antelope.

A fun expression not heard in many places other than Indiana, “I was really modoc’n.” Researching that one, you may find a quote by a country music star, “I was running late. I was



modoc’n to catch the train to Nashville.”

Modocing: It means to move fast. I challenge you to track down the origin.

One source refers to the native American Modoc tribesmen that were so capable and swift on horseback the army could never catch them. They maneuvered so quickly they defeated forces three times their numbers. The Modocs were a Pacific West Tribe, not from the Midwest.

Yet another source suggested the word came from the Modoc brothers’ speedy delivery trucks that ripped up and down Eastern Indiana highways so fast even an Indy car couldn’t keep up.

A third source thought the word might have come from the Indiana town of Wabash. In 1942 the Great American Circus was setting up the big top.

Judy, Empress, and Modoc, three Indian elephants, were tethered, awaiting the big show. When a barking dog spooked Modoc, she bolted free. While on her adventure, she scarfed down two warm apple pies left to cool on a windowsill. Racing down Main Street, the aroma of fresh roasted peanuts lured her into Bradley Brother Drug Store.

An elephant in a drug store makes a bigger mess than the proverbial bull in a China shop. She toasted the peanut roaster and gobbled up the contents. Modoc barged out the back creating a brand new exit. Modoc was fast enough she evaded capture for five whole days.

She just kept modoc’n through three counties.

Carefully choosing the right word is tricky. Tracing word origins is more challenging. Even our beloved Indiana name Hoosier is hard to define and even harder to nail down its genesis. Maybe, Karen Zach, our resident

historian, can help. Did it come from a man named Hoosier who was in charge of digging canals? They say he liked to hire hard-working crews from Indiana because of their strong work ethic.

Does Hoosier perhaps mean farmer? Or was it the sparsely populated settlements and farms where they would shout, “Who’s there?” as strangers approached their cabin? Was it shortened to Hoozthar. Did that evolve to Hoosier? I am still curious.

Here is a question to which I just recently discovered the answer. What is the origin of the phrase “It is not worth a tinker’s dam?”

Because my dad tinkered around making a lot of stuff, I would call him a tinker. While rigging up his contraptions, he sometimes injured himself. Occasionally, this would prompt him to curse. Okay, truth-be-told he would swear a blue streak using the word damn a lot. To me, each time an expletive is used, that word’s impact lessens. Therefore I assumed the phrase was, “It is not worth a tinkers d-a-m-n.

It turns out that way before Pappy’s time: the noun, tinker, was synonymous with the word plumber. When the plumber/tinker had to seal a joint, he would build a clay dam around the pipe. The clay would contain the molten lead being poured into the joint to seal it. Once the hot metal cooled to a solid, the tinker’s dam was worthless and smashed away.

I sure wish I had discovered this before I made the sign hanging over my workbench honoring Dad’s linguistic abilities.

Poetry and Puzzles

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Warriors in Lace

Joy Willett

Strong in battle
valiant and brave
Deborah the prophet
the Israelites led.
Their victory assured
by the woman Jael
who drove a stake
through Sisera's head.

An astronomer, teacher,
philosopher, and mathematician
Hypatia was respected
by Christian and pagan.
Until that fateful day,
C.E. March 415,
when she was martyred
for her religion.

She claimed to hear voices
from above
that led her to fight
for the French cause.
Burned at the stake
for her claims
Joan was a hero
regardless her fate.

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an enemy to others,
she led 70 north
toward shining Polaris.
During the war
a soldier, nurse, and spy,
Harriet was a hero
and faithful ally.

Although she never
took up arms to fight,
Anne wrote words
that brought us light.
Taken from the world
for her beliefs,
Miss Frank's precious life
was all too brief.

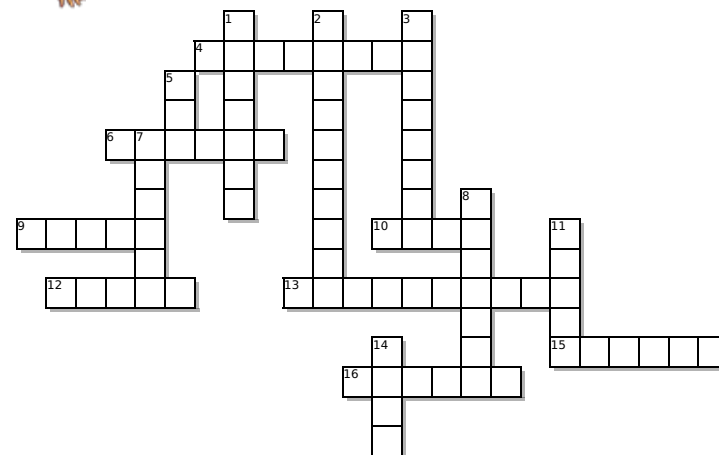
There were many women
whose names are unknown.
Some lived quiet lives
and made a home,
others were renowned
in their day,
yet time has erased any trace.
Heroes all – warriors in lace.

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Wonder Women

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Karen's Kitchen

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories



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Below is one of the dishes I never enjoyed at my Italian Grandmother's (Nona's) home but both my brothers and dad of course loved it. Italians serve it as an appetizer and it will stink up your house when ya' make it. Nona made it for most holidays, definitely Christmas, or she would also fix it upon special request (several of my brother Garry's friends would go down and she'd make it for all the boys). Basically, you love it or hate it. I'd not put it in my hate the dish category but let's just say I could do without.

Bagna cauda

Put ½ cup oil in bottom of a skillet. Brown 3-6 pieces of garlic (cut fine or leave whole, then take out after browning in flavor). Add 3 small cans of anchovies (packed in oil – boneless). Add 1 small can sardines (packed in oil – skinless). Cook on low heat – stir often until pasty. Add 1 stick of butter.

Dip Chinese cabbage, celery or pickled mushrooms into bagna cauda, and love it (or hate it – your choice)! We have also used bread, cauliflower and other things for dipping – be creative!!!

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Bonnie's Cherry Pizza

Joan Oppy was one of the bestest-ever ladies so I'm giving you a great recipe she had in our long-ago (1987ish) Genealogy society cookbook! This is similar to Cherry Delight but somewhat diff.

2 Cups graham cracker crumbs

2/3 cup sugar

1/3 cup melted margarine (butter)

Mix together and press into a 9x13 pan.

3 eggs

1 tsp vanilla

8 oz. pkg cream cheese

2/3 Cup sugar

Beat with mixer and pour over cracker mixture. Bake 20 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool, then top with cherry pie filling.



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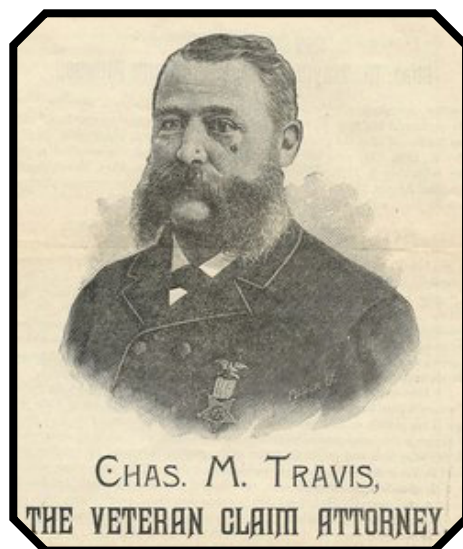
Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories

Mary DeEtta Salisbury was born in Cazenovia, Madison County, New York June 16th in 1847 to Barnet and Minerva Coons Salisbury, long time Easterners, one of her great grandfathers killed while fighting for our early country at the Battle of Trenton. There, she glided through girlhood and on October 7th in 1872, she married Charles Monroe Travis (see photo from findagrave via M.H. Barksdale and her tombstone photo taken by the great Fines – so appreciated) who was a Civil War veteran and the son of John Welch and Margaret Trimble Travis, having been born in Grandview (Edgar County), Illinois on October 30th in 1845. Almost immediately, they were off to South America where he served as the US Consul at Para, Brazil.

While in South America, their only child, Charles “Claude” was born so appropriately on the 4th of July in 1873. Claude later had a slight connection to my hometown, upon Claude’s graduation from Wabash College (after growing-up in Crawfordsville and preaching while a college student), he became minister at the Methodist Church in Waveland. He was a minister for 50 years and after a sermon titled “Life to the Fullest,” he had a coronary, passing away a few days later. He was twice married, losing his first wife and mother of his two children and his second wife survived him.

Upon the family’s return from Brazil, they lived in Crawfordsville several decades and although moving to Chicago where he was in the insurance business until shortly before his death and she later to Fort Wayne to be with Claude, they were returned to their long-time home and are buried in Oak Hill.

Mary was involved in so many things: church, politics, clubs and more. She and Charles were deeply



associated with the Grand Army of the Republic, he being past state president of GAR. He had served in two different units in his military career, Co E, 13th Illinois in the Civil War for three years, and during the Spanish-American War, he served as Major in the 8th Indiana. Much of his work as a lawyer (he studied law with Lew Wallace and was his partner as well as M.D. White) was centered around obtaining pensions for deserving U.S. veterans but had a mad dislike for those abusing the pension by drinking, gambling or not taking care of the family. His obituary in the Review (12-19-1913 p 7) notes that he was a big man, “physically and mentally, he made himself felt in any of the walks of life.” In Crawfordsville since he had been gone for ten years and had not been heard from by anyone for several months, his death was quite a shock and put a damper on Christmas festivities for many who had known him.

Mary before and after her greatest accomplishment was completely involved in the drive for our first major hospital (Culver), planning huge rummage sales, managing a large group of volunteers and serving as the treasurer



of the funds for several years.

As mentioned, her real love was likely the Woman’s Relief Corps and as president, the newspapers noted: “Mrs. Travis has ever taken a keen and zealous interest in the affairs of the organization and has been constant in season and out of season working for its success. She is a woman of more than ordinary executive ability,” from the Weekly Journal 21 May 1897 when she had just captured the state presidency. She had held that position three times on the local level and at the time of her state election, she had the impressive job of National Press Correspondent.

During her year, she visited the state Soldier’s Home and Orphan’s Home more than once, complimented the overseer and noted they were both necessary places to give aid. At the end of her term, the state convention was quite unique, whether her idea, a mutual agreement or what, but the Woman’s Relief Corps had their 15th annual meeting, GAR their 19th; Sons of Veterans their 7th and the Ladies’ Aid Society their 5th all in Columbus, Indiana on the same day. It was estimated there were about 8,000 there. The “fluttering of flags and nodding of plumes” were enhanced

by drums, fifes, and bands. “Two great arches in emulation of Indiana stone were built at each end of Washington Street, one representing the battleship, Indiana and the other General John Logan, leading a charge. On each side of those arches were the names of battles fought and won by Union Troops and the ones won by the Navy in the

present war (Spanish-American – Indianapolis News 18 May 1898).” In Mary’s report she noted there were 186 corps in good standing with 6,398 members, a gain of 322. They gave a total of \$7,325 plus dollars as relief for women and children who needed aid and noted that the need was increasing as the soldiers passed away, leaving their widows alone or still raising offspring. She thanked her officers throughout the state and gave her heart-felt wishes that the camps would aide those in the current war. Throughout her speech, she was given great applause to the smiling, energetic, loveable lady. At that same convention, Charles made resolutions asking each GAR group to make sure that their men did not spend their pensions unwisely (carousing, drinking).

Mary continued being involved in various drives and organizations to aide the community, then in about 1903, they moved to Chicago, and after Charles’ death, she moved to Ft. Wayne to be near and with Claude. It was there she passed away ten days shy of two years after Charles, having been married slightly over four decades, and it seemed quite happily so. Rest In Peace, Charles, Mary and you, too Claude!

2021 Montgomery County Museum Scene



MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Closed for Season – Reopens in March. Little Trivia – Lane served as the very first president of the first Republican Part convention and delivered the first keynote address. Cool, huh?



ROTARY JAIL MUSEUM OF CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN

Close until March. Keep in mind next year that it isn't just seeing the jail and hearing the great stories, there is also the Tannenbaum Center you can rent-out for an event and the great classes the Museum has (painting, other cultural events).



CARNEGIE MUSEUM

The Transformation of Teaching will be the theme for 2022 – from Slate to Tablet. All ages will enjoy the exhibit showing from one-room school houses to consolidated schools to virtual learning, even. See the transformation! Winter Take-home kits until Dec 23 – free from the Carnegie.



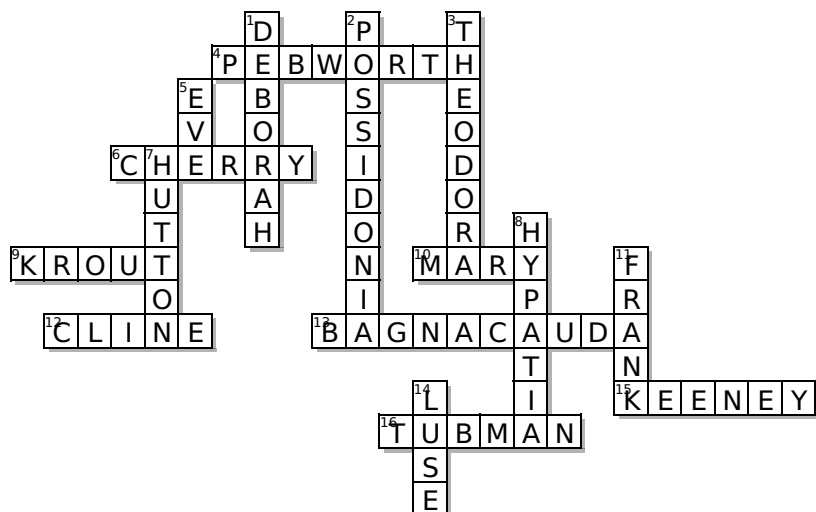
GENERAL LEW WALLACE STUDY

Closed for the rest of the year! Feb 1 – 2022 Museum Reopens . Trivia: Lew Wallace served on the military commission for the trials of the conspirators of President Lincoln and also presided over the trial of Confederate Commandant, Henry Wirz who was in charge of the Andersonville prison where so many died because of poor conditions.



Wonder Women

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LINDEN DEPOT MUSEUM, LINDEN, IN

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Closed until April – Note their impressive Mission Statement -- The mission of the Linden Depot Museum is to preserve and protect the historic 1909-built Linden Depot and its railroad memorabilia as well as to promote its related railroad history. The mission includes the acquisition, restoration, preservation and display of railroad equipment, artifacts and momentos related to railways past and present.



Grandcestors

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories

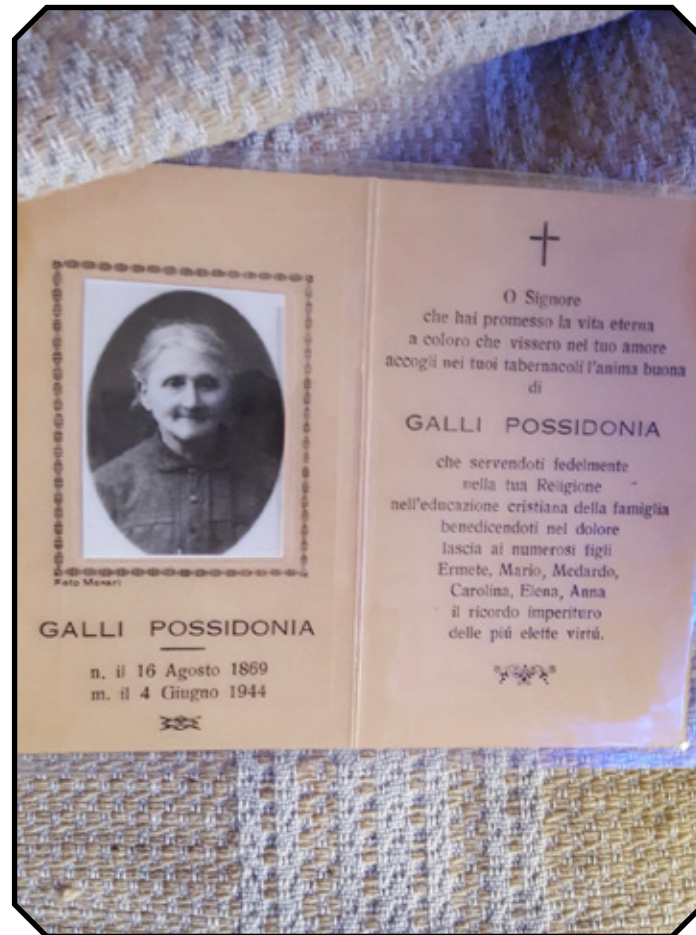
I was thinking I had no one (or at least that I'd not written about before) that would fit the bill of a gal who did a job or was ahead of her time (or both). Then, I saw something that oh so jogged my memory and put the thought that Possidonia was my perfect bet for Grandcestors this month.

Born Maria Assuntia Possidonia Galli to Achille Giovanni Baptista and Carolina (Pigati) Galli, in Lotta, Italy on August 16, 1869, she passed away at a nice age 4 June 1944 also in Fanano, having been a widow for eleven years and having lived through two World Wars in one of the areas that was highly fought through.

My cousin, Frank and I laughed so hard when I was asking my grandmother about her genealogy. I said, "What was your mom's maiden name?" Galli (pronounced Golly). We giggled but not too badly then when I asked her first name and my Nonna answered, Possidonia we just lost it. I mean, Possidonia Galli – bet you don't have one of those!

Nonna had been perfectly willing to help with the genealogy (actually knowing all of it by heart – she was sooo smart) but told us we'd hush or she would, too. That straightened us right up but still to this day I get a big grin on my face when I see that name. When researching the old Italian records, I actually found Possidonia several times over but only in that area. Maybe some day I'll find out why!

We even asked my Nonna where her mother had gotten a name like that but she didn't know really and only told me that name, whereas I found on her marriage record that was technically her third name (may be baptismal and confirmation names as there are many in my Italian grandparents' families with three names). So I won't giggle throughout writing this whole article, I'm calling her Maria. Maria came from a family of ten children and when she fell in love with my great grandfather, Rinaldo Marco



Angelo Berti (both falling hard) her mother Carolina (for whom my grandmother was named) wouldn't let them get married because they'd have too many kids. The young ones weren't sure what to do as they were so in love but they decided that he could go to America, work, and make some money to build their home or whatever else they needed and they'd not what do I say – be tempted, I guess. He did just that when he was 26 and she was but the tender age of 15. He stayed six years, writing and sending her money to put away. He loved America with a passion and begged her to come to him but she would not. He even went back in 1900 at age 40 and worked some more to save money to raise their children. One of the places he lived for quite a time was Universal,

Indiana which ironically was where his grandson, my father was born 20 years later. He also lived in Zigler, Illinois but as most miners and immigrant workers of the time, he loved good 'ol Indiana by far the best.

Returning to Fanano after making enough to build a house (he and his father also had a saw mill so this helped a great deal), they were married at the Catholic church (there were two, and it is interesting that my grandmother and this family went to the nice one and my grandfather's family (Bazzanis) went to the not so nice, tiny one that

was actually destroyed in WWII – the one the Bertis went to was still standing in perfect harmony and when I walked in and saw on the back row – my Nonna always sat in the back row – her name on it I about flipped. It was how they memorialized someone (by war, moving ...).

So, Sept. 19, 1892 was the big day, he at age 32 and she just turning 23. Didn't wait long for their first-born 16 July 1893. Sadly he was blown up on the Piave Bridge 24 Oct 1917 with 1,000 other soldiers. My grandfather having been inducted into the service when he was visiting back in Italy (having only put in his first papers to be naturalized here) had just been with Tomaso or my grandmother would have lost a new husband and brother. A child was lost next,

then my grandmother, her sister Elena; and four sons up next (Ermette who moved to Nice, France raising a family of three boys; Mario who was my grandmother's favorite; then Medardo who by age nine played the organ at church and as the priest said, "Better than any adult I've ever had behind the instrument". Settimo the last son only lived a year then Anna youngest of the NINE children the Berti's still had even though they waited for a long time to marry.

One item that made Maria so amazing was in WWI during the bad fighting quite near their home, Rinaldo raised sheep so they would have something to eat – eating they did fine but they needed money for other staples and such (my grandmother made all their clothes, much from the wool of the sheep) so Maria decided she knew how to make some money for them and continued to do so for many years afterward. She literally saved them, her parents and some friends and church folks, as well during the devastating war time.

In the summertime if there was no fighting near their home, rich tourists from Balogna and Florence areas would come and stay in the cooler mountain region of Lotta. She began weaving beautiful and warm blankets and selling them to these rich people. Taking orders, she would send them in the mail when finished unless she happened to complete them while the people were there but as her fame spread, her orders piled up. However, she was some worker, as was my grandmother and father before me. Rinaldo was a good worker but he liked to play along with that task as did my grandmother, my father and me. Don't think there was much play in Maria Assuntia Possidonia Galli Berti, however. But, I sure loved hearing those stories while my Nonna and I rocked on her front porch swing, cuddled up, laughing, oohing and aahing while I learned about her mother and other family members!



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Jersey Numbers Matter



Purdue Boilermakers at Michigan Wolverines. Photo credit: Maize & Blue Nation

Jersey numbers matter and Purdue hoops flying nationally high

Any sports fan who doesn't think the name on the front of the jersey matters, look no further than Purdue and the Indiana Pacers in the past couple of weeks.

The Pacers were hosting the Los Angeles Lakers and LeBron James. It appeared the Pacers were going to pull off a last-second victory when rookie Chris Duarte appeared to be fouled on a game-tying 3-pointer.

No whistle.

The Lakers went on to win 124-116 in overtime behind eight of James' season-high 39 points. A day later, the NBA confirmed to The Indianapolis Star that a foul should have been called.

Had it been James taking the game-tying shot, what are the odds a foul would have been called on the Pacers? The same odds as betting on the sun rising in the east every morning.

And then there's the Boilermakers, who looked primed to be No. 1 in the Associated Press college basketball poll for the first time when No. 5 Duke beat No. 1 Gonzaga. Earlier that week, Gonzaga had dominated No. 2 UCLA so one would think when Nos. 1 and 2 lose, No. 3 moves up?

Not in the ESPN-dominated world of college basketball, the network which promotes the Blue Devils like it does the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox. The happy Duke players hadn't left the court when the drumbeat began. Duke deserves to be No. 1.

As it turns out, the pro-Duke bandwagon did Purdue a favor by putting the Blue Devils No. 1 and Purdue No. 2 going into the Big Ten/ACC Challenge.

Tuesday night's game at Mackey Arena with Florida State probably would have been a blowout anyway but an emphatic 93-65 victory sent a message that Purdue is for real.

Ohio State, no doubt motivated by playing the nation's top-ranked team on its home floor, overcame a terrible first half to upset Duke about two hours later.

Barring a letdown Friday in the Big Ten home opener against an Iowa team that either can't or won't play defense,



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Purdue will sit atop The Associated Press poll Monday.

No matter the ranking, the facts and figures coming from the Boilermakers are stunning.

- Purdue is one of three teams in the last 20 seasons to score 80 or more points on 50 percent or better field goal shooting and better than 35 percent from 3-point range in seven consecutive games. The others were the 2005 national

champion North Carolina and the 2010 Syracuse team that climbed to the top of The Associated Press poll.

- The Boilermakers have trailed for a total of 22 minutes and 53 seconds in their first seven games.

- Purdue is the Big Ten's most successful team in the Challenge at 12-9. The Boilermakers have won seven straight home games in the event by a combined 114 points (16.3 ppg.)

- Over its last 100 games at Mackey Arena, the Boilermakers are 90-10.

- In the 97-40 victory against Omaha, Purdue went on a 29-0 run that Purdue Athletic Communications officials believe is the largest run in school history.

- The Boilermakers were called for no fouls during the first half against Omaha, a school record as well.

- Sophomore center Zach Edey, Purdue's leading scorer at 16.9 per game, has scored 118 points in 130 minutes. Extended to a full 40-minute game that's an average of 36.3 points.

Purdue coach earns Hall of Fame selection

Matt Painter likes to joke about how mediocre his playing career was at Purdue.

But as a guard at Delta High School and later the Boilermakers' choice to succeed Gene Keady, Painter's basketball life has been an unqualified success.

Painter is among the headliners in the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame's 60th class, which was announced Tuesday.

Painter set the Delta career scoring (1,497) and assists records, capped by a senior season that saw him set the single-game scoring record while averaging 27.7 points, 9.6 rebounds and



Matt Painter

7.4 assists per game. He was a 1989 Indiana All-Star.

In 17 seasons as Purdue's head coach, Painter already is the school's third-winningest coach behind Keady and Ward "Piggy" Lambert. As of Wednesday, Painter is 355-184 at Purdue with 12 NCAA Tournament berths, three Big Ten Conference regular season championships and a Big Ten Tournament title.

Painter was the 2019 NABC National Coach of the Year and leads his league peers with four Big Ten Coach of the Year awards.

Big Ten honors for Purdue duo

For the second time in four years, a Purdue athlete is the Big Ten's Richter-Howard Receiver of the Year.

David Bell, one of three finalists for the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's best receiver, joins former teammate Rondale Moore (2018) to earn that honor. Bell leads the Big Ten in catches per game (8.5) and receiving yards per game (116.9). With 1,286 yards, Bell is 21 shy of John Standeford's record for a single season. Bell already owns the record of 17 career 100-yard receiving games.

Junior defensive end George Karlaftis was selected first-team All-Big Ten by the conference coaches and media as well.

He is the first Boilermaker defender to earn first-team All-Big Ten honors since defensive tackle Kawann Short in 2012.

Karlaftis is a semifinalist for the Chuck Bednarik Award after leading

Purdue in tackles for loss (11.5), sacks (5), forced fumbles (3), fumble recoveries (2) and quarterback hurries (8).

Quarterback Aidan O'Connell was selected second-team All-Big Ten by the coaches and media. O'Connell ranks third nationally with a 73.5 percent completion rate. He is on track to set both the Big Ten and Purdue single-season completion percentage records.

O'Connell has thrown for 3,177 yards and 23 touchdowns. During his past five games, O'Connell has completed 76.5 percent of his passes for 18 touchdowns and no interceptions. The last Purdue quarterback to earn either first- or second-team All-Big Ten honors was Kyle Orton in 2004.

Five Boilermakers on each side of the football earned honorable mention. Center Gus Hartwig, guard Tyler Witt and tackle Greg Long are joined by tight end Payne Durham and wide receiver Milton Wright.

Purdue's much improved defensive unit is represented on the honorable mention list by linebackers Jaylan Alexander and Jalen Graham, tackle Branson Deen, safety Cam Allen and cornerback Dedrick Mackey. Kicker Mitchell Fineran also earned honorable mention status. The transfer from Samford became only the third Purdue kicker to make at least 20 field goals in a season.

Indiana senior linebacker Micah McFadden was a second-team selection by the coaches and media. McFadden recorded a team-leading 77 tackles. Tight end Peyton Hendershot was a third-team choice by the media.

Defensive end Ryder Anderson, cornerback Jaylin Williams and tackle Matthew Bedford received honorable mention.

A week later than the historical moment should have taken place, Purdue ascended to the top of The Associated Press men's college basketball rankings for the first time Monday. For 379 appearances in the AP Top 25, Purdue had been ranked no higher than No. 2. The mantle of "best" team never to be rated No. 1 now falls to Maryland, which has 423 weeks in The Associated Press poll without reaching the top.

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It's heady times in West Lafayette. Purdue was favored Thursday night at Rutgers to improve to 9-0 for only the fifth time since 1940, when Crawfordsville legend Piggy Lambert coached the Boilermakers to a Big Ten championship. With the history of Boilermaker sports in mind, it's usually never a good idea to look ahead. That said, the school record of 14 consecutive victories to start the season is in play. That's a mark shared by Glenn Robinson's 1993-94 Boilers and the 2009-10 Purdue team that will be forever remembered for what could have been if Robbie Hummel had not torn his ACL at Minnesota. The next six games for Purdue are at Rutgers (4-4), vs. North Carolina State (6-2) at the Basketball Hall of Fame Invitational in Brooklyn, vs. Butler (6-3) in the Crossroads Classic, and home games with Incarnate Word (1-8), Nicholls (5-3) and Wisconsin (7-1). How did the Boilermakers reach No. 1? Several reasons:

- Purdue has outscored its opponents by 77 points at the free throw line, best in the nation.
- The Boilermakers are just one of two teams nationally (Colorado State) to shoot at least 50 percent from the field, 40 percent from 3-point range and 75 percent at the free throw line.
- Opponents haven't been able to focus on stopping one player in Purdue's offense. Eight of Purdue's 10 regulars are making at least 40 percent of their 3-point attempts. The exceptions are senior Eric Hunter Jr. and Zach Edey, who provides other things to worry about at 7-foot-4.

Big Ten bowl forecast

Let's get the preliminary gripes out of the way before going into my Big Ten Conference bowl picks.

If you recall last week's column and how the name on the front of the jersey matters in college basketball? It's even more important in college football. Penn State, where a 7-5 record was good enough to earn coach James Franklin a guaranteed \$75 million contract over the next 10 years, has no business being in the Outback Bowl on New Year's Day. Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota or Purdue were more deserving.

But thanks to the brand built up for decades under Joe Paterno, the Nittany Lions are the best known Big Ten school

not named Ohio State or Michigan. Potential ticket sales and TV ratings drove this selection.

No tears will be shed for Iowa, which ended up with a nice consolation prize of facing Kentucky in the Citrus Bowl on New Year's Day. This is probably the Big Ten's best bet for a bowl victory against the SEC.

Which brings us to another Big Ten-SEC matchup. Why Purdue was sent back to the Music City Bowl in Nashville to play basically a road game against Tennessee comes down to Wisconsin having Barry Alvarez in the Big Ten front office.

Alvarez, the longtime football coach and athletic director in Madison, is still looking after his school. The Badgers got the Las Vegas Bowl berth against Arizona State, a beatable foe even for an offense that struggles to score points. Minnesota (8-4), which ended up in the next-to-lowest bowl game in the Big Ten pecking order despite beating Wisconsin in the regular season finale, should have been the next choice for the Music City Bowl.

Speaking of the Gophers, they are up first in the Big Ten bowl batting order. The Guaranteed Rate Bowl in Phoenix on Dec. 28 gives fans a first time matchup against West Virginia.

Minnesota is 2-0 under coach P.J. Fleck in bowl games and this matchup is favorable to make it three in a row. West Virginia (6-6) is solid against the run but is in the lower half of the NCAA defensive rankings against the pass. Minnesota quarterback Tanner Morgan and receiver Chris Autman-Bell could have a big day.

Maryland (6-6) achieved bowl eligibility on the final day and were rewarded with a Pinstripe Bowl matchup with a Virginia Tech program that fired coach Justin Fuente with two weeks to go in the regular season.

The Terrapins don't play defense, allowing a staggering 32 points a game. Virginia Tech is not a good offensive team, ranking 92nd nationally at just under 25 points a game. I'll go out on a limb and say Maryland gives the Big Ten bowl victory No. 2.

Purdue leads off a Big Ten tripleheader on Dec. 30. The good news is that Tennessee is vulnerable to the pass, even more so now that top cornerback Alontae Taylor has departed to prepare

for the NFL Draft. That makes the Vols even with Purdue, since it is unlikely Big Ten Receiver of the Year David Bell will play after declaring his early departure for the NFL Draft.

The same goes for Purdue defensive end George Karlaftis, whose relentless pursuit of quarterbacks will be missed. First one to 40 might win this game. No. 10 Michigan State rode the back of the nation's second-leading rusher, Kenneth Walker III, to a 10-2 record and a New Year's Six bowl berth against ACC champion Pittsburgh in the Peach Bowl.

The 12th-ranked Panthers (11-2) will be without offensive coordinator Brent Whipple, who resigned to take the same job at Nebraska. Pitt has the sixth-best rushing defense in the country.

Michigan State has never lost to Pitt in seven meetings but that streak is in jeopardy due to its inability to defend the pass. Panthers quarterback Kenny Pickett has thrown for 4,319 yards and 42 touchdowns.

Wisconsin (8-4) should roll sevens in Las Vegas against Arizona State (8-4) thanks to the nation's top-ranked defense. The Sun Devils are no slouches defensively, either, but the Badgers have enough offensive firepower to make the difference in a low-scoring affair.

Don't look for many points in the Orange Bowl, where second-ranked Michigan (12-1) and third-ranked Georgia (12-1) face off on New Year's Eve for the right to lose to Alabama in the College Football Playoff title game. Will Georgia be able to bounce back from a crushing loss to the Crimson Tide in the SEC championship game? Will Michigan score against a defense that hadn't given up more than 17 points in a game until Alabama shredded it for 41? I see a nightmare ratings scenario in ESPN's future, when it has to sell a rematch of the SEC final. Penn State will be playing an Arkansas team in Tampa that won eight regular season games for the first time since 2011, earning a No. 21 ranking and its first bowl appearance in five years. The Razorbacks have not beaten a Big Ten team in four bowl matchups.

Injuries limited Penn State quarterback Sean Clifford's effectiveness much of the season but when healthy he passed for 2,912 yards and 20 touchdowns.

With all the talented defensive ends in the Big Ten, Arnold Ebiketie almost went unnoticed despite 9.5 sacks.

The day's second Big Ten-SEC matchup, at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, will come down to a simple fact: can No. 15 Iowa (10-3) score points defensively against No. 22 Kentucky (9-3)? That's because quarterbacks Spencer Petras and Alex Padilla have been less than impressive all season. With a plus-13 turnover margin, only Middle Tennessee State has been better than the Hawkeyes.

A Kentucky victory will bring coach Mark Stoops within one win of tying Bear Bryant as the school's winningest football coach. It would be with great irony that victory No. 59 would come against the school for which Stoops starred from 1987-89.

The best non-playoff matchup has to be No. 6 Ohio State and No. 11 Utah in the Rose Bowl. Pasadena is a nice consolation prize for the Buckeyes (10-2), whose championship dreams went up in smoke with their first loss to Michigan in nine years.

Ohio State still possesses the nation's best offense at 551 yards and 45.5 points a game. Freshman quarterback C.J. Stroud has a pair of 1,000-yard receivers to choose from (Garrett Wilson and Jaxon Smith-Njigba) and a third in Chris Olave who needs 64 yards to reach 1,000. Another freshman, TreVeyon Henderson, has rushed for 1,165 yards and 15 touchdowns.

Utah (10-3) closed the regular season with a six-game winning streak and a 38-10 rout of Oregon for the Pac-12 championship. The Utes beat Oregon twice this season, while Ohio State's other defeat was a 35-28 loss to the Ducks in Columbus.

Time of possession could be the second-most important statistic next to the score. Utah has a solid running game led by Tavion Thomas (1,041 yards, 20 TDs) and Ohio State can't score if it doesn't have the football.

I'll project a 4-5 bowl record for the Big Ten, but won't be surprised if Purdue, Iowa and Michigan win to tilt that postseason mark well above .500.

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