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Lily, Doris (Owner) and Kimberly of the Breakfast Club offered one of our roving photographers winning smiles while accepting their Readers' Choice 2023 Award. Thank you for your smiles!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Indiana State Trooper Aaron Smith was killed in the line of duty late Wednesday night. Trooper Smith was helping in an effort to stop a suspected stolen car when he was struck by the car. "Janet and I offer our deepest condolences to the wife, family and close friends of Trooper Aaron Smith. Trooper Smith lived and died a hero. His everlasting inspiration is a painful reminder of what the best among us sacrifice every day when they leave the house. I encourage every Hoosier so inclined to right now stop and shower Trooper Smith's bride with prayer and be there for his fellow law enforcement members so shaken by this heart-breaking loss."

2 Purdue University President Mung Chiang on Friday (June 23) joined top U.S. and Indian government officials and technology industry leaders in Washington, D.C., for the inaugural meeting of the U.S.-India Semiconductor Collaborative, aimed at growing the relationship between Purdue and the South Asian nation.

3 Recent successes in addressing critical industry and workforce issues, creating meaningful global partnerships, and increasing sustainability at Purdue University are not going unnoticed, as the university has earned international acclaim among the world's best for its impactful efforts. Purdue came in at No. 27 among all U.S. universities and No. 99 in the world in the latest QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) World University rankings, released Tuesday (June 27).

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Ben Cody and Mayor Todd Barton

Cody '26 Contributes To Hometown Development As Mayor's Intern

Despite living here his entire life, Ben Cody '26 feels like he's rediscovered his hometown working as an intern for Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton '00.

"I definitely took my community for granted growing up," said the North Montgomery High School graduate.

"I remember being in high school saying, 'Oh, there's nothing going on here. I'm going to move away from this place,'" the Wabash sophomore said. "This internship, being able to work behind-the-scenes,

has showed me just how wrong that all is. There's so much going on in Crawfordsville, and a lot more coming to be excited about."

Cody, a political science major and history minor, has had an interest in government since he was a kid and originally had his sights set on spending his summer in a big city like Indianapolis or Washington, D.C.

After running into Mayor Barton last fall on campus, plans changed and he realized there is no better place to learn about public service and the

day-to-day operations of city government than at the local level.

"During Bell Week, all the fraternities have pledges guard the Bell and Mayor stopped by Delta Tau Delta the day I was on duty," explained Cody, who has known the Barton family since he was a kid. "We struck up a conversation about how school was going, my goals for the future with law school, and if I had any plans for the summer. At the end of the chat

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Butch Thinks It's Time To Take The Dog On A Walk



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

Do you enjoy watching the national news on TV? Yes, that's what I thought you'd say. Each time I switch on the news, it's the same story lines...political turmoil...the war in Ukraine...rampant crime...illegal immigration...rising interest rates...racial complaints...transsexual/LGBTQ controversies...failure of schools...and on and on and on. And to top it off, the major network news anchors are ALL biased in how they report the news. Where is Walter Cronkite? We need him back... NOW. The local news on Indy channels isn't much better. If there are NO murders in Indianapolis, then THAT would

be news!

Folks, listening to the national news is not going to get any better anytime soon. We are going to be inundated with politics and the 2024 Presidential election for another year and a half. Same old faces. Same old liberal vs. conservative arguments...set in concrete. Ninety-nine percent losers one and all. Trump or Biden? Forget both of them. They had their chance. Their time is over. And the national news channels? They aren't going to change. They use controversy to purposely manipulate your thinking and attract more viewers.

In the past, when I came home from work and had eaten supper, I sat down and turned on the local news channels. Later on I often watched the national news...CNN and Fox.

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Snoring, Sleepiness, and Superheroes: The Truth about Sleep Health and Sleep Apnea for Men



MONICA NAGELE
Purdue Extension Office



sleep health and a sneaky sleep disorder that might be robbing you of your superpowers: sleep

Do you ever wake up feeling more exhausted than when you went to bed? Or do you have a reputation for snoring so loud that your neighbors know your sleep schedule better than you do? Well, guys, it's time to talk about

apnea.

Sleep apnea is a common but often overlooked condition that affects men more than women. It's like a villain that disrupts your sleep, leaving you feeling like a zombie during the day. So, let's dive into the basics. Sleep health is not just about the quantity of sleep but also the quality. It's about getting enough uninterrupted sleep to allow your body and mind to rejuvenate. But if you're constantly tossing and turning, waking up feeling groggy, or snoring like a chainsaw, then it's time to pay attention.

Now, let's talk about sleep

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Sad to see you go June! Thanks for the rays of wonderful sunshine!



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Getting up at the same time every day is very important to getting good sleep. 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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Holiday Closures

With the 4th of July falling on a Tuesday, it will mean some odd schedules. The Post Office will work on Monday, July 3, but be closed on Tuesday, July 4. Banks are scheduled to be closed on Tuesday as are government offices. The Paper of Montgomery County will not publish a Monday or Tuesday edition, and our offices will be closed. We will reopen Wednesday at 9 a.m. and will return to publishing that day as well.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."
-Benjamin Franklin

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

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Change In Law Allowing Minors In Restaurant Bar Areas Still Carries Restrictions

A longstanding Indiana law will be changing effective July 1 in an effort to expand family dining space in Hoosier restaurants. The law previously prohibited minors under 18 years of age from dining in the bar area of a restaurant. But on Saturday families will be able to dine with their minor children under age 18 in a bar area – but for the sole purpose of consuming food.

“The law is still restrictive in that the minor child must be in the company of a parent, guardian or family member who is 21 years of age or older,

seated at a table or booth, and the minor is there for dining only,” said Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commissioner Jessica Allen.

Minor children may not be seated at the bar top, and the establishment must have a retail alcohol permit to allow family dining in a bar area. Bars and taverns that allow smoking may not allow any minors on the premises at any time.

Previously, the law allowed minors ages 18 to 20 seating in a bar area specifically for dining only. The amendment removes the age limit.

Family Crisis Shelter Receives State Grant

The Family Crisis Shelter of Montgomery County received a \$25,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) program.

“Domestic violence shelters are beacons of hope in the darkest of nights,” said Devon McDonald, Executive Director for ICJI. “They provide a safe haven for those who have been abused, and they offer a path to healing and re-

covery. We must continue to support these shelters and the work they do, so that no one has to suffer in silence.”

Established in 1981, the SSBG program is a flexible funding source that allows states to tailor social service programming to address their needs. In Indiana, the funding is distributed to the Indiana Department of Child Services, which allocates a portion to ICJI to assist residential domestic violence

programs.

This year, organizations will use the grants to provide items like food, clothing, transportation and shelter to survivors in crisis. The goal of the program is to help offset the cost of certain operational expenses, so that other funding may be used to provide support services.

“Access to safe accommodation and shelter, along with survivor-centered support, is essential to breaking the cycle of violence

and helping survivors begin to recover,” said Kim Lambert, ICJI Victim Services Director. “These services provide a safe space to heal, access to resources, and the support survivors need to rebuild their lives. We must continue to invest in these services so that everyone has the opportunity to live free from violence.”

The \$25,000 was part of an overall award of \$500,000 that went to 25 non-profits in 22 counties around the state.

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The Coaches That Lead Purdue Football And Bowl Predictions



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

In my lifetime, Purdue athletic officials have hired 11 football coaches. One would be elected to the College

Football Hall of Fame. Several would have busts in a College Football Hall of Shame if there were such a place.

Therefore, many Boilermaker fans will be cautiously optimistic when Ryan Walters leads Purdue on to the Ross-Ade Stadium turf for the first time Sept. 2 against Fresno State.

Over the next two weeks, I'll take a look back at the most successful first-year coaches in Boilermaker history and those who struggled mightily.

Let's start with the seven most successful and coming in at No. 1 is the gold standard for rookie Boilermaker head coaches.

When Joe Tiller was introduced at a press conference inside Mackey Arena on Nov. 24, 1996, Purdue was coming off the most fallow period in its football history. Starting in 1982, when Leon Burtnett was promoted to replace Jim Young, Boilermaker football combined for a 54-107-5 record with one bowl appearance (a Peach Bowl loss to Virginia).

So naturally, there was a lot of skepticism when athletic director Morgan Burke hired Burtnett's former defensive coordinator, a guy who found

an offensive system that turned Wyoming from an also ran into a 10-game winner in 1996.

That equals the number of 10-win seasons Purdue has had since 1887.

"We're here to win a championship. We've won in the past and we will win again in the future," Tiller said that day.

"We're not going to wait four years to figure this thing out. If I were to wait four more years to figure it out, I wouldn't hardly have any hair left."

It took Tiller less than four weeks to "figure this thing out."

After a here-we-go-again loss at Toledo in Tiller's debut, a national TV upset of No. 16 Notre Dame launched a six-game winning streak. In that span was an entertaining 59-43 victory at Minnesota and a 45-20 whipping of No. 24 Wisconsin in Ross-Ade.

But the game that defined the 1997 season was the stunning 22-21 victory against Michigan State and soon-to-be Alabama legendary coach Nick Saban.

Trailing 21-10 with two minutes to go, Purdue stunned the Spartans when Rosevelt Colvin returned a blocked field goal 62 yards for a touchdown. A recovered onside kick set up Edwin Watson's go-ahead 3-yard TD run.

Purdue would complete a 9-3 season with a 33-20 victory over Oklahoma State in the Alamo Bowl.

"My wife described it best," Tiller said. "She said, 'every Saturday was like Christmas.'"

Noble Kizer had a tough act to follow in

1930, replacing James Phelan after the Boilermakers went 8-0 and won the Big Ten Championship the year before.

Kizer nearly matched that undefeated season. A pair of one-point losses denied the Boilermakers (6-2) a repeat championship but a .750 winning percentage would be Kizer's worst during the next four seasons that produced two Big Ten championships.

When Kizer died at the age of 40 in 1940, Journal and Courier sports editor Gordon Graham wrote, "God rest the soul of the finest man I ever met in the world of sports."

Mal Elward replaced a seriously ill Kizer in 1937 and achieved a 4-3-1 record thanks to a 13-7 victory at No. 20 Indiana.

While not a "win one for the Gipper" speech, Kizer inspired the Boilermakers with a telephone call before they took the field.

"Tears were streaming down many faces as a great Purdue eleven took the field," Graham wrote. Poetic license, sure, but that was sports writing in the first half of the 20th century.

The tragic train wreck that killed 14 players and 17 persons in all cut short a 4-2 debut season for Oliver Cutts in 1903.

Cutts went 8-3 the following season before giving up coaching to practice law. He would return to Purdue in 1915 as athletic director.

Andy Smith flashed the brilliance that would lead to his induction into the College Football Hall of Fame during his first season in 1913. Lured

away from Penn, where he went 30-10-3, Smith's Boilermakers tied for second in the Big Ten and went 4-1-2 overall.

After going 12-6-3 in West Lafayette, Smith departed for the University of California. From 1920 to 1924, Smith's Bears posted records of 9-0, 9-0-1, 9-0, 9-0-1 and 8-0-2 while winning four national championships.

As a member of the Army coaching staff that won three national championships between 1944 and 1946, Stu Holcomb was the choice of athletic director Red Mackey and president Frederick Hovde to replace Cecil Isbell in 1947.

While Holcomb had no one resembling Heisman Trophy winners Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis on the Purdue roster, he still managed to put together a 5-4 record. To his dismay, Holcomb discovered that a 16-14 loss at Indiana overshadowed a season that included a 14-7 upset of fifth-ranked Illinois.

Vowing never to lose to the Hoosiers again, Holcomb would win eight in a row to launch a span that saw the Old Oaken Bucket remain in West Lafayette from 1948 to 1962.

With apathy disguised as empty seats in Ross-Ade Stadium during the disastrous tenure of Darrell Hazell, new Purdue athletic director Mike Bobinski breathed life once again into Boilermaker football with his first major hire on Dec. 5, 2016.

Jeff Brohm came to West Lafayette coming off 12- and 10-win

seasons at Western Kentucky. There were some who thought Brohm was committing career suicide. One Louisville columnist called Purdue "a coaches graveyard."

It didn't take three days for Purdue football to rise from the dead. Just four quarters.

Promising fans to make Boilermaker football "exciting to watch," Brohm wasted little time. An exciting debut, a 35-28 loss to No. 16 Louisville and Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson at Lucas Oil Stadium, encouraged a crowd of 45,633 to check out Purdue in its first night game under permanent lights at Ross-Ade Stadium against Ohio.

The Boilermakers slammed the Bobcats 44-21, then won convincingly at Missouri the following week. Purdue closed Brohm's debut season with victories at Iowa, vs. Indiana and against Arizona in the Foster Farms Bowl to finish 7-6.

Let's go bowling
Feeding the daily hunger for college football news, it's not surprising that one outlet, 247 Sports, has already put out its first bowl projections for the 2024 season.

How anyone can make a forecast when there's so many question marks about teams not named Georgia, Alabama, Michigan or Ohio State is difficult to fathom.

Surprisingly, 247 Sports has some faith in Ryan Walters and Purdue, slotting the Boilermakers in Detroit's Quick Lane Bowl against Western Michigan.

"Winning six games would be a big deal for Ryan Walters at Purdue given what he has inherited. September could determine where this team stands under its new regime. There are winnable games in the first month and then there are games that could push Purdue to the next level nearing the midseason junction."

The other two first-year Big Ten coaches also are projected to lead their teams to bowl games. Luke Fickell and Wisconsin get a New Year's Bowl nod against Tennessee in the Citrus Bowl. Nebraska and coach Matt Rhule are matched up against Mississippi State in the Gasparilla Bowl.

As for the usual Big Ten powers, Michigan and Ohio State somehow will both reach the College Football Playoff. The Wolverines are the four seed against No. 1 Georgia at the Sugar Bowl, while Ohio State is the 2 seed against Texas in the Rose Bowl. Also, Penn State draws Florida State in the Orange Bowl.

Other Big Ten bowl projections include Michigan State vs. Kansas State in the Guaranteed Rate Bowl, Iowa vs. Duke in the Pinstripe Bowl, Illinois vs. Pittsburgh in the Duke's Mayo Bowl, Maryland vs. Arkansas in the Music City Bowl and Minnesota against South Carolina in the ReliaQuest Bowl.

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he says, 'If you want an internship, let me know.' I'm happy I held onto that offer."

The City of Crawfordsville has hosted nearly a dozen interns — most of whom have been Wabash students — since Barton took office in 2012.

Mayor Barton said interns gain broad experiences during their time working for the city, learn new skills like how to solve complex problems, and develop self-confidence.

"The experiences Cody gains here will prepare him for the real world," he said. "We prioritize teamwork and creating an environment where everyone is welcome to contribute their thoughts and ideas. As he goes forward, the hope is that bits and pieces from this internship stick with him."

Interns are also valuable to the city, Mayor Barton said, and help local leaders incorporate the views of the next generation into their decision-making process.

"We're focused on creating a community that our young people want to be in. They are the future of Crawfordsville," Mayor Barton said while pointing to Cody. "But unfortunately, I don't know the last time I can tell you somebody under the age of 30 came to a City Council meeting and spoke. It just doesn't happen. So, they get left out of the process."

"If you look at the various projects in progress across the city, the reality is they are not necessarily for the older generation. We're building for the next generation," he continued. "It's a battle for population. Today, we have hundreds of unfilled jobs and over 1,000 new jobs will be coming in the next two or three years. How are you going to fill those? You do so by attracting new residents, and, most importantly, by keeping young people here who will be starting families. So, it's important that they contribute to the conversation."

In addition to attending various community, board, and commission meetings and networking with city officials, Cody is responsible for three projects: reviewing and revising the city's code of ordinances; drafting and organizing documents for the city's sidewalk

replacement program; and compiling a history of the Mayor's Office in Crawfordsville.

Cody said tackling the ordinances has been the most interesting and challenging task. He has spent the last several weeks reviewing all ordinances — many of which he says are "old and outdated" — and then documenting suggested edits that will be reviewed and eventually voted on by the City Council.

"Part of this work includes eliminating continuity errors within the code, and getting rid of ordinances that have no place in or effect on the city today. For example, there is one ordinance listed about not using one specific color of canes on the sidewalk. I don't know any officer or citizen that would enforce that," Cody said with a chuckle. "The overall goal of the project is to modernize the code and make it work in conjunction with the future direction of the city."

Cody said putting the skills he's learned in the Wabash classroom to use, like oral and written communication, critical thinking, and leadership, has helped him thrive as an intern.

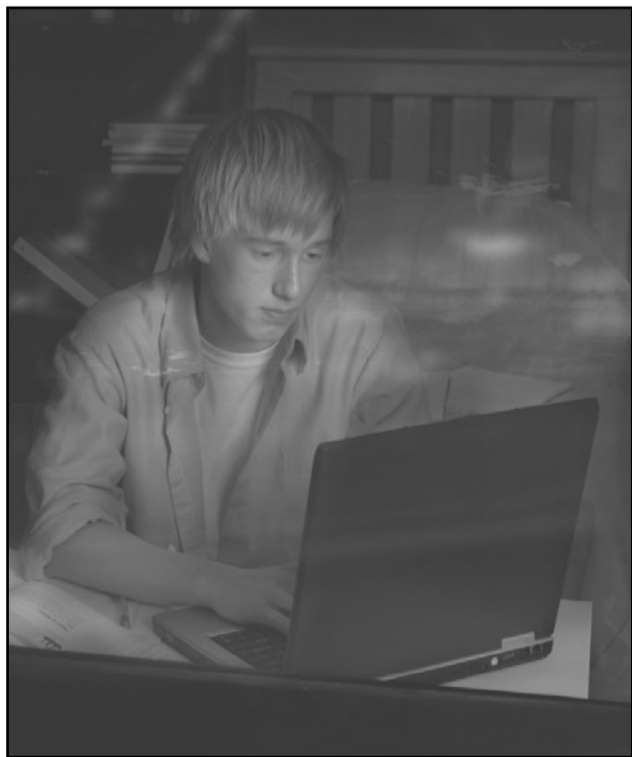
"Having the ability to carefully read, analyze, and interpret large amounts of historic text has been crucial, and that's something that was stressed in Professor Sabrina Thomas' (history) and Professor Scott Himsel's (political science) classes," Cody said. "If I hadn't learned how to properly read and pull what's most important, it would be really hard to do my job efficiently."

Mayor Barton said he hopes Cody's work inspires others to get involved in their local communities.

"You can change the world, especially the world around you, if you are willing to put in the work," he said. "I know that Wabash students are especially equipped to do that."

Cody plans on attending law school after Wabash and hopes to become an attorney. He's not sure what type of law he would like to study, but is confident in where he'll end up.

"The goal is to practice in Crawfordsville," he said. "I could definitely see myself coming back home."



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HEALTH

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apnea. It's like the Joker to your Batman, lurking in the shadows and disrupting your peaceful slumber. Sleep apnea causes your breathing to repeatedly stop and start during sleep, leading to fragmented sleep and low oxygen levels. It's a serious condition that can increase the risk of heart disease, stroke, and other health issues if left untreated.

But hey, we know you like a good laugh, so let's take a humorous approach to tackle this serious topic. Think of sleep apnea as the ultimate snore-fest party crasher. Sure, your snoring might be a hit at parties, but it's definitely a miss for your sleep quality. Your bed might feel like a battlefield with your partner nudging you to stop snoring all night. It's time to face the music and take action!

Now, you might be thinking, "Sleep apnea is not a big deal, it's just snoring, right?" But let's shift gears. Think about the impact of poor sleep on your daily life. Do you struggle to stay awake at work or find yourself dozing off during important meetings? Do you feel irritable and moody, snapping at your loved ones for no reason? Do you lack the energy to pursue your hobbies and passions? It's time to give sleep apnea the attention it deserves.

Fear not, for there is hope! Treatment options for sleep apnea are available, ranging from lifestyle changes to continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machines, and more. So, instead of brushing off your snoring as a joke, take charge of your sleep health and consult a healthcare professional.

Remember, you are the superhero of your own life, and it's time to unleash your full potential. It's time to prioritize your sleep health, bid adieu to snoring shenanigans, and say hello to well-rested days and energized nights. So, gentlemen, it's time to put on your sleep masks, take sleep apnea seriously, and embrace the power of restful sleep. After all, a well-rested superhero is a force to be reckoned with! "Healthy men, strong men: Let's take charge of our health!" This men's health awareness message is brought to you by your local Purdue Extension partner, your education partner for life.

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BUTCH

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Not anymore. If you are sick and tired of biased, angry, argumentative politicians and news anchors, try my new routine...

Turn the TV off. Remain calm. Take a deep breath. Go for a walk...a long walk...WITH YOUR DOG. Your dog loves you. He has no political opinions. He will not lie. He will not cheat. He will not hurt you. He is always in a good mood. He is always glad to see you. He does not consider himself a victim to be pitied. When you return from your walk, give Fido a treat. He will smile and lick you on the face. Yes,

I know...he may have just licked his rear end... but oh well. Settle back in your easy chair with a cup of coffee and a good book...your dog by your side. No politicians, no news anchors, no crybaby victims, no arguments, no controversy.

Just you and your dog... peace and quiet. Ah yes...all is right with the world...

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Bad Boys, Bad Girls, Too!



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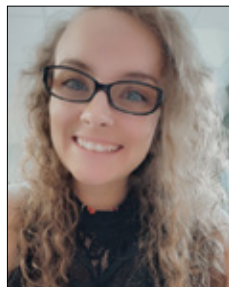
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May Feature: Meet Plumps

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories

Plumps Marley – ever heard of him? Neither had I, but oh, my his shenanigans kept me entertained for a couple of days. Quite an interestin’ fellow – read on!

Plumps was born May 6 in 1868 and lived with his parents, Michael and Angeline (Canada) Marley and his brothers, James and Henry on Spring Street while growing-up here. He was a loved young man but it quickly became well known that if he had a desire to have something – well, let’s just say it became his and he didn’t purchase it!

Near as I can tell, he began this constant desire in his late teens, a couple of years after his father had passed. Interestingly, he was followed by several writers in the newspapers, early on in the back pages but after the first few years of his capers, he almost always made page one! Later, he mixed booze with his mad passion and things really turned news-worry!

Certainly, Plumps wasn’t afraid of work. In 1889, he carried on a good job at the Nutt Hotel but took the summer off to travel around the state to sell lamps. He did a good job, saved some money and went back to his local job at the Nutt.

In July 1890, when Plumps said he was “entirely out of my head under the influence of liquor,” but never denied his wrong of stealing money out of the till where he worked totalling about \$12. He said if he could get out of it, he’d never err again (many times, Plumps’ famous last words) and that he was sorry but the man decided Plumps should pay and be an example to others who had a “strong penchant for tapping tills.” Off to Jeffersonville prison went Charley “Plumps” Marley. Seems 1890 was not a very good year for Plumps as he was accused of “tapping the till” at the Nutt Hotel but said he made no attempt to do that but was just overdrawn a bit (\$3) on his wages.

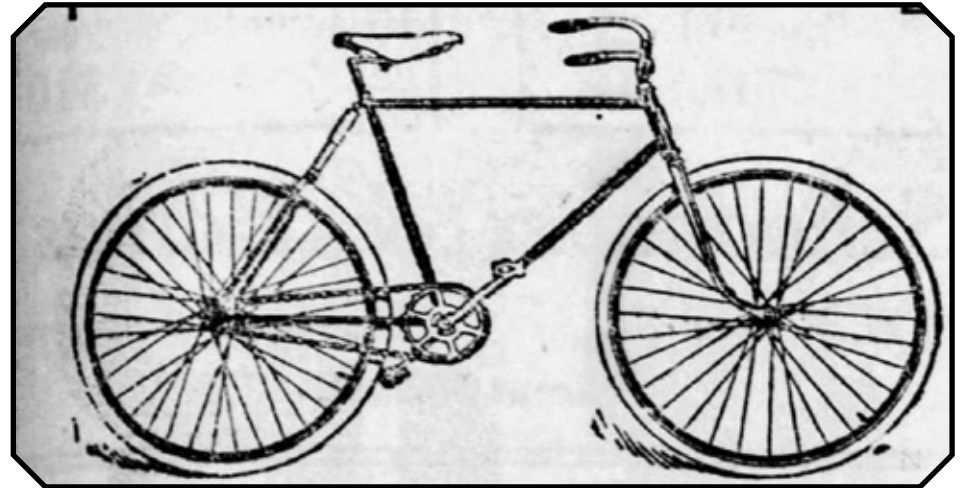
Later (October) in 1890 while working in the LeVante Room in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Chicago as a private waiter, he and Ike Drake got “in a fight over a crap game” and Plumps whomped him on the head with an iron weight. It was thought that Ike might die but Plumps lucked out again and Ike recovered nicely ... Plumps took off ... to parts unknown.

In fact, almost each time he denied doing anything wrong but always, when he got into trouble, he would sneak-off and go elsewhere, usually working in a hotel, waiting or bussing tables (Jan

1892 he went to the Doxel House in Anderson). Almost always he’d wind back up in C’ville.

At the last of August, 1894, “the long-missing and much-wanted burglar” showed-up on the streets and such in Terre Haute. He had been there working and living for about five weeks. In the meantime, he had found his one true love who had visited the police station many times. “Elsie Lee was a gay and gaudy gazelle,” and she brought Plumps with her to see Justice Kenneth, blushing-ly telling the ancient judge that she and Charley wanted to “unite their fortunes and sorrows and jog along life’s rugged pathway in the sunlight of each others’ smiles” thus they paid the good judge the required \$2 to “tie the matrimonial noose.” Ironically, when he should have been holding his beloved gazelle, he was receiving news that they were looking for him and he took off. Elsie didn’t seem as mad at being dumped as a new bride as she was that her best purse was taken with \$15 in it. Not sure exactly where he went or for how long and what happened to their marriage but he later (17 September 1901) married Fannie Lash in Marion County. They had two daughters but so sad – Anna Marie born 11 July 1902 passed away (17 August 1903) before her sister Catherine was born (28 Nov 1906). Plumps passed away the 6th of September 1912 at the Flower Mission Hospital of tuberculosis at just 44 years 4 months old, little Catherine passed away in February 1914 with heart problems. In 1910, Plumps was in Indianapolis working in a hotel while Fannie was here (they were divorced) doing the same thing.

Plumps even made the papers when he was being good, as when he was shining shoes in C’ville and a man from Indianapolis gave him a nickle tip and a lottery ticket. Plumps didn’t know what to do with it so he sold it to Dr. C. Brown for 50 cents and the doc won \$1500. Another time he was coaching the C’ville Outcasts and their games were almost “easy picking” although they gave a



couple of the players more credit than Plumps.

Sometimes Plumps’ whims were for rather odd items, the bicycle getting him in major trouble. It was a “Queen City Wheel Number 4359” belonging to Melville Edwards who had purchased it from Zach Mahorney and left it in the feed yard near Brown & Watkins Mill when he went inside to do business. Well, you can guess who ended-up with that nice bike. At that time, one item everyone in the county wanted was a bike, thus an all-points bulletin brought Plumps in and “it looked like another term in the pen for Plumps!” (old similar bicycle photo from the Elmira NY Star-Gazette 25 June 1917 newspaper p 13)

Yes, Plumps stole what he wanted (an overcoat, a watermelon, a gold watch ...) but truly it seemed he always felt bad for his transgressions. He paid for each, I believe tallying two trips to Jeffersonville and one to Michigan City, having been reported as a “model prisoner” in all aspects. His favorite job there was making shoes in the factory but his least was carrying hod for new buildings. Everyone liked Plumps and it seems fairly obvious that he was a kleptomaniac and I would guess today it is controlled with a medication or therapy. At any rate, he was an entertaining fellow and had a lot of good in him, as well. Rest In Peace, Charles “Plumps” Marley. Oh, and don’t know where the nickname is from but when he carried hod for a few weeks a lengthy article in the 11 April 1902 Journal (yep page 1) noted that Plumps was so in shape that he “resembled a half-starved greyhound” so guessing it is a play on him being thin but who knows?

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

Not often but occasionally, a “crime” was a bit humorous. In the Saturday Mercury 11 December 1876, there was an overview of a “poor dilapidated wretch” who was put to work on the street, with one ball and chain attached to his leg. This was fairly common at that time in many of the towns. Well, it seems the poor fella decided he was outta’ there, and dragging his ball and chain he ran. Of course, he didn’t get far before he was captured and another ball was chained to the other leg. Smart ‘nuf fella’ to realize he wasn’t getting’ anywhere like that but he did decide he wasn’t taking it and he “took revenge upon the municipal government by throwing mud all over the city building until ... they just took him back into the jail and locked him up.

Another fun one was in the summer of 1914 when Jack and Elsie Rankin (“who lived in Crawfordsville’s famous district, Monon Hill”) were jailed on Saturday evening for disturbing the peace, “entertaining their many neighbors” with some loud choice English words with some Dago thrown in.” Thinking Elsie must have been the loudest and most raucous of the couple as Jack was fined but \$1 (which he quickly paid and was ready to go) and Elsie five times that (she stayed for another couple of days in the “county hotel!” as neither of the Rankins had that much ready money). Hope they behaved themselves after that!

The Weekly Journal 18 April 1891 cracked me up with the headlines: “Our County’s Convict range from Polished Gentlemen to Illiterate Thugs and from Murderers to Umbrella thieves.” Tom Corbett, gate keeper at the Michigan City penitentiary noted that MoCo was his pet as it sent more criminals than any of the other counties, but that the MoCo boys were “all model prisoners and the punishment record shows they are – none of them have ever been confined in the dungeon!”

Hmmm, guess that was a compliment. In 1874, John Campbell was sent there for murder; 11 years later, William Shular went for manslaughter for 17 years. ’87 John Connelley burglary 5 years; John Berry the next year for the same but 7 years. Others for burglary were: Charles Burton and Adam Shafer.

June Bias received 5 years for grand larceny and others for the same were Fletcher Hampton; Marion McGuffin; William Kernodle (most were around 5 years, he got 18 months); and for Petit Larceny, most for one or two years and quite a few for that: Louis Jones; Bert Wilson; Levi Teeters; Charles Howe; Charlie Rogers; George Rogers and John A. Long... Assault & battery were charges of John Vaughn; Harry Arnold; Fletcher Hampton; Marion McGuffin; and John Campbell wasn’t the only murderer – the list also had: (Rev) William F. Pettit; and Charley Coombs (manslaughter, 21 years). Found it interesting that there was only one female in the women’s facility – Nancy Lightcap who was serving a year for arson.

Skipping a few years, the end of 1946 was pretty exciting in the area when six-year-old Virginia Yelton was kidnapped from Mills School. Virginia was described as having “dark hair; dark complexion; brown eyes and wearing a red jumper and white blouse at the time she was taken by a 5’11” man weight 200# with dark hair. It was quickly put together that the man, her father, Rev. Charles Yelton had gotten her and was heading to Key West, Florida with her. Virginia seemed quite happy, having been living with her Aunt Betty Deere Beeson, sister to her mother, Julia Deere Yelton. They were daughters of George Washington Deere and Ida May Litsey, and had another sister, Waneta and brother Paul Ulysses. Carroll and Betty Beeson had two daughters (Julia

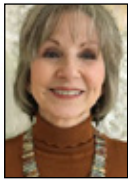


and Dorothy) and a son George most older than Virginia and seemed to die young so Virginia may have been like an only child for them. Julia and the Rev. were not divorced but separated and after the FBI found him there really wasn’t anything they could do, as the little girl was happy being with her father and loved Florida!

And, many of our gals here were not exactly innocent little angels. For one, Alice Follick who was a very pretty 20-year-old, the daughter of Isaac Follick, who had never been in trouble but in May of 1890, she took to nabbing chickens. One place she enjoyed getting them was at a prosperous Ripley Township farmer’s. He worked hard to find the culprit and ironically he was at Howard Fruits’ store and found a couple of his properties in Fruit’s chicken coup. Seems Miss Alice had sold them to Mrs. Fruits. Despite her beauty, charm, good name, Alice was taken into custody and given a trial. However, she was found not guilty and a great cheer rang out in the courtroom much to Judge Snyder’s chagrin. Alice said on the stand that she had never met Old Speck; Black Long Neck or Muckle Dunn or any of Beams’ chickens. Alice had many gifts, food and the like taken to the jail for her and at the trial, the whole Follick family surrounded her and the attorney, bringing on tears and loud lamenting. It was suggested if she was found guilty that she could perhaps be confined in the county jail versus the penitentiary. Wailing followed. While the jury was out, Alice broke down sobbing and couldn’t quit. Her mother fainted. Off to the judge’s private room doctors finally quieted them but there was a short wait, anyway, as the jury out about 15 minutes came back with “THE JURY FINDS THE DEFENDANT NOT GUILTY.” The yell that followed was heard blocks away.

Thus, you have just read some of the enlightening (hmmm not), entertaining (hmmm somewhat), emotional (for sure) tales from the courts of our fair MoCo!!

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Nifty at Ninety - And Beyond

Joy Willett, Montgomery Memories

For June's Nifty at Ninety... we are introduced to three characters – Fred Birchfield, Reed Riley, and Davy Myers. I first learned about them in an article dated May 20, 1897 (The Monticello Herald). They were referred to as “14 year old boys” who had been “engaged in a career of burglary for some time.” The crimes took place in Crawfordsville, where the youngsters lived. According to the article, the boys were armed with guns and knives.

Fredrick “Fred” Moore Birchfield, born March 17, 1881 in Crawfordsville, was the son of John and Lydia (Giley) Birchfield (Indiana, U.S. Death Certificates, 1899-2017). I didn't discover any other information about John or Lydia. On the other hand, Fred was often in the news. A year prior to the 1897 incident cited above, he was arrested and jailed for having a “25-pound keg of powder” (Crawfordsville Weekly Journal, 25 December 1896). Fred's continuing escapades were reported in the Logansport-Pharos Times article titled GANG OF THUGS UNEARTHED. The article goes on to say, “For over two years the people [of Crawfordsville] have been cursed with systematic sneak-thievery” and Fred was the mastermind behind it all! He was caught when a ring he gave to a sweetheart was identified as stolen jewelry. His more egregious crime was robbing Hunt's Hardware Store. (July 24, 1899) The punishment was a stint in the Plainfield Reform School (CWJ, 4 August, 1899).

Fred married Martha Earl on November 26, 1903. The couple lived in Crawfordsville. Their daughter Golda was born in 1904. In early September of 1905, Fred was arrested for forgery (The Reporter-Times 04, Sep 1905). He was arrested again in mid-September for breaking out of the Crawfordsville jail (Hamilton County Register Sep 15 1905), and was found hiding in his father-in-laws attic (Plymouth Tribune 21 September 1905).

In the 1910 Census, Fred's occupation was listed as a “galvanizer” in a wire mill, while Martha was a homemaker. In May of 1912, Fred was jailed for stabbing a Monon railroad agent (Bristol Banner, 31 May 1912). In September of 1912, he attempted to escape from jail (New Richmond Record, 5 September 1912). On June 6, 1913 Fred was released (Herald-Democrat, 6 June 1913). Fred's 1917 draft registration card lists his occupation as a foreman at the Union Steel & Wire Company. At that time, Martha and he lived in Indianapolis. In 1919, he was arrested for bootlegging whiskey (Muncie Evening Press, 17 Dec). The 1920 Census lists that the couple was again in Crawfordsville. Fred worked as an auto mechanic, while Martha was a homemaker and Golda attended Crawfordsville High School. Golda married Jesse Hodshire in 1925. They made their home in Indianapolis.

In 1930, Fred worked as a trucker while Martha was a seamstress in a glove factory. They were again living in Indianapolis by 1932. We know this because that year Fred was arrested for forgery. He was jailed in Crawfordsville but The Indianapolis News referred to him as an “Indianapolis man.” The January 29th article also reported that Fred



and his cellmate escaped by sawing “the bars of the window of their Montgomery County Jail cell.”

In the 1940s, Fred worked as a painter and Martha was a power machine operator. They owned their home at 1707 Milburn Street in Indianapolis. It seems that after 35 years of troubles, in his 60s Fred finally lived a quiet life. He died on June 23, 1959 and

was interred in the Mount Zion Methodist Church Cemetery in Crawfordsville.

Reed Maccormack Riley was born on June 25, 1884 in Alamo, Indiana. He was the son of John and Alice “Emma” (Bayless) Riley. Fred and he were in more than one scrape together. Reed was part of the powder keg robbery in 1896. The Riley family moved to Indianapolis by 1900 and Reed worked as a laborer.

The Indianapolis News reported that Reed was arrested for being a member of a “safeblowing” gang. On January 2 1904, The Indianapolis Star reported that Reed, who was in jail, was “reticent” to provide detectives any information about the gang's activities.

Reed married Mary Murphy on November 1, 1906. By ca. 1925 he was a widower and living in Oakland, California where he worked as shipyard engineer. He was listed in his father's obituary dated January 19, 1929 (Indianapolis Star). His residence in Oakland is confirmed by California Voter Registration Roles throughout the 1930s. In 1937, he submitted a Social Security application. I could find no additional information about Reed.

David “Davy” Myers was born in December of 1883. I found Davy living with his father Edward, a widower, at 700 John Street in 1900. The census tells us that Davy was attending school. This is all I learned. My hope is that Davy lived a long and crime-free life.

May Fred, Reed, and Davy, who took paths different than most, rest in peace.



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BAD THE BOYLO IMAGE

Hollywood set the bad-boy standard in the early 50s with James Dean. A young Hoosier from Fairmont, Indiana, Dean played an angst-ridden youth. Teens identified with and idolized his portrayals in “Rebel Without a Cause” and “East of Eden.” Two weeks after his third and final movie, “Giant” wrapped in 1955, Jimmy perished on a California highway. His silver-streak of Porsche could not avoid a car crossing the road. Dean’s early demise at twenty-four immortalized him as the bad-boy icon forever.

A decade later, the Class of 1965 Crawfordsville High School boys still attempted to emulate James Dean. One of my classmates came dadgum close. We will call him James Dean Jr.

He came rumbling up to the school parking lot, riding a motorcycle. I am not talking about a ring-da-ding-ding Moped. This was a full-blow bad-boy’s bike, a Triumph, I think. As James Jr. kills the throttle, we notice his tough-looking jacket has a club name stitched across the back in big gold letters. He knew he could not use the name Hell’s Angels for fear of death and dismemberment. So he settled on the name Road Angels. James Dean Jr.’s bad-boy grandiose entrance was discredited when a classmate pointed out he had misspelled Angels. Doh! He was a boastful member of the Road Angles.

The Bad-boy image was a lost cause for this skinny little runt with big ears and a chest like a xylophone. I could never pull it off. It would be like Barney Fife pretending to be Sheriff Andy.

Oh, I tried to look cool. I even sent off for the Charles Atlas mail-order bodybuilding course. What a joke. You had to be built like an orangutan to attempt the simplest of beginner exercises. Goodbye, Mr. Atlas! Why worry about some bully kicking sand in my face? Central Indiana has no sandy beaches.

Don Carter and I got our driver’s licenses at about the same time. Neither of us could afford a car, so we rode on a copper-colored Moped. That little motorbike had a centrifugal clutch that took four city blocks to reach the speed limit in town. Riding double on a Moped screamed, “GEEK!” especially when we swung wide, turning the corner at the entrance of Eastern Acres. The front wheel dropped off the edge of the fresh asphalt spilling us and our books into the ditch just as a convertible full of girls drove past. Yeah. There is no way to look like a bad boy while riding a Moped.

As soon as I could scrape up enough cash, I bought a used Honda Dream 305cc touring bike. A one-owner black beauty with a square headlight, it was all chrome and high-gloss wax shinier

Story & Graphics by Chuck Clore



than a new silver dollar. He had even waxed the seat so the young lady riding on the back would have to hold on tight as she slid forward.

By today’s standards, the engine sounds small. But in 1965, most of my friends were riding 90cc and 160ccs. I think Dad was prouder of my purchase than I was. Mom, on the other hand, thought we both lost our senses. Convinced that I would perish on the highway like James Dean, Mom had no sense of adventure. She finally drew the line when I brought the bike into the house to work on it.

“Out! Out! Outside!”

To ease her concerns for my safety, I bought a helmet for my cranium and a bright red and white striped jacket so other drivers could see me coming. I looked like a deranged bumblebee.

Just as I was beginning to get

that proud bad-boy vibe, I glanced across Delaware Street. There was Sherry on a bright red Honda Scrambler 305 cycle. Scramblers



were built for speed on or off the road. My street bike Honda Dream looked wimpy, wimpy, wimpy in comparison.

Alas, even Sherry, the cute young lady across Delaware Street, looked tougher than this bad-boy want-to-be.

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Poetry and Puzzles

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The Jail

By Joy Willett

A patent was issued
in the year 1881
for a jail to be built
at Spring and Washington.

First of a kind
its cells spun 'round,
keeping those who "visited"
safe and sound.

Misters Hanna
and Harshbarger,
along with my 2nd
great grandfather,
commissioned for the goal
to take a stand.
Then Sheriff Wilhite
took command.

Over the years,
both renowned and bland,

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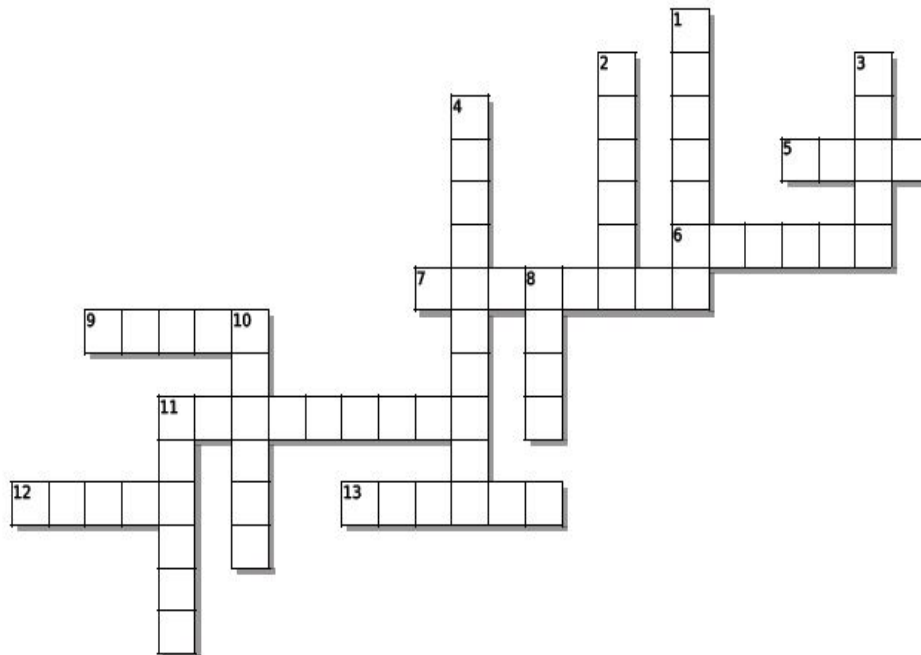
spent time behind
its iron jamb.
Some had stolen,
while others scammed.
A few were drunkards
from local taverns.

An inmate infamous,
and member of a gang,
young John Coffee
was sentenced to hang.
Several came to witness
the death of this man.

It is said his ghost
still haunts and clangs.

In the year '39
there was a citation
that the building wasn't fit
for human habitation.
It remained a prison
'til 1973
then was turned into
the museum rotary.

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ACROSS

- 5 ___ and Chain
- 6 Historic jail in C'ville
- 7 Alice Follick nabbed ---
- 9 KBZ's Red Cabbage is ---
- 11 AKA hoosegow
- 12 AKA robber
- 13 Killing or crows

DOWN

- 1 Celebrated on 6/18/23
- 2 Notorious ___ VanCamp
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- 4 Member Gang of Thugs
- 8 Prisoner's "room"
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- 11 Hanged for murder

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Karen's Kitchen

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories

Although I taught at the Rockville prison, I don't have any recipes from there (never ate) and I don't think I have any bad guys in the family but I found a recipe they might make at a prison and it is very similar to one I used to make years ago (mine only used kidney beans and added mayo) that we loved! This was in the Waveland Tattler Feb. 2001

Bean Salad Recipe

Dressing: 1 C. Sugar

½ C. Salad Oil

1 C. Vinegar – Mix ingredients together; let stand while preparing the vegetables.

Salad:

1 can green beans

1 can yellow wax beans

1 can red beans

1 C. Chopped celery

1 C. chopped onions

1 C. chopped green peppers



Drain the beans and add the chopped vegetables. Pour the dressing over all and let marinate in the refrigerator over night.
AND if you're not a bean fan try this one – it's very good

Yummy Red Cabbage

(this was from a cookbook that was all ripped apart of my mom's – it says Mary Kinder sent it in to whatever the cookbook was) – I added the Yummy to it because it is :) And if you're making it for New Years' throw-in some sausage !

1, 3# head of red cabbage

2 green apples, peeled and chopped

1 onion, finely chopped

½ C. Sugar

½ C. Vinegar

2 T. bacon fat (I use some of the dried bacon – Krogers)

1 t. Salt

Ground black pepper.

Shred the cabbage (I just chop it) put in a large pan with the other ingredients plus ½ C. boiling water.
Bring all to a boil, reduce the heat – cover and simmer for 1 hour but stir fairly often.



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County Connections: The Scarlet Woman

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Don't believe this "scarlet woman" as she was tagged ever lived here per se but she dwelled here for 27 days in our county jail thus she is perfect for our County Connection. Basically, she just seemed like a silly young thing. What got Miss Bessie VanCamp into trouble at the onset was that she rented a livery buggy in C'v, drove it down to Ladoga and raced through the streets scattering "pigs, chickens and little children in all directions." Next, she tried to drive into one of the saloons to let the bartender know he should repent. Wrong saloon as the town marshal happened to be there "decorating a keg," so he jumped up, grabbed our Miss Bessie and carried her to the calaboose. She "squeezed him tight all the way to the jail but the marshal ignored her" and did his duty. She was later released and drove back to Crawfordsville where she was again locked up in jail as this time she decided she wanted to leave the horse in the fire station. All Bessie had to do was promise to return to her home in Lafayette so she told them she "could not conscientiously do that!" Hmmm, that was because she lived in Indianapolis at the time! (CDJ 21 July 1892).

Probably what made this situation worse was that Bessie tried to present herself to the WCTU (Women's Christian Temperance Union) at Ladoga as Ed VanCamp's sister. Wrong! She thought it a great joke but Ed was irate, Ed being one of the executives in the VanCamp canning factory, living here running a packing plant for the much larger company. Top that off with Bessie flirting with the first to do his duty on the chain gang that our mayor, the beloved Fred Bandel, had begun, thinking it would deter many in their thrust into crime. Bill Hays (no, not THE Bill Hays), "the stone pile's first victim deserved his dose richly," the paper noted. He had a wife loved by the community who happened to walk by the jail and Bessie stuck her head out of a little window and let Mrs. Bill have it big-time. (Old Jail picture from the wonderful Crawfordsville District Public Library's Image Collection). Bill had been "entirely too friendly with the notorious Bessie VanCamp. His action with the Vancamp animal has fairly broken up his marriage and the poor wife (is in) great agony." He took Bessie a large basket of fruit but the next night he was refused entry in to see her. So all or at least the author of the article felt the stone pile was fitting for Hays but thought that Bessie should be out there with him. Bill went on to other offenses, chasing a married woman whose father brought her home to keep her away from both men and Bill beat up the older fellow while he was asleep. Sure there were more transgressions!

Bessie was quite a duper as with the Ladoga WCTU, when she was in the Ladoga jail, the ladies called on her and she instantly gave a sad story of being a young married woman of C'ville and that she had left a three-year-old at home that would starve unless she could quickly return (in actuality, this was farthest from the truth and the ladies would have been appalled had they known Bessie's real age about the age of a child). "Touched by the appeal the good ladies paid the fine and Bessie went to Crawfordsville." When in the C'ville jail, she sent an invitation to the ladies to come visit her. Hmmm, think they did? Does make you wonder if she was the wild untamed woman the press made her out to be, or was she just a stinker young lady in her teens, just looking for some fun? Probably never know!



Ironically, Bessie was born on the 4th of July in Indianapolis to Civil War soldier John VanCamp who fought with Company D, 2nd Ohio Heavy Artillery beginning his pension on 11-17-1887, his wife, Harriet Isabel Thompson beginning the pension at his death which she received through March 1952 when she passed at age 95. John was in and out of the Veterans National Homes several times but would leave again. He was described with light complexion, blue eyes, gray hair and 5'6". John toward his latter life had defective vision and hearing, chronic catarrh; cardiac problems and lumbar paralysis, passing away 8 November 1919 and is buried in the San Francisco National Cemetery (along with wife Belle). They were parents of two daughters our little stinker, Bessie and her older sister Anna (1877-1953) married three times (Gillum; Holmberg; Cantwell).

Bessie was married at least twice, first to Jacob Huffman 3 December 1899. They had one son, Bernhardt. Jacob was a "collector" in the 1900 census. Her sister Anna had one son, as well (John Carrol Gillum who was in San Quentin in 1932 for one to 14 years for "assault to murder"). I found a Jacob Huffman who was in the Montana Prison in 1908 for grand larceny. Perhaps he collected the wrong things? Definitely this one was the right age and born in Indiana and know Bessie went on west to California, where she married a Meade not long after. Bessie passed away carrying the name, Huffman, dying 7 September 1962 in San Bernardino, her son, husband, mother, father and sister passed, leaving her all alone. Found no stone for her, but sure want to say, Rest In Peace, Miss Bessie and thanks for entertaining us for a quick read!

In Mo Co, it was a very good year in 1900 . . .

Mayor Charles W. Elmore was 70 years old but pretty spry as he laid the first brick on the first paved street in Crawfordsville.

James Vance, 51, took a bike-ride, came home, laid down and died. A photographer, he had just moved to C'ville to set up a business.

27 Orphans were living at the fairly new Orphan's Home (Schenck Road area), listed as "inmates" in the census.

After six years of excellent management of the County Poor Farm, Director George Myers retired. His replacement lasted just a few months.

Fruits Corner (Sec 11, Ripley Twp) had the Fruits Post Office (SW corner of Intersection SR 25 & SR 32) which was known as Needmore Corner during the 1800s but in 1900 became Myers Corner. Gracious!

Wylie Kenyon who took many of the more famous Montgomery Countians (Wabash Pres Hovey; Elstons; Blairs) was a photographer here for many years and passed away in 1900 at almost 78.

Consumption, pneumonia, asthma, rheumatism, old age, accidents were big killers in the area!

37 men, 14 women, one child lived at the Poor House this year.

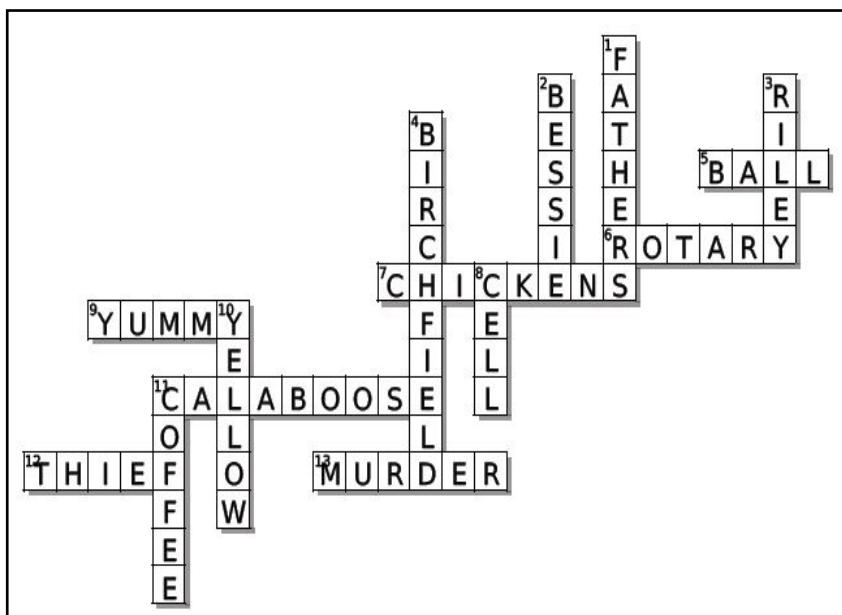
Civil War colonel James R. Ross, who grew-up in C'ville (born in Ohio) and joined General Lew Wallace in Co I, 11th Indiana Volunteers died this year at his home in Indianapolis where he was a prominent wholesaler and in many organizations.

In 1832, Jacob Booher and 40 others came from Tennessee to the Darlington area. In September of 1900, the Booher's (713 descendants) met at the Lutheran Church with 11 of the original Tennessee group present. Such a nice crowd and great fun so the reunions were voted to continue!

This year, fatal accidents took two lives by using coal oil to kindle fires.

17 graduated from the Coal Creek Township schools this year!

Sources used: Montgomery County INGenWeb; obits; Wylie Kenyon's photographs at CDPL; census; Daily News Review 29 Oct 1900.



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Grandcestors

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Oh my, I'm thankful to say that we really have some pretty good folks in our families so it was (as I've done before with doctors and other topics) "Adopt a Family" time. Luckily, it doesn't seem real common around here anyway that bad guys were in families – sure there may have been one or two bad apples, but also many good ones. This family is kind of that way but quite a few bad ones involved. More I think it was the circumstances as when one man has 33 children (7 marriages and 1/3 of the children passing at birth or very young), it's pretty hard to feed, clothe and educate them all without having things go bad. So, anyway meet the Gerbrick family, head honcho being Mike who for a long time was a-okay, even a friend of Isaac C. Elston (who funded a large amount of C'ville's first rr) and a well-known Pennsylvania, Baltimore and then Indiana train engineer, even driving the very first engine that came into Crawfordsville, but with all the kids, bad health and drinking, Mike got into some trouble (had a small saloon with a liquor license but he sold his liquor that he said was as sweet as the flowers of May to about anyone and was fined many times. Later, he tried a bit of a huckster wagon style of making money but it basically failed, as well. Sadly, part of his children ended-up in the orphanage and two wild ones Rosie and Lucy were "sentenced to reform school to remain until their 18th birthday because they had gone to the bow-wows." When Lucy was released, she did marry and went to California where she lived a happy life and mothered three children. Her tombstone inscription reads: "Dear Mom, Asleep in Christ!" Rosie also married and went to California. Sadly, Mike, once an admired railroad man, a member of the debating team and quite a plus to the community ended-up passing at the county poor farm while his last wife, Rachel (35 years younger than him had tried to divorce him twice) was finishing-up trying to raise the last of the family.

So, let me tell you about a few of Mike's children who made it all right in spite of all that happened to them #1 being Mike Jr., who was a produce dealer in Lafayette for many years. Someone came and paid to have Mike buried

first-class (so he'd not be in the poor farm cemetery but he has no stone in Oak Hill) but didn't give a name – always thought it was him but could be wrong. Oh and at the same time Mike passed his son, Samuel who was listed as a life-time idiot died, too. Samuel was buried at the Poor farm, though whereas Mike lies at Oak Hill. A grandson was a bank president in Indianapolis, as well. Thanks to Carolyn (New Hope Cemetery, York County, PA for the nice pic of the Gerbrick name, at least – from FindAGrave).

Then there was Ed Gerbrick who lived in a bad section of Michigan City (one of Mike's marriages and many of the children lived there, his wife passing in the 1870s) called Snarltown were involved in a neighborhood fight, Ed having his arm broken and his wife, Emma being badly beaten by Fred Samko. Another grandson, Donovan was a painter was making it in good shape but the Gerbrick curse so to speak followed him as he was illegally passing a pregnant woman on Michigan City Road and State Line Avenue – he was arrested and sent to trial but not sure what happened with that. Donovan was a WWII vet and no one was hurt, so imagine he may have come out okay. Tom Gerbrick confessed to his part in the wrecking of a train in Colorado where a person died. After the trial, he was sent to prison for life. He wanted to go so he could kick his drug habit but after doing that he told officials he was in Michigan working at the time the train was wrecked and by writing to his old employer, he was released. Andrew, another son living in Michigan City was a contractor, married with three children – just 3 not 33! Most of this family were Catholics.

One of the youngest of the Gerbrick 33 was Cora – she married Charles Largent and they lived in the Linden area. She mothered six children but three died quite young or birth and one died at age 17 with kidney failure, something he had had trouble with for three years (Robert Largent).

So many of the little ones died – LaPorte ones: Loretta age 3; Marilette 9 months; Bernard 1 year; Cville: Ida 17 well the list went on as noted above at least 11 of his 33 died young.

Mike Gerbrick led an interesting life for sure – fairly well educated, he grew-up in Pennsylvania and Maryland, had some of his children born in Ohio others in Indiana. Some stayed here many moved out west. Life began with great success looking Mike in the face, but because of many circumstances it ended in a sad affair. In a December Review article in 1891 they noted this and believe me, I'd have to agree: "One of the most noted characters about Crawfordsville is Mike Gerbrick, and few have seen more of the vicissitudes of life than he!"

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Talking Upcoming Purdue Football And Players



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Purdue Sports Are Heating Up With Drafts, Seeds And New Players

Purdue men's basketball coach Matt Painter continues to lay the foundation for a potential second consecutive NCAA tournament No. 1 seed.

The Boilermakers will play in senior center Zach Edey's home city as part of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame doubleheader in Toronto on Dec. 9. The opponent? Alabama, like Purdue a No. 1 seed in the 2023 NCAA tournament.

TCU and Clemson will square off in the second game. Times and TV will be announced at a later date.

The Alabama matchup comes exactly one week before Purdue takes on Arizona in the Indy Classic. Already on the Boilermaker schedule is a home game with Xavier as part of the Gavitt Games on Nov. 13 and the Maui Invitational on Nov. 20-22. The Maui field includes Kansas, Tennessee, Gonzaga, Marquette, UCLA, Syracuse and host Chaminade.

The Crimson Tide (2) and Boilermakers (7) combined to be ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press poll nine of the 19 weeks last season. While Purdue returns its top seven players from a year ago, including the National Player of the Year in Edey, Alabama lost standouts Brandon Miller, Noah Clowney and Charles Bediako to the NBA Draft.

Speaking of Edey, he could pick up yet another award at ESPN's ESPY ceremony July 12. Edey is one of four finalists for Best Male College Athlete. The others are Creighton men's soccer player Duncan McGuire, Duke men's lacrosse player Brennan O'Neil and Heisman Trophy winner Caleb Williams of USC.

NFL bargains?

For the rest of eternity, anytime someone is skeptical that a late round draft pick can become a star in the NFL, the chorus of "Tom Brady at No. 199" will ring out.

Nick Baumgardner of The Athletic lists former Purdue standouts Payne Durham and Cory Trice among 11



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players picked on Day 3 who have a chance to surprise in their rookie seasons.

On Durham, who was taken in the fifth round by Brady's former team, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers: "Outside of his frame (6-5, 253, 33 3/8-inch arms), there is nothing flashy about Durham," Baumgardner writes. "He's not that fast; he doesn't have much wiggle; if he averages 10 yards per reception, you're probably doing OK with him. But if you throw him the ball 75 times, he'll probably catch 70 of them. Durham has powerful hands, a great frame, and he understands the finer points of football, which allows him to give QBs friendly throwing windows over and over again.

Durham is a solid blocker who can be a dependable, team-first chain-mover in the NFL. He's a three-down prospect who likely will start as a TE2, but there is TE1 potential here. Known at Purdue as a tone-setter because of the way he worked, Durham won't get bullied as a run blocker in training camp — a lot of rookie TEs do."

Trice lasted until pick No. 241 in the seventh round when the cornerback was taken by the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"This could go in the books as

one hell of a steal. Trice, a 6-3, 206-pounder with elite burst (broad jump of 11 feet) and agility (6.70 three-cone), most likely fell in the draft due to injury concerns — his 2021 season at Purdue included an ACL tear and an ankle injury, and he later suffered a groin injury. Trice, a former safety, also still has some technical issues in coverage as well.

"But why did he slide to the seventh round? I'm not coming up with a great answer there. Our draft guru, Dane Brugler, had Trice ranked No. 88 overall in the 2023 class.

Trice's traits are off the charts, and he can play anywhere on the back end. He has the goods to compete for a spot on the depth chart immediately."

Cornerback Darius Rush, a fifth-round pick by the Indianapolis Colts, also made Baumgardner's list.

Purdue a portal winner

In at least one category, the Purdue football program is ranked in a Top 10 with Alabama and USC.

The Athletic rated the Boilermakers as one of 10 "non-Deion" spring transfer portal winners. The ranking excludes Colorado's mass exodus and importing of players since the legendary Deion Sanders took over as head coach.

The two newest Boilermakers singled out by The Athletic are wide receiver Jahmal Edrine (Florida Atlantic) and defensive lineman Jeffrey M'Ba, the No. 1 ranked junior college recruit of 2022 who departed from Auburn.

Louisville also made the portal top 10 for its haul under former Purdue coach Jeff Brohm. The list includes former Boilermaker offensive tackle and 2021 Indiana Mr. Football Brady Allen.

Quick hits

Incoming Purdue freshman basketball player Myles Colvin was selected to the USA Basketball U19 World Cup team that begins competition Saturday in Debrecen, Hungary.

The 17-year-old Colvin is the only Big Ten representative on the team.

He'll be seeking to join Purdue stars Caleb Swanigan, Trevion Williams, Jaden Ivey and Caleb Furst to win a World Cup gold medal. Carsen Edwards (2017) and Edey, representing Canada in 2021, brought home bronze medals.

The six Purdue players selected to the U.S. team since 2015 is the most nationally. Oklahoma State is next with four, followed by Duke, Kentucky and Villanova with three apiece.

The 6-6 Colvin, the son of former Purdue and NFL standout Rosevelt Colvin, was ranked 51st nationally by Rivals.com and 58th by 247 Sports. ...

Former Purdue guard Dru Anthrop will be part of the new Phoenix Suns coaching staff, reuniting with former boss Frank Vogel.

Anthrop, who starred at Lafayette Central Catholic, was named one of seven assistant coaches. He moves to Phoenix from the Los Angeles Lakers, where he spent four seasons as head video coordinator and player development coach.

Anthrop was a special assistant to Vogel for two seasons with the Orlando Magic. Anthrop began his NBA career as a film coordinating intern for the Indiana Pacers from 2013-15.

Interesting Days Ahead For College Football

Flex Protect Plus sounds like a Medicare supplemental insurance commercial you might see on MeTV.

It's a different kind of insurance, though. One that should ensure the Big Ten Conference will be well represented in the upcoming 12-team College Football Playoff.

It's also an opportunity for Purdue to perhaps build some momentum under Ryan Walters.

The Big Ten unveiled its Flex Protect Plus scheduling for the 2024 and 2025 seasons, when the league grows to 16 teams with the addition of USC and UCLA. Flex Protect

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Plus is a combination of protected opponents and rotating opponents that will guarantee every school will play every other conference foe at least twice (home and away) in a four-year period.

Flex Protect Plus also spells the end of division play. The top two teams will meet in the Big Ten championship game.

Purdue fans who like to grumble and complain should have nothing to say after the Boilermakers' traditional games with Indiana and Illinois were among the 11 protected rivalries announced this week. Even better, the first of the rotating "two-play" opponents for Purdue is Northwestern.

The only thing better than that is if the Wildcats were made a protected rivalry alongside the Hoosiers and Fighting Illini.

Indiana has no protected rival outside of Purdue but the Hoosiers did OK with the "two-play" assignments of Michigan State and Maryland for 2024-25.

Iowa is the only school with three protected rivalries and all three make sense: Minnesota for Floyd of Rosedale, Nebraska for the Heroes Trophy and Wisconsin for the Heartland Trophy.

Penn State was the only school with no protected rival. The other protected rivalries are Michigan-Ohio State, Michigan-Michigan State, Illinois-Northwestern, Minnesota-Wisconsin, USC-UCLA and Rutgers-Maryland.

New Big Ten commissioner Tony Petitti said much of the scheduling decisions had already been made before he replaced Kevin Warren in May. That said, he believes Flex Protect Plus will endure well beyond 2025.

"The first thing is preserving the matchups that are important to Big Ten fans," Petitti said on Big Ten Network. "The second important thing is being able to see more opponents more frequently. I'm happy where this ended up.

"We wanted to have more competitive balance. You want to respect history and tradition in the conference even as you are expanding. You also want to connect fans. All those things were done with this format."

Purdue's 2024 conference schedule features five away games (Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan State and Wisconsin). Nebraska, Northwestern, Penn State and USC will come to Ross-Ade Stadium. The Trojans have not played in West Lafayette since defeating the Boilermakers 31-13 in 1976, led by Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Bell's 177 yards rushing.

The non-conference schedule features Notre Dame's first appearance in Ross-Ade since a 31-24 Irish victory in 2013, plus a home game with Indiana State. Purdue also travels to Oregon State.

The Boilermakers get five conference home games in 2025: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota and Ohio State. A trip to UCLA heads the four away games that include Michigan, Northwestern and Rutgers. The Bruins faced Purdue in 1980, coming away with a 23-14 victory over Mark Herrmann and Co. at Ross-Ade Stadium. Purdue has never beaten UCLA (0-3-2).

Home games with Ball State and Connecticut, plus a trip to Notre Dame, comprises the 2025 non-conference schedule.

Indiana's home Big Ten slate in 2024 should sell a few tickets with Penn State, UCLA and Purdue coming to Bloomington along with Maryland and Minnesota. Michigan State, Nebraska, Northwestern and Wisconsin comprise the away games.

A trip to Louisville is sandwiched between home non-conference games with Florida International and Charlotte.

Visits to Ohio State and USC highlight the 2025 Big Ten schedule for the Hoosiers, who also will travel to Illinois, Maryland and Purdue. Michigan comes to Bloomington as part of

a home schedule that will also feature Iowa, Michigan State and Rutgers.

All three of IU's non-conference games will be in Memorial Stadium: Old Dominion, Louisville and Indiana State.

No cupcakes served

Monday's announcement by the Indiana Sports Corporation that Purdue will play Arizona in the second annual Indy Classic at Gainbridge Fieldhouse adds another quality opponent to the Boilermakers' 2023-24 schedule.

Purdue, expected to be a preseason Top 5 selection following the return of National Player of the Year Zach Edey, has already announced it will play Xavier as part of the Gavitt Games on Nov. 13 in Mackey Arena.

The Boilermakers also will be a part of a heavy-hitting Maui Invitational field of Kansas, Tennessee, Gonzaga, Marquette, UCLA and Syracuse from Nov. 20-22. Matchups have yet to be announced.

The Indy Classic, which also features Indiana State vs. Ball State, will take place Dec. 16.

Arizona is the reigning Pac-12 Tournament champions on its way to a 28-7 record. Purdue is 7-5 against the Wildcats, including an 89-64 victory over No. 2 Arizona in the 2017 Battle 4 Atlantis.

Big Ten confidential

As part of its 2023 college football season preview, Athlon Sports granted an unspecified number of Big Ten coaches anonymity in exchange for candid views about league opponents.

Here's what they said about first-year Purdue coach Ryan Walters:

"Jeff (Brohm) never really wanted to be at Purdue long term, so this could be a rare example of where both parties benefit from a coaching change. Defensively, they're going to be better than most people think. The head coach is a darn good

DC and the staff he brought in is really sharp. They can run complex

stuff without sacrificing aggression."

Not surprisingly, after a 2-7 Big Ten finish a year ago, there's a thought around the league that Tom Allen is in trouble at Indiana.

"Probably the most uncertain team in the league going into the season. They have to win some big games to keep Tom around, and that doesn't look likely with the roster they've got. ... Culturally, this is a hard place to win at, stay winning and make the 'football' changes needed to keep it going. Plus, Tom is a 'bullhorn' kind of coach, lot of hollering and that as a trend seems to have waned a lot in recent years."

Hall of Fame hopefuls

A pair of All-Americans from Purdue and Indiana are among 78 players from the Football Bowl Subdivision on the 2024 College Football Hall of Fame ballot.

Record-setting wide receiver Taylor Stubblefield and fellow receiver Larry Burton are back on the ballot. Stubblefield left Purdue after setting the NCAA record for career receptions with 316. He also set a Sun Bowl mark with 196 receiving yards in 2001. Burton earned first-team All-American and Outstanding College Athlete of America in 1974

Indiana's hopes are represented by running back Vaughn Dunbar and quarterback Antwaan Randle-El. Dunbar led the nation in rushing with 1,805 yards in 1991. Randle-El was the first player in FBS history to pass for 6,000 yards and rush for 3,000 in a career.

Also on the ballot are Purdue offensive coordinator Graham Harrell for his feats as a quarterback at Texas Tech, as well as Indianapolis Colts greats Dallas Clark and Marvin Harrison.

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