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➤ TODAY'S VERSE

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.



➤ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own. Shyanne, the manager at our local Goodwill, offered a winning smile to one of our roving photographers while accepting the Readers' Choice 2023 award. Thank you for your smile!

➤ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Franciscan Physician Network Primary Care & Sports Medicine Lafayette is now offering a walk-in clinic for middle and high school athletes with acute injuries occurring in the previous 72 hours. The clinic is offered on Mondays only thru Oct. 23, 2023 and check-in is from 7 to 8:30 a.m.

2 Come join artist Ellie Dieckmeyer for a fun class and make your own mixed media art piece. Instruction and supplies needed for students will be provided. Class will be on Thursday, October 12th. Choose either an afternoon session (1-3 pm) or an evening session (6-8 pm). Class is open to anyone 12 years and older. Cost is \$35. Classes meet at Athens Arts, 216 E. Main Street, Crawfordsville.


3 The Ladoga-Clark Twp Public Library will hold a special meeting to approve the library budget on October 17th at 5:30 pm at the library, 128 E Main St. Ladoga IN. This meeting will replace the regular October meeting of October 31st.

Boomer Bits

Ask Rusty – About Federal Taxation Of Social Security Benefits

Dear Rusty: Why are my Social Security benefits being taxed at all? The Social Security FICA payroll taxes taken out of my paycheck while I was working were paid with taxable income. Signed: Disgruntled Taxpayer

Dear Disgruntled Taxpayer: Many Americans share your belief that federal taxation of Social Security benefits is unfair because we pay into the program through payroll taxes on our taxable earnings. Unfortunately, Congress took a different view in 1983 when taxation of Social Security benefits was first enacted at a time Social Security was having financial issues. Congressional logic back then was that a beneficiary only personally pays 50% of the Social Security contributions made (the other half is paid by the employer) so, since your Social Security entitlement was only half paid for by you and the other half by your employer, the portion of your benefit attributable to your employer's contributions should be taxable. So, it's that other half – the portion of your



Social Security Matters
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ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

benefit which resulted from employer contributions - which the 1983 Congress decided should be taxed. So, starting in 1984, if a beneficiary's overall annual income from all sources exceeded \$25,000 for a single filer or \$32,000 for those filing married-jointly, half of that person's Social Security benefits became part of their income taxable by the IRS.

That was how it worked until 1993 when a new and different Congress added another threshold which, if exceeded, resulted in up to 85% of Social Security benefits received during the tax year becoming taxable. The logic used for the 1993 law was that beneficiaries, on average, would only personally pay for about 15% of the lifetime

benefits they would eventually receive, leading that Congress to conclude that if your combined income from all sources exceeded the higher threshold (\$34,000 for single filers and \$44,000 for those filing married/jointly), up to 85% of your benefits should be taxable. Please understand that I'm not defending nor endorsing those historical Congressional views, but I have researched why Social Security benefits are taxable at all, and the above is what I've learned from that research.

For information, the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC), has long advocated for eliminating fed-

➤ See RUSTY Page A7

New AARP Scorecard Report Finds Systemic Gaps in Indiana in Support for Family Caregivers

AARP's new Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Scorecard finds that more than three years after the COVID-19 pandemic began, care provided in the United States for older adults and people with disabilities is painfully inadequate. The report finds that major gaps persist in every state, including Indiana, especially related to support for family caregivers.

Ranking #27 in the country, Indiana has made improvements to care options for older adults, including a dimension that is new to the Scorecard – Community Integration. However, the report also shows there is still much more to be done to keep up with the rapidly changing needs of an aging population.

"The need to strengthen long-term care became very apparent during the pandemic," said Sarah Waddle, AARP Indiana State Director. "In the years since the last Scorecard, Indiana has made progress in nine indicators towards meeting the long-term care needs of Hoosiers and their families.

But we need to accelerate our efforts and AARP's Scorecard shows that there are many roads to getting older residents the very best care that they deserve."

Over the last three years, states improved care options for adults, people with disabilities and family caregivers, those providing unpaid care to loved ones, despite many realities that profoundly challenged our long-term care system. Major gaps persist in every state especially around support for family caregivers, the long-term care workforce and equitable long-term supports and services for all.

Additional key findings from the report include:

Choice of Setting and Provider

- While dozens of states experienced declines in the number of care choices that help support families managing caregiving, Indiana saw several performance indicators increase including a significant growth

➤ See AARP Page A7

"Grandma, Help!" Emergency Scams On Rise

Emergency scams, sometimes called "grandparent scams," prey on the willingness of an unsuspecting, worried individual to help friends and family in need. Often, they will impersonate their targets' loved ones, make up an urgent situation, and plead for help... and money. Social media sites allow scammers to look up information and offer plausible stories. They may even incorporate nicknames and real travel plans into the con to convince their targets.

How the scam works:

Emergency scams are about a family member or friend in a dire situation. You get a call, email, or social media message from someone claiming to be a distressed family member. They may say they've been arrested while traveling overseas, or there was an accident, medical emergency, or other calamity. They provide convincing details, such as family names and school details.

A common version is the

➤ See SCAMS Page A7

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:41 a.m.
SET: 7:33 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 83 °F
Low: 58 °F



Today is....

- The Start of Sukkot
- Orange Shirt Day
- International Thunderbirds Day



What Happened On This Day

- **2005** Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten publishes controversial cartoon. The Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten published a controversial cartoon of the Prophet Muhammad. The publication led to riots and protests in many parts of the world.
- **1960** Premier of The Flintstones. The animated series The Flintstones premiered on TV. It was set in the stone age and it detailed the lives of the Flintstone and Rubble families. It ran for 6 years until April 1 1966.
- **1949** Berlin airlift ends. After 15 months of airlifting supplies to Berlin, the Berlin airlift led by American forces came to an end. The Berlin Blockade was an international crisis where the Soviet Union blocked access of Western countries into Berlin.

Births On This Day

- **1928** Elie Wiesel Romanian/American author, Holocaust survivor, Nobel Prize laureate
- **1924** Truman Capote American author

Deaths On This Day

- **1987** Alfred Bester American author
- **1955** James Dean American actor

➤ HONEST HOOSIER

The Happenings sang Will I See You in September. Well, maybe, but not again until 2024... the Good Lord willing! See YOU, September!



➤ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

Service Directory...A6
Faith.....A3, A4, A5
Classifieds.....A5

➤ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Ghost Hunt:
Tickets are available now for the Rotary Jail Museum Ghost Hunts. Please pay attention to the date and time you select, some events take place just before or just after midnight. The Fan Meet & Greet with the Fourman Brothers from Paranormal Nightare is a FREE event - we are only selling pre-purchase tickets for the Ghost Hunts on October 28 & 29. Night Tours on October 27 are \$10 at the door.

➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Instead of sitting down and watching the tube after a meal, take a 20-minute walk. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



➤ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."
-F. Scott Fitzgerald

➤ TODAY'S JOKE

An older couple was asked how they enjoyed retirement. The wife piped right up - "twice as much husband, half as much pay."

➤ OBITUARIES

None



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13 WTHR **7 DAY FORECAST**

84 SUNNY AND WARM	58/80 HELLO AUTUMN!	52/79 COOL START, RICE	60/78 PARTLY SUNNY	59/77 SHOWER POSSIBLE	58/75 RAIN CHANCE	59/75 RAIN CHANCE
FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU

Letters

Both Major Parties Hurting Senior Citizens

Dear Editor,
Finally, some people working in the Indiana Statehouse helped me get an answer for why ambulance companies started charging a \$900 response charge when a person does not go to a hospital.

What I learned is that HB 1112 and HB 1314 were passed on March 8, 2022 by a vote of 50 to zero in the Senate and a vote of 96 to zero in the House. Governor Eric Holcomb signed the bills into law on March 18, 2022. In other words, both Democrats and Republicans helped ambulance companies to make more money and hurt senior citizens, the disabled, and the unfortunate.

Ambulance companies were complaining that changes to health insurance reimbursement rates meant that private ambulance companies had to charge more. They complained that they did not get a government tax subsidy like ambulance services run by cities, towns, counties, townships, or the like.

The legislators believed them and gave the private ambulance companies power to charge up the bills in various ways. Did the legislators demand that the private ambulance companies open their books to show what they were saying was true? Did the Indiana Department of Revenue start auditing private ambulance companies to assure the legislators that ambulance company executives and lobbyists were telling the truth? I doubt it. Why should legislators seriously question those lobbying the legislators with fine dining?

It used to be that a private ambulance company would agree to provide free response and check

services in order to get a contract to serve a community. Now, a call to check a senior citizen who fell or is dizzy will cost a response charge of \$900 if the senior is not taken to the hospital. That will have a chilling effect on calls for ambulances to help people. People will start to be reluctant to call an ambulance.

Also, it opens a big problem for everyone in Indiana. If someone thinks that you look sick when you are just tired, the person can call for an ambulance and make you incur a \$900 response charge bill. That is not fair to anyone in Indiana.

I don't believe that private ambulance companies were hurting for money. They get so much money from the federal government for taking people under Medicare and Medicaid. If I were an Indiana state legislator, I'd want to force ambulance companies to show their books to prove what they claim. What they pay the employees and executives of the ambulance companies should be public knowledge just as the salaries of Fire Chiefs and Firemen is available to the public.

Charging senior citizens and the disabled a \$900 response charge to help them is cruel, mean, and greedy. Some seniors and disabled people barely get \$1,000 per month for living expenses. If the governor cares about seniors and the disabled, he would call a special session of the legislature to outlaw the \$900 RESPONSE CHARGE. If the governor does not care about correcting this bad law, then we will know what kind of governor he really is.

Woodrow Wilcox
Dyer, Ind.

HHSB'S Heather Hites Named Assistant Manager Of Virtual Branch

Hoosier Heartland State Bank is pleased to announce that Heather Hites has been promoted to Assistant Branch Manager of the Virtual Branch.

Heather has been an employee-owner of HHSB for 7 years and has worked in the Virtual Branch since 2021. As Assistant Branch Manager, she will assist customers with their financial needs via phone or digital channels and coach and develop team members to contribute to the overall success of their branch and the bank.

HHSB opened the Virtual Branch in 2019, merging the convenience of digital banking with the personalized touch of traditional banking. Located in the Operations Center in Crawfordsville, Indiana, it has become a pivotal part of the bank's commitment to providing top-notch local service to

their customers.

"The business of delivering financial services continues to experience tremendous change as customers' needs and preferences keep evolving," stated Brad Monts, President & CEO. "Our Virtual Branch is often a more convenient customer service option for those who prefer chatting with us through our digital banking app or calling us by phone, often saving the need for a trip to one of our other six bank branch locations." Virtual banking services have recently expanded to include online and mobile app account openings and loan applications as well.

The Virtual Branch team, led by Heather Hites, includes Account Specialists Heather Baker and Kirstin Dillon and Customer Service Representative Melanie Cravens. Whether you

engage with them over the phone or through other digital channels, they offer the same level of personalized local service that customers have come to know and love in the traditional branches.

"We are committed to making banking as convenient and personalized as possible for our customers," said Hites. "The Virtual Branch is a testament to our dedication to staying at the forefront of banking technology while preserving the personal connection that has defined our customer relationships for decades."

Call the Virtual Branch today at 765-364-0784 or chat with them in HHSB's Digital Banking app.

HHSB is a locally owned and operated bank in West Central Indiana which consists of a team of employee-owners who



HEATHER HITES

value customers, family, and community. HHSB offers consumer and commercial banking products, investment services, digital banking and bill pay, unmatched personal service, and a genuine commitment to bettering the communities in which they live.

For more information or to arrange an interview via phone or in-person, please contact Lacey Rogers at 765.323.4833 or Brad Monts at 765.942.2000 or visit www.myhhsb.com.

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If you decorate for Halloween, take a picture of your house and e-mail it to news@thepaper24-7.com.
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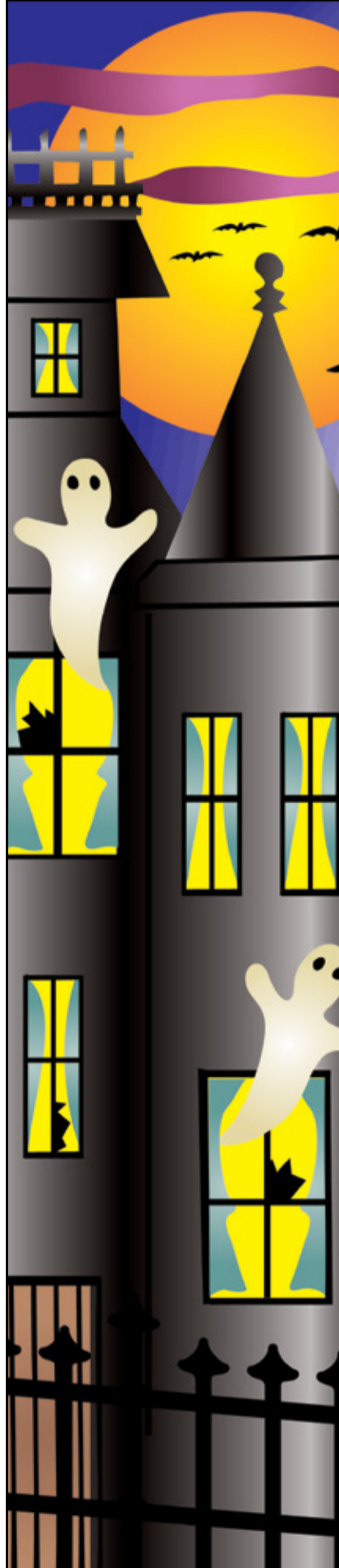
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Halloween Writing Contest

We're having our fun and frivolous Halloween Writing Contest and the entries are being accepted now.

Here's how it works:

Four winners will be selected and those stories will be published, along with the author's name and photo, in October. If the judges select any stories as honorable mentions, those will be published on our web site.

We'd suggest dusting off the cobwebs – unless cobwebs, creaky stairs and paintings with moving eyeballs are appropriate to your story – and getting busy. You know the first rule of writing, right? Butt in chair!

So get yourself situated in front of a keyboard and let those fingers fly!

Tell us a ghost story, a spooky tale, perhaps a fiction piece about the ghost of Gen. Lew or Henry Lane, or perhaps a tale spun up from one of the pre-consolidation high schools. That's the great thing – it's a Halloween writing contest, so the who, what, where, and when are all up to you!

Write your Halloween-themed story and e-mail it to news@thepaper24-7.com or drop it off at our office, 127 E. Main St. in Crawfordsville (If you e-mail, please copy and paste the story in the body of the e-mail and not as an attachment)

Do not exceed 750 words

Connect your story to Crawfordsville and / or Montgomery County somehow.

The writing must be your own and original. You must own the rights to it and sign a release stating as such and giving us permission to publish it.

Get it to us by noon, Sept. 29.



Waynetown Baptist Church

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Children's Church

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Sunday School/Growth Groups: 9:00 AM

Worship Service: 10:30 AM

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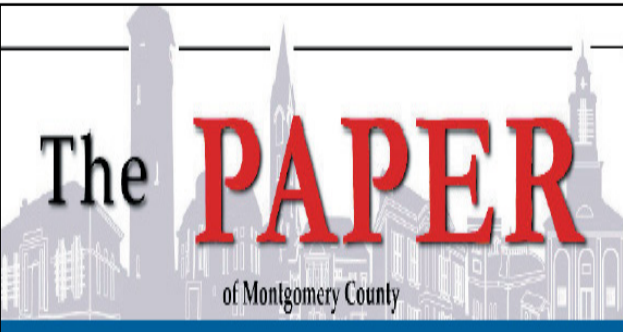


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FAITH

INCLUDE YOUR INFORMATION The Paper of Montgomery County is asking churches to send us church news by noon on Thursday. Information can be e-mailed to: news@thepaper24-7.com

The following is a listing of church services and various programs that organizations around Montgomery County have sent The Paper. If you would like to have your church information included in this free listing, simply e-mail it to news@thepaper24-7.com by Monday for the Wednesday Print Edition.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday's schedule will include Sunday School at 9:30 and morning worship at 10:30 followed by a pitch-in dinner. After dinner there will be a special service in which Pastor Roe will step aside and Bro. Keith Harris will become the pastor. Meetings will continue with the Danfords Monday through Thursday at 7 each evening.

The public is invited to all the services anytime but especially during our revival with the Danfords. The location is 5113 S 200 W, Crawfordsville. Or just five miles south of Crawfordsville on State Highway 47. For more information call 866-1273 or visit www.faithbaptistville.com.

NEW MARKET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE SANCTUARY AS WELL AS THE DRIVE-IN PARKING LOT ARE OPEN FOR WORSHIP HELD AT 10:00 AM. TONY THOMAS WILL SPEAK ON "BE FAITHFUL". HIS TEXT IS FROM ACTS 28.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9:00 AM. COFFEE & DONUT FELLOWSHIP IS AT 8:30 AM THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. THE NEXT FELLOWSHIP IS OCTOBER 1.

THE WORSHIP SERVICE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE.

NEW MARKET FIRST BAPTIST

FIRST BAPTIST OF NEW MARKET WILL WORSHIP GOD THIS SUNDAY AT 10:00 A.M. HOLY GROUNDS WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M WITH COFFEE AND HOME MADE TREATS. AT 9:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE OFFERED FOR ALL AGES. THEN AT 10:00 A.M. WE WILL WORSHIP IN SONG AND MESSAGE. WE WELCOME ALL TO JOIN US THIS SUNDAY! WE ARE LOCATED AT 200 S. FIRST ST. IN NEW MARKET.

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sundays: Worship (Casual Traditional/Family Friendly/Childcare) - 10:15 am, Adult Faith Learning/Sunday School - 9:15 am, Good News Cafe - 9:15 am, Wednesdays: WOW! - Mid-week Youth Program (Grades 1-12) - 4:30 - 7 pm, Faith Learning and Dinner, Rev. Darla Goodrich, We are located at: 211 S. Walnut St. Crawfordsville IN 47933 Telephone: 765-362-4812

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468 N Woodland Heights Drive
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Fax Number: 765-362-6641

Lead Minister: Tim Lueking

Worship Minister: Wayne Wilkinson

Youth Minister: Bryson Feesee

Worship Service Times for Sunday:

Traditional service at 8:15a.m. & Contemporary service at 10:30a.m. All Sunday School classes at 9:30a.m., Children's classes for birth to 5th grade at 10:30a.m. All services will be streamed live on our live whcc.us platform, Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter.

Five Smooth Stones "The Pillars of Priority and Passion" 1 Samuel 17:1-27

Tim Lueking

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Sundays:

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Wednesday Evening Bible Study
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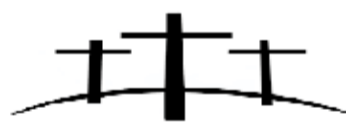
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Phil 4:13

Church Services:

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Church 10 am

Wednesday Children's Awana
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Romans 15:13

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Church 10:30 am

Wednesday Bible Study 4 pm



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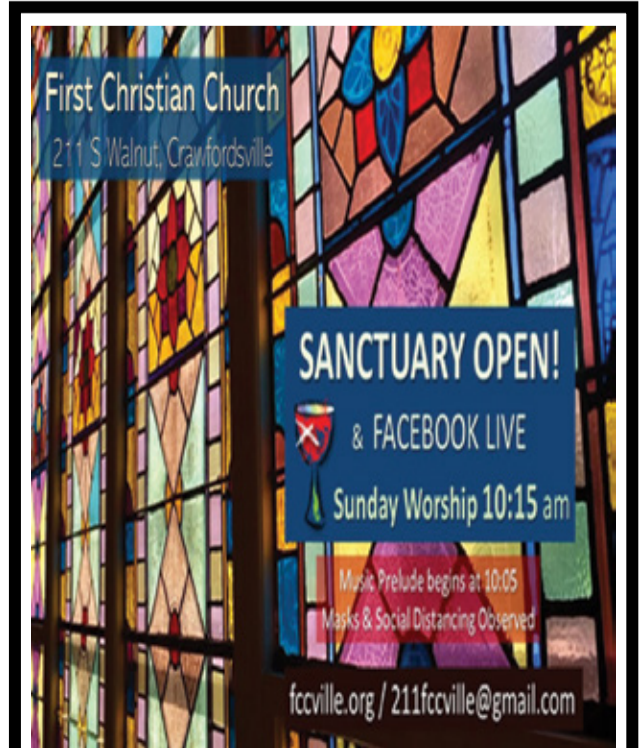
Sunday at 10 am

Tuesday Prayer Meeting

6 pm - 7 pm

Thursday Bible Study

6:30 pm - 8 pm





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Church at 10 am
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**Woodland Heights
 Christian Church**
 Invites you to join us as we welcome our new lead minister:
Dr. Tim Lueking
 Beginning Sunday, February 28th, 2021
Weekly Sunday Schedule:
 Traditional Service - 8:15 AM
 Sunday School for all ages - 9:30 AM
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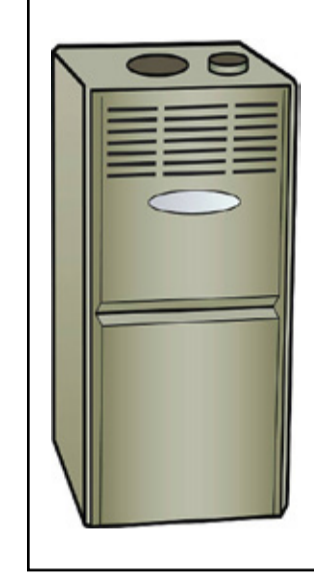
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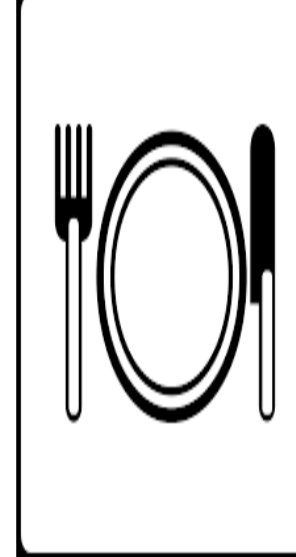
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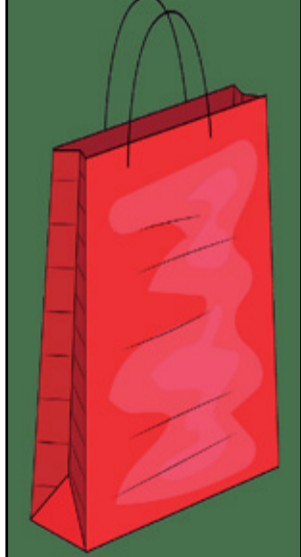
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eral taxation of Social Security benefits or, at the very least, raising the thresholds at which benefits become taxable. The income thresholds for taxing Social Security benefits were established in 1983 and 1993, but those thresholds have never been adjusted for inflation. When taxation of Social Security started in 1984, less than 10% of beneficiaries

paid income tax on their benefits, whereas today that percentage is over 50% and growing. If you want to add your voice to those who oppose federal taxation of Social Security benefits, you may wish to contact your Congressional Representative to do so. And it is worth noting that eleven U.S. states, to varying degrees, also levy income tax on Social Security benefits.

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in the supply of assisted living facilities and a slight expansion in the supply of adult day services.

- Nationally, there has been a surge in older adults receiving long-term care at home, rather than in nursing homes and other institutions. For the first time, more than half (53%) of Medicaid LTSS spending for older people and adults with physical disabilities went to Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS). This is up from 37% in 2009. HCBS includes support for home health care aides, respite services, assistive technology and home modifications and other services. Here in Indiana, the state made marginal progress with 23% of Medicaid LTSS spending going toward HCBS. This still remains severely below the national average.

- Across the states, the average annual per person cost of home care in 2021 was \$42,000.

Affordability and Access

- Eleven states, including Indiana, had state policies that improved presumptive eligibility for Medicaid HCBS at the time of data collection, making it possible for people to go home to receive care after being in the hospital rather than having to be admitted to a nursing home while their eligibility for Medicaid payments is being determined.

Support for Family Caregivers

- Indiana went from 51st to 39th in Support for Family Caregivers, with the improvement being driven by growth around nurse delegation.

- Indiana nurses are able to delegate 15 out of 22 of the listed tasks. It's important that information gathering continues in order to guarantee that education for Hoosier nurses around delegation continues and that it is happening across the entire state.

- In order for Indiana to improve its support for family caregivers, it is going to take more than just action from the Governor's administration. The Indiana General Assembly will need to address various policy areas that may include nurse scope of practice and paid family leave.

Recommendations

Below are key recommendations from the report and AARP that would strengthen support for long-term care and aging at home:

- Prioritizing saving time, money, and increasing support for the 48 million family caregivers, who are the backbone of the long-term care system, providing over \$600 billion in unpaid care, such as tax credits and other mechanisms to address health and financial needs.
- Investing in all aspects of Home and Community-Based Care infrastructure, such as increasing support and training for home health aides and home visits, supporting the ability to access and use medical devices and equipment, and updating

key Medicaid regulations and payment models.

- Bolstering the nursing home and in-home care workforce, with improved recruitment and training, increasing pay, and expanding the ability of trained nurses, aides, community health workers and other paraprofessionals to take on some aspects of care. States can choose to enact and enforce staffing and related care standards.

- Addressing inequities by investing to close the staggering gaps in access to quality care and facilities and staffing shortages.

- Building multisector plans for aging, coalitions and age-friendly health systems, and consider the wider needs to allow individuals to live independently in their homes and communities, such as having affordable and accessible housing and transportation, improved community design, and comprehensive emergency preparedness plans.

- Ensuring every state in the nation has a sound emergency preparedness plan to support nursing home residents, in particular, in times of crisis – including natural disaster.

The Scorecard includes a series of 50 indicators focused on 1) affordability and access; 2) choice of setting and provider; 3) safety and quality; 4) support for family caregivers; and 5) community integration, using data from a variety of publicly available sources, such as the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, American Community Survey, and Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The LTSS Scorecard is funded by AARP Foundation with the support of The SCAN Foundation, The Commonwealth Fund, and The John A. Hartford Foundation and has been updated every three years since 2011.

To view the full Scorecard and state-by-state information visit www.ltsschoices.aarp.org.

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"grandparent scam," where the con artist contacts a grandparent claiming to be their grandchild and asking for money. The plea is so persuasive that the grandparent wires money to the scammer, only to find out their family member was safe and sound later. This scam can also work in reverse, where the "grandparent" calls their grandchild pleading for help.

Recently, the FTC has warned that scammers are using voice cloning techniques to imitate the voices of loved ones. The technology enables con artists to copy the voices of persons close to you from videos they may find on social media or other sources. They can then use tools to imitate the voice of your loved one and have it appear to say whatever they wish in a call. Some voice cloning efforts may be crude, and others very sophisticated – either way, this adds to

this scam's confusing and frightening aspect.

Tips to spot this scam:

- Resist the urge to act immediately, no matter how dramatic the story. Verify the situation with other family and friends, but first hang up or close the message and call your loved one directly. Don't call the phone number provided by the caller or caller ID. Ask questions that would be hard for an impostor to answer correctly.

- Know what your family members are sharing online. You may not have control over your family's social media accounts but familiarize yourself with what they share online.

- Don't wire any money if there is any doubt about the call. If a person wires money and later realizes it is a fraud, the police must be alerted.

For more information:

To report a scam, go to BBB Scam Tracker. Learn more about all types of impostor scams.

F.C. Tucker West Central Announces Their August Listing And Sales Leaders

F.C. Tucker West Central is thrilled to announce its top-performing agents for the month of August, recognizing the exceptional dedication and expertise they bring to the real estate market in Montgomery County and surrounding counties.

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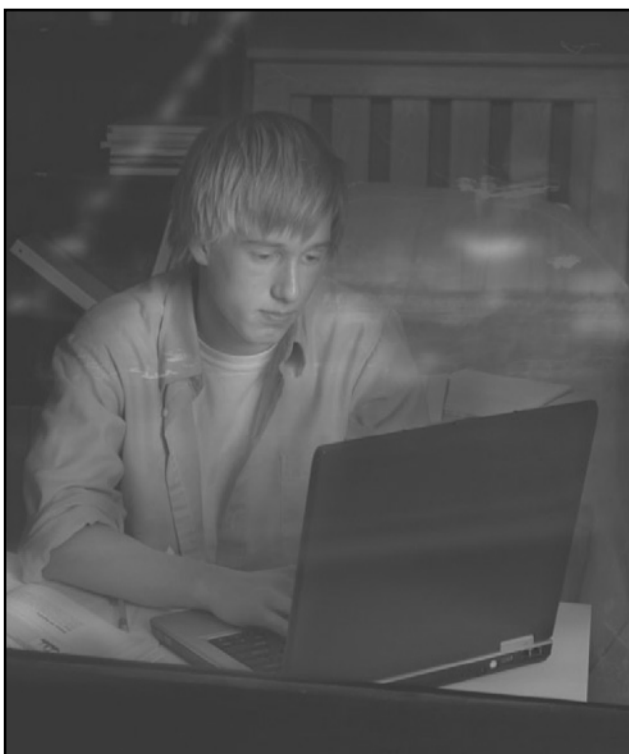
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The 1925 cinematic adaptation starred Ramon Novarro as Judah Ben-Hur and Francis X. Bushman as Messala.

This film, seen as one of the finest silent films ever made, marked the end of two eras. MGM's colossal production epitomized the tradition of spectacular silent epics. Additionally, the film came at the end of almost six decades in which Low Wallace's

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Henry Wallace, Lew's son, received \$600,000 for the sale of the film rights. The 1925 Ben-Hur cost \$4 million to film, making it the most expensive silent film ever made. The movie opened December 30, 1925 to rave reviews, earned \$6.1 million, and revolutionized the film industry. Henry Wallace was able to see his father's film in theatres shortly before his death in January of 1926.

This presentation is free and open to the public. Complimentary refreshments will be available. For more information call Larry Paarlberg at 765-362-5769 or email lpaarlberg@ben-hur.com

Attorney General Todd Rokita Reminds Hoosiers To Use Caution As The Air Turns Crisp To Avoid Scams This Fall Season

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita warns Hoosiers to avoid scams this fall. It's the time of year for scammers to crawl out of the woodwork and find new victims.

"As families plan for fall break, remember scammers are just waiting for Hoosiers to let their guard down," Rokita said. "Don't fall for their clever schemes - if a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is. Hoosiers can protect themselves and their assets by asking the right questions and doing their research before making any big plans."

Hoosiers can avoid common travel scams by following these simple tips:

- Be extra cautious when booking through an unfamiliar company.

Check the Better Business Bureau ratings and research the name online to see if there are any allegations of scams.

- Read the fine print in the contract before you sign it. It will tell you about the conditions under which the operator can change or cancel the trip and the rules and penalties for cancellation.

- Pay by credit card. It gives you more protection than cash or checks.

- Use good judgment when sharing about your trip on social media. Consider changing your online privacy settings while on your trip.

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Boilers Have Some Bright Spots In Otherwise Season-Opening Loss

A bright spot from Purdue football's 39-35 season-opening loss to Fresno State was the play of Westfield graduate Dillon

Thieneman.

In his first collegiate game, the safety played so well that the Big Ten Conference honored Thieneman as its Freshman of the Week.

Thieneman recorded a team-high 10 solo tackles and his fourth-quarter interception resulted in a go-ahead touchdown. Thieneman is just the third Purdue true freshman to intercept a pass in their debut, joining James Dunnigan in 1999 against UCF and Josh Hayes vs. Eastern Kentucky in 2016.

Thieneman also is the first defensive Boilermaker to earn Big Ten Freshman of the Week honors since cornerback Frankie Williams in 2012.

"I was very, very pleased and excited for him, but I wasn't surprised," first-year coach Ryan Walters said Tuesday. "The beautiful thing about football is that it doesn't matter how old you are. He has deserved his spot on the roster and his spot on the depth chart."

It didn't go unnoticed by at least one media member that Thieneman plays 15-20 yards off the line of scrimmage.

"That depth allows him to see the quarterback, allows him to see things kind of unfolding in front of him to be able to put him in position to go make plays," Walters said.

Football notes

Calling the new Purdue football staff "a great mix of experience and young and hungry to prove themselves," Football Scoop has rated Ryan Walters' assistants the fifth most impressive new staff of 2023.

Author Doug Samuels' praise begins with the addition of offensive coordinator Graham Harrell.

"The ability to grab Graham Harrell from West Virginia could prove to be the most impressive coordinator hire of the entire off season in college football, in my opinion.

"Purdue teams that have been able to win 8 games or more in a season have both been led by offensive-minded head coaches

(Joe Tiller and Jeff Brohm), so Purdue going outside of that trend to land one of the most impressive defensive coordinators in college football as their new leader meant that the offensive coordinator hire was absolutely critical.

"In Harrell, the Boilermakers land someone that has called games on big stages, and at a blue-blood program like USC. His philosophy will allow them to maximize the talent on the roster, as there will be some schematic carryover from what Brohm was doing, and will allow them to continue to recruit and develop playmakers on the perimeter and vertical threats, similar to what that they've been churning out the last few years."

But it's the defense that provides the biggest challenge to this staff. Samuels sees Fresno State, Wisconsin and Ohio State at home, plus Michigan and Nebraska on the road as games that will hinge on the Boilermakers' defensive talents.

"Walters and (defensive coordinator Kevin) Kane were able to engineer a quick turnaround defensively at Illinois, and whether they'll be able to do the same with the Black and Gold I see being the biggest challenge ahead for the program.

The good news is that, in addition to Kane, Walters was able to bring in veteran defensive line coach Brick Haley to mentor the defensive front. With experience at LSU and Texas and in the NFL with the Bears on his resume, Haley infuses some incredible experience on the defensive side of the ball."

Samuels also called former Illinois assistant Cory Patterson as the "most intriguing hire." Patterson is credited for coaching running back Chase Brown into an All-American last season.

Wisconsin (2nd) and Nebraska (4th) were the other Big Ten staffs ranked by Football Scoop. ...

Purdue quarterback Hudson Card ranked 43rd among The Athletic's Top 100 athletes from the college football transfer portal. Card was the eighth overall quarterback on the list, which was topped by overall No. 1 Sam Hartman of Notre Dame. Big Ten rivals Tanner Mordecai of Wisconsin (7th) and Jeff Sims of Nebraska (36th) were listed ahead of Card.

"Card may be one of the transfer QBs in this cycle who benefits most from a change in scenery," The Athletic analysis stated. "The 6-foot-2, 210-pound redshirt junior is ready to fully prove what he can do. He won the starting job at Texas going into 2021 but couldn't hold on to it.

"Card got back on the field early last season when Quinn Ewers was knocked

out of the Alabama game and played well despite an ankle injury, throwing for 899 yards with six touchdowns and one interception during his four-game stretch as starter. He has quickly won over his new team and was voted a team captain heading into coach Ryan Walters' debut season."

Great expectations

The return of National Player of the Year Zach Edey will once again keep Purdue in the college basketball spotlight according to The Athletic's CJ Moore and Sam Vecenie, who rank the Boilermakers fourth in their preseason rankings.

Kansas, Marquette and Duke are slotted ahead of Purdue. The Boilermakers are among four Big Ten Conference teams in The Athletic's Top 25, joined by Michigan State (6th), Illinois (14th) and Wisconsin (15th).

"This team is built similarly to a year ago with just slightly more depth. Everything once again will revolve around Zach Edey, but it looks like Matt Painter might diversify his offense with some more ball-screen action," The Athletic duo's analysis states. "Purdue needs to move Edey around when teams bracket him in the post like Fairleigh Dickinson did. Painter said two years ago that he preferred to be different and run far fewer ball screens than the rest of college basketball.

"The Boilermakers ranked 316th in ball-screen usage last year, but that number could tick up if you want to read into how they played on their foreign tour, which was without Edey. Braden Smith, who looks like he's added some muscle, worked out of a lot of ball screens in the middle of the floor and usually made the right read — he had 42 assists and only seven turnovers in four games. (In Purdue's final game on the tour, we counted 29 ball screens. That's more than we're used to seeing from Painter's offense.) Smith, who had seven turnovers in the shocking first-round NCAA Tournament loss to FDU, will also benefit from the addition of a secondary handler in grad transfer Lance Jones.

"The key for Purdue will be making perimeter shots. It's a lot harder to pull off the kind of defensive plan FDU used if the Boilermakers make the open jumpers that the attention around Edey creates. They need a good year from Fletcher Loyer, who shot just 32.6 percent from 3 as a freshman but has the potential to shoot way better than that number."

Oddly, The Athletic lists "continuity" among Marquette's strengths while not listing it among Purdue's assets. All five starters return and six of the top eight scor-

ers. In today's transfer portal word, it's difficult to be more stable than those facts.

To the surprise of absolutely no one in college basketball, Edey was selected pre-season National Player of the Year by Blue Ribbon Yearbook.

Not since UCLA's Bill Walton in 1971-72 and 1972-73 has anyone been a consensus, back-to-back National Player of the Year.

Walton's Bruins won national championships in both seasons.

Jamie Shaw of On3.com lists Purdue among the 10 schools he believes can win the national championship.

"The last top overall seed to get ousted by a 16-seed in round one, Virginia, went on to win it all next year," Shaw writes. "This team also adds top 100 freshman wing Myles Colvin. Will this be the year Matt Painter shakes his college basketball postseason stigma?"

The other schools on Shaw's list, in alphabetical order: Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Duke, Houston, Kansas, Kentucky, Miami and Michigan State.

Purdue fans are also anticipating a memorable season, snatching up all 9,000 available season tickets for the third consecutive season. Purdue athletic officials state the renewal rate approached 99 percent. Single-game and multi-game ticket packages are still available.

First Of Many Ross-Ade Stadium And Discussing A Record Setting Win

Purdue is celebrating 100 seasons in Ross-Ade Stadium, and what better time than now to reflect on the 10 most memorable games I've attended in the 99-year-old facility.

(Ross-Ade was dedicated on Nov. 22, 1924 with a Homecoming victory against Indiana. Even though Purdue's other home games were at Stuart Field in 1924, I guess the matchup with the Hoosiers counts as Year 1.)

Not every game on this list will go down in Boilermaker lore, but it's my list.

10. Sept. 8, 1979: Purdue 41, Wisconsin 20 – My first game as a Purdue student, and the ticket was free since football season tickets were part of the tuition package at the time.

I can still envision the game's first touchdown. A high spiral from Mark Herrmann that found a wide-open Raymond Smith in stride for a 41-yard score. The game was barely five minutes old, and I thought Purdue fans were in for a fun season.

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I was right. The 1979 season remains the only 10-win campaign in Boilermaker football history.

9. Nov. 3, 2018: Purdue 38, No. 19 Iowa 36 – After losing twice on last-second field goals earlier in the season, the Boilermakers finally had fate on their side when Spencer Evans kicked the first game-winner of his career from 25 yards with eight seconds to play.

David Blough and Terry Wright hooked up for touchdown passes of 41, 82 and 3 to give Purdue a 35-23 lead after three quarters.

8. Nov. 25, 2017: Purdue 31, Indiana 24 – Boilermaker fans officially awakened from the four-year nightmare known as Darrell Hazell by recapturing the Old Oak-En Bucket and earning a berth in the Foster Farms Bowl.

“It’s a great moment for our football team, our university, for our fans,” said first-year coach Jeff Brohm, who took Purdue from a 3-9 mark under Hazell and interim coach Gerad Parker in 2016 to a 7-6 record in his first season. “I couldn’t be prouder.”

Purdue held on after building a 31-10 lead early in the fourth quarter on two touchdown runs by Jackson Anthrop and Elijah Sindelar touchdown passes to Anthony Mahoungou and Isaac Zico.

7. Sept. 12, 1981: Purdue 27, No. 19 Stanford 19 – The third-largest crowd in Ross-Ade history (69,958) and a national TV audience witnessed plenty of excitement.

Jimmy Smith matched the Boilermaker and stadium record with a 100-yard kickoff return. Future Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback John Elway threw for a career-high 418 yards, and Stanford kicker Mark Harmon (not the actor) set the school and stadium record with a 59-yard field goal.

Smith would rush for a game-high 91 yards and added two more touchdowns. Scott Campbell added a 29-yard TD pass to Steve Bryant.

6. Oct. 25, 1980: Purdue 36, Michigan State 25 – An NCAA record fell, and fittingly Purdue’s Carmel Connection was the reason.

Mark Herrmann’s 14-yard pass to Bart Burrell made the senior quarterback the NCAA’s all-time leading passer. At game’s end, Herrmann’s record stood at 8,087 yards. He would leave Purdue with 9,354 yards, the first man in NCAA history to eclipse 8,000 and 9,000 yards.

“The fact Bart caught it made it more

of a thrill,” Herrmann said of Burrell, his teammate for three years in junior high school, three years at Carmel and four at Purdue.

5. Nov. 22, 1980: Purdue 24, Indiana 23 – For the second time that season, Purdue set a Ross-Ade and state attendance record with 71,629 fans.

They got their money’s worth in Mark Herrmann’s final home game. Herrmann threw for 252 of his 323 yards in the second half to rally the Boilermakers from a 10-3 deficit. Ben McCall scored the game-winning touchdown with 8:56 to play, and linebacker Mike Marks batted away a two-point conversion pass with 17 seconds left to seal the victory.

Purdue finished tied for second in the Big Ten with Ohio State at 7-1 and would defeat Missouri in the Liberty Bowl to finish 9-3 overall.

4. Sept. 26, 1981: Purdue 15, No. 13 Notre Dame 14 – The Fighting Irish led 14-7 with 2:57 to go when first-year starting quarterback Scott Campbell went to work in front of 70,007 fans.

Starting from the Boilermaker 20, Campbell threw 12 yards to Jimmy Smith, 28 to Eric Jordan and 42 yards to Steve Bryant (there were tackles for losses by Notre Dame in between) to put the ball at the Irish 1.

A 6-yard loss on first-and-goal and two incomplete passes made it fourth down with 23 seconds remaining. Assistant coach Dick Dullaghan, who was in between high school coaching stints that saw him collect eight state titles, called for “the Sail.”

Bryant, one on one with Notre Dame sophomore Chris Brown on the left side, got a step advantage and caught Campbell’s pass to make it 14-13 with 19 seconds remaining.

“Give him credit for an excellent play,” Purdue head coach Jim Young said afterward.

Young decided to go for the win and called the same play but with Bryant lining up on the right side. This time, Bryant outjumped Brown for the game-winning two-point conversion.

“I think being a former basketball player allowed me to make the catch,” Bryant said. “It was a much tougher catch than the touchdown.”

3. Sept. 23, 1979: No. 17 Purdue 28, No. 5 Notre Dame 22 – It’s nice to boast that I was part of the largest crowd in Indiana football history to that point (70,567). At the time, that figure was 1,367 above Ross-Ade Stadium capacity.

As a lowly freshman, I got an aisle seat in the student section. In all, Purdue seated 367 people in the aisles and the other thousand in portable chairs along the north end zone.

The Boilermakers rallied from a 13-point deficit to beat the Fighting Irish for the first time in five years. Wally Jones’ 2-yard run at the end of the third quarter gave Purdue the lead for good, 21-20. Herrmann found old Carmel High School teammate Bart Burrell for the clinching 6-yard touchdown with 8:41 to go.

“Those are the kinds of wins that keep the memories going,” Herrmann said recently on PurdueSports’ YouTube series profiling Ross-Ade’s Greatest Games. “It was our only 10-win season in Purdue history, and the defense gets a lot of credit for that.”

2. Nov. 22, 1986: Purdue 17, Indiana 15 – For the longest time, this ranked as the greatest game I witnessed in Ross-Ade Stadium.

Press boxes are usually business-like but in the minutes before kickoff, there was notable surprise expressed when the Boilermakers returned to the field in gold jerseys. Players had gone through pre-game warmups in their usual home black jerseys.

It was already known that All-American cornerback Rod Woodson would play a greater role than usual in his final collegiate game. But no one was prepared for what they saw over the next two-and-a-half hours.

From his first collegiate rushing attempt, a 14-yard gain, Woodson stamped his mark of greatness that day. His 93 yards on 15 carries was the top performance by any Purdue running back during a dismal 3-8 season that cost head coach Leon Burnett his job.

But that’s not all. Woodson caught three passes for 67 yards, returned three punts for 30 yards and brought two kickoff returns for 46 yards.

From his cornerback position, Woodson made 10 tackles and broke up a pass.

He was even involved in the game-deciding play, teaming up with Scott Schult to block a game-winning 35-yard field goal attempt by future NFL kicker Pete Stoyanovich.

“The thing that I will always remember is seeing Rod Woodson on that final play,” Burnett said years later. “I still see that play in my imagination.”

1. Oct. 20, 2018: Purdue 49, No. 2 Ohio State 20 – This will be known forever as “the Tyler Trent game.”

Hours after a heart-wrenching interview of the terminally ill Purdue student on ESPN, during which Trent predicted a Purdue victory, the Boilermakers made that wish come true.

Mike Carmin of the Journal & Courier described the scene perfectly as the final seconds ticked off:

“More than 10,000 students stayed through the cold and blustery conditions, waiting to rush the field as the Boilermakers dominated Ohio State from the second quarter through the final buzzer.”

A 35-point second half included these memorable moments:

Columbus native Markus Bailey returning an interception 41 yards for the final touchdown;

Rondale Moore’ 43-yard catch and run for a touchdown, bouncing off defenders left and right;

D.J. Knox sprinting away from Ohio State defenders for three touchdowns, including runs of 42 and 34 yards.

It also was the fifth time in eight visits to Ross-Ade Stadium that Ohio State left with a loss. To realize what a major accomplishment this was, Michigan has only won twice in Columbus since 2000.

Record-setting win

Virginia Tech athletic officials say the five hour, 27-minute weather delay during Purdue’s 24-17 victory is the longest in college football history.

The game was supposed to kick off at 12:01 p.m. this past Saturday but lightning in the area delayed the kick until 12:23. With Purdue leading 7-0 in the first quarter, play was stopped again at 12:48 p.m. due to lightning being within a 10-mile radius of the stadium.

The eight hours and 35 minutes total elapsed time from the opening kickoff to the game clock hitting 0:00 is believed to be the longest game in Virginia Tech history.

The previous record for an in-game delay was 3 hours and 55 minutes between TCU and Kansas State in 2017. In 2021, East Carolina and Houston had the start of their game delayed for 5 hours and 20 minutes.

The 4.41 inches of rain in Blacksburg was second all-time to the 4.48 inches of rain on Aug. 14, 1940, according to the National Weather Service.

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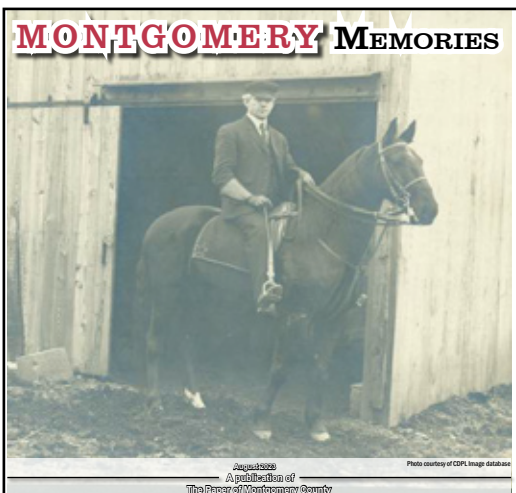
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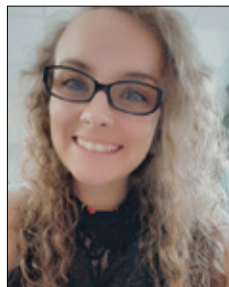
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September Feature: Herron, an early treasurer of MoCo

Karen Bazzani Zach



Throughout my 50 plus years of studying and writing about Montgomery County's rich history, I've found many men who were leaders reflecting the same in civilian life. One such man was William Parke Herron, an early treasurer of Montgomery County.

A Montgomery Countian by birth, he was born 17 June 1843 to James Douglas and Rebecca (Young) Herron, his father having entered government land in 1825 to establish the family name in Montgomery County. Will was their 9th of 10 children, all but two sisters and a brother who passed away young lead long, healthy lives!

Pre-Revolution (Bowen History) the Herrons entered our country, the grandfather (Scottish) having fought in the war and was captured by the English, spending two whole years as a Prisoner of War.

Perhaps reflecting his Revolutionary war ancestor, Will, as a 19-year-old Junior at Wabash, opted to pass on his senior year and join the Union Army Co B 72nd Indiana Volunteers (see photo from the Crawfordsville District Public Library's image database – it's great). After the Battle of Stones River

(Tenn) he was transferred to the mounted Wilder's Brigade and served as their Captain, plus was for a time a temporary major, then a provost marshal; his division captured Jefferson Davis, the Confederate President. He was three times wounded, the last at Chickamauga being quite severe. Receiving an honorable discharge at the end of the Civil War, Capt. Herron returned to Crawfordsville but his health was poor. Thus, he spent three years in the northwest to recuperate. In 1870, he spent three years as a local bookkeeper for McClure, Fry and Company then in 1873 he was twice elected County Treasurer. 1875 launched him into a local business career, his first leadership role being president for the Gas Company, then president and treasurer of the Wire Company, director of the Coffin Company, and then his ultimate job as a leader at the First National Bank of Crawfordsville.

Herron was known throughout Midwest Indiana as a progressive who had a great command of the money world. Besides his career, he was very active in the local GAR, Board of Trustees, State School for the Deaf and a member of the Military Park Commission.

On the 20th day of January 1875 William Parke Herron married Cyrilla "Ada" Patton, a cultured young miss from an excellent Lafayette family. An exceptional musician, she played the organ at the Methodist Church for many years. These two became parents of six children.

Charles Douglas received his Master of Arts and Doctorate of Law. He went to Wabash and attended the Army Staff College with General George Marshall. During WWI he served as an instructor at West Point where he taught George Patton and his relief instructor was Douglas MacArthur. For several years, he lived in Washington and served on the General Staff. Dwight Eisenhower was one of his aides and this is just a touch of his great life as he worked up to his final rank of Lt. General. He married Louise Milligan, they having at least two children, William and Louise. Charles passed away at 100 years 1 month and 10 days old (FindAGrave).

Jessie was born 11 Feb 1879. At age 31, she married James Flynn Stutesman (age 50) on 30 June 1910 right here in Montgomery County in one of the largest ever performed (over 300 guests, 200 at the reception at the beautiful Herron home), one of the ushers being Will Hays, Sr – keep reading! She was a nurse in Chicago and James had just

returned after serving three years as a minister to Bolivia (also been twice in the House the latter as Speaker) but sadly died just seven years later right before Christmas; buried in his home town of Peru, Indiana. Afterwards, she joined (and served with them 50 years) the Red Cross working as a dietitian during the war. Remember Will Hays, Sr. in her first wedding? In 1930, they married and were so for almost 25 years when he passed away in 1954, she six years thereafter; both buried Center Ridge Cemetery in Sullivan, Indiana.

Florence was born 26 Jan 1881 and passed away at age 93 at Culver. She married a banker like her dad, John Harmon Binford who lived to be 90. Although married many years, they got a late start, he 46 and she 42 with a nice, but nonelaborate luncheon after the smaller wedding. They lived at 406 W. Wabash with her mother. She, Jessie (both widows) and their brother, Frederick, spent their final years in the old homestead.

Many of the Herrons were long-livers and Frederick Lewis was no exception. Born the 1st of February in C'ville in 1886 he passed at age 94 here. "Ted" was a US consul in Panama, served in two World Wars, reaching the rank of Colonel and was treasurer for the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors (under Will Hays) of America (Blakeslee, Ruth). Quite a career.

William Parke lived most of his years in River Forest, Illinois where he was a college graduate, of course and a Civil Engineer. As with his brothers, on the WWI Draft card he is listed at 6', dark red hair and brown eyes. He and wife, Grace Randolph had a son, John.

Austin Reynolds Herron the youngest was born 23 September 1889 and passed away at age 78 in Feb 1968, buried in Oak Hill as are most of the above. He, too served twice rejoining the service in WWII from his Attica First National Bank presidency.

These children were all raised in the beautiful family home the good captain provided, it being one of the largest, most beautiful and certainly unique homes in our city at 406 S. Wabash Avenue.

In his personality, William Parke Herron was charitable and courteous. Regarding his service during the Civil War, certainly, he was fearless and always faithful to his country and in his career, intellectual, trustworthy and helpful. Makes for one amazing fellow and family, for sure!

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

Two years as Deputy Clerk and six as clerk were tallied by Civil War soldier (Co I, 11th Ind), local dentist Theodore McMechan.

A.P. Reynolds died not long after taking over in 1897 with a quick case of pneumonia. William Hulett was educated at the Ladoga Academy, had ran a general store and served two terms as Twp. Assessor. He had ran against A.P. Reynolds and yes, lost, but being close, the County Commissioners appointed him to finish out the term. Having done an amazing job, he was elected the next time.

Another death while serving their term was when Edward William Shaw passed away in early December 1964. He had just been reelected for another 4-year term and would have begun that on New Year's Day. Active in local Boy Scouts, Little Baseball, First Methodist Church, Elks, Masons and many other groups, many will remember him as aiding his father (Edward Pressley Shaw) in the meat business and operating a frozen food locker plant later.

The day after Mr. Shaw's death, Carl A. Hankins (Waynetown Democrat) was appointed by Gov. Matt Welsh as MoCo Clerk to serve out Shaw's term. Sadly, after serving 14 months of that longer term, Carl Hankins suffered a heart attack in his office and passed away 23 Feb 1966.

One of my all-time favorite county clerk's was Becky Neideffer as she was interested in local history. She spent her own time to tally some of the early records. A lot of fun, she helped in making a Genealogy cookbook and was extremely conscientious in not only her job but clubs as well. I was sad when she moved out west.

Another I remember was J. Estel Bell who served two terms as Clerk. For eight years, he served as the executive director of the Chamber of Commerce. A veteran of WWII, he served in the Army's 4th Infantry and received a Purple Heart. In many local groups, several related to his service (American Legion, VFW, Disabled American Vets) but he was also in the Masons and a member of the Methodist Church and C'ville Country Club. He was buried in Oak Hill with full military rites (at age 90).

In the Bowen History, Edgar A. Rice was noted as a "popular incumbent in the office of county clerk." Born in Union Township, 24 Feb 1877 (to William A. and Martha Hipes Rice) was educated at Central Normal (Danville, Illinois) and Indiana State Normal (Terre Haute) then taught for a bit later serving as Deputy Clerk. Having mastered each and every task in the clerk's office under Dumont Kennedy, in 1908, the people elected him to the office.

As per the County Treasurer, it too must have been a tough job, as Wallace O. Everson died during his term. He had the flu and developed pneumonia afterwards. Just beginning his next term he was very popular and well known in the county. During his illness, hundreds of telephone calls and inquiries concerning his condition were received at his home, office and the hospital.

One of C'ville's basketball players (one of the main guards) in their IHSAA tournament in 1911 was H. Grady Chadwick who later served four years as our County Treasurer back to back with eight years in the county auditor's department. Always loving his Athenians, he was at Indianapolis at the Claypool Ho-



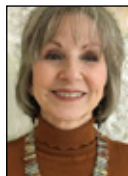
tel in the lobby going to some of the sessions of the county official associations group when he had a heart attack and dropped dead at the mere age of 61. He was at least with two friends who took care of him in his last few minutes, John W. Ward (Superintendent) and Earl Bonwell (Commissioner).

Fountain North Johnson was born in Warsaw, KY in October 1842 and the family moved when he was 12 to Waveland. He worked two summers for Billy Moore in the famous stop, Moore's Tavern (Inn), on the Terre Haute Road. A bit older, he blacksmithed for several years in the wagon and carriage firms at Waveland (Sisco; Foley; Roads; Belton; Philebaum) and after finishing school at Waveland and the Waveland Collegiate Institute he worked with his father carpentering, plastering, brick laying and whatever he could do. In 1864 he headed to California but came back the next year and the next his father passed away so he stayed in Waveland and taught. Clerking in a local firm was next along with marriage (Julia Durham). In 1878, his partner, Tyre Hanna received the nomination of County Commissioner and Fountain received one for the county treasurer. Henry Franklin and John Amos were born but their mother died a few years later. Fountain remarried Mary Wiley and two sons were born to them, Theodore North and Thomas Brown. Certainly, he knew his finances as he served as president of the Waveland bank for many years as did others in his family.

Of course, we have a gal (well more than one but here's Ms. Hildred Haas Smith). Hildred Smith was Deputy Treasurer from 1959-71 and then served as the Treasurer from 71-79. (see her emery board campaign hand-out). Quite versatile, Hildred served as a union steward at the old Wilson Shirt Factory, was an accountant for Montgomery Ward and a contributing writer for the Journal-Review. She was also an officer in the Indiana County Treasurers, active in Eastern Star; president of Waynetown PTA; and was "Woman of the Year." Married to DL Smith in 1933, I only remember her as a widow. They had one son, Larry who produced three granddaughters and six great grandchildren for her to enjoy! She passed away at age 90 and is buried in Waynetown Masonic Cemetery.

Yes so many had one or the other of these county jobs – Clerk or Treasurer – and I've tried to give ya' a variety here; however, I'll have to say (getting to be one of my favorite catch-phrases as I am realizing at age 73 there is definitely going to be lots of our history I'm just gonna' have to pass up) ... but the list goes on!

Thank you for reading Montgomery Memories!



Nifty at Ninety - And Beyond

Joy Willett, Montgomery Memories

This edition of Nifty at Ninety features a father and son. Both prominent men, the father lived to be 90, while the son, who died on December 19, 1841, only lived to the age of 53.

The father in our story is James Gavin McMechan. James was born on July 24, 1808 in Hamilton County, Ohio. According to the McMechan Family History (W. McMechan, 1844, via ancestry.com) his father John (b. 1768) came to the U.S. from County Down, Ireland in 1798. His mother, Sarah Gavin, was born in Virginia on April 6, 1785. John and Sarah, who made their home in Ohio, had at least six children. James was the oldest. He attended the Oxford Academy in Oxford, Ohio and came to Montgomery County, Indiana to study medicine with Dr. William R. Winton, a local physician. In 1833, James married Eliza Winton, the doctor's sister (Indianapolis Journal, 9 June 1899). James began practicing medicine in 1840, and in 1852 he graduated from the Medical College at Chicago (Crawfordsville New Review, Saturday, May 24, 1899). Possibly to help out with the busy and growing family, Eliza's sister Rebecca lived with the family during the 1850s.

James and Eliza had ten children. Five lived to full adulthood. While Eliza took care of the home and family, James practiced medicine in Darlington. For a short time, the family lived in Dayton, in Tippecanoe County. This is where their son Theodore was born. During the Civil War, James was an army surgeon and was in the battles of Shiloh, Fort Donelson, and Fort Henry. After the war, he returned to Montgomery County and continued to his work as a physician. In his private life, he was a long-term member of the Masonic Lodge, and for over 50 years was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. He was one of the first members of the city council in Darlington. James continued his practice into the 1870s. When James retired, Eliza and he moved to Crawfordsville (Lafayette Directory, 1887). They lived in a two-story house at 611 S. Green Street.

Theodore, also known as Theodorus, served in the Civil War, as well. His stint in Company 1 of the 11th Indiana Volunteers was brief, only lasting for three months. After his enlistment, he studied dentistry. He attended Wabash College in 1864 and 1865 (Wabash College U.S., School Catalogues 1765-1936). He also clerked in a dry goods store in Leavenworth, Kansas. He returned to Crawfordsville, where he completed his dentistry studies. For two years, he practiced dentistry in Muncie. Returning to Crawfordsville, he continued his practice here.

On June 2, 1870, Theodore married Helen Eaton. The couple had one child, Maud, born in 1873. Theodore's practice, which he shared with Emory Totten, was located on the second floor of 207 E. Main in Crawfordsville. Theirs was one of three dentist offices in the city. (Lafayette, Indiana Directories, 1885-1891). The family lived at 601 E. Wabash.

In 1876, Theodore took a break from dentistry. For the coming four years he held the position of City Clerk. He was acknowledged for his services through a resolution passed by the City Council, which noted, "...we tender to him our utmost thanks for the manner in which he has conducted the business of the office, and gladly award him the praise justly due to an



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efficient officer..." (Crawfordsville Weekly Journal, 20 Dec, 1895). After his retirement, he returned to his dental practice.

Like his father, Theodore was active in civic affairs. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and served as a lieutenant colonel in that organization (Logansport Reporter, 30 Jun 1891). He was State Secretary for the Order of the National Union, a Republican organization, and was appointed as a delegate to the order's national meeting in 1890 (The Indianapolis Journal, 28 May 1890). In addition, Theodore was a member of the GAR, Royal Arcanum, A.O.U.W., the Good Fellows.

On February 18, 1894, Eliza died after falling and breaking her hip. The day before she fell, James took a similar fall which left him bed ridden (ibid, 20 Feb, 1894). She was interred in the Oak Hill Cemetery. On December 17, 1895, The Indianapolis News reported Theodore's death. According to the News, he was "found dead in his bed this morning...he had been at his practice as usual yesterday." The cause of death was heart disease. Theodore, too, was interred at Oak Hill Cemetery (thanks to Kim Hancock for the great photo from FindAGrave).

James, who outlived his wife and oldest living son, passed in June of 1899. He was buried next to Eliza. May he, and the other members of his accomplished family, rest in peace.



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Gardening

Novelty or Necessity?

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How does your garden grow? Many of the hobbies we tinker at today were the necessities of yesteryears. Pumpkin patches were not just nurseries for jack-o-lanterns. Flashback Jack, they were the nourishing source of flavor that added spice to the long cold winters. Town kids and country cousins alike worked their families' plots of sustenance. Rich black topsoil runs two feet deep in Hoosier-land.

Ask an expert. Mary, Mary, quite contrary, knows a garden doesn't just spring up overnight. You must stake your claim, turn the dirt, bust the clods, and fling a few stones. You break a sweat before you are even ready to plant. Brace yourself for a long summer. You battle the element, spray the bugs, and hoe the weeds. Stand your ground! The critters are coming! Ravenous rabbits by day and rascally raccoons by night lay siege to your bounty right before harvest.

Late summer, early fall, all is well. The crop is in. Kick back and relax. Job well done.

Not so fast, you have veggie out the wahzzu. Ripened all at once, now you have a ginormous problem. There is more produce than you can eat or give

away. Oh no! Will it all Spoil!?

It is the Ball Brothers and pressure cookers to the rescue.

Did you know Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, drew its name from a mason jar? Well, sort of, the philanthropy of the Ball Brothers and the Ball Corporation helped establish Ball Teachers College in 1922. The school became Ball State Teachers College in 1929 and was renamed Ball State University in 1965. Higher education became well preserved in Eastern Indiana because of the generous manufacturers of the little quart glass jars.

Well, back home in Crawfordsville, the Ball jars saved the day by preserving all the bounty from the Clore family gardens. We are talking bushels from my sister Beverly's garden in Mellott, and tons from Granny's two acres in Alamo. Decky and Junior's garden in Romney and our backyard on Delaware Street seemed to out-produce the Jolly Green Giant. We snapped enough green beans to fill a silo.

By autumn, we fill all our pantries and cellar with quarts-beyond-delicious quarts. So much so that we skipped the canned food aisles at

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the A&P all winter long. Canning can save your can through a harsh winter.

Mom had a secret recipe for canning each berry, veggie, jelly, and jam, especially the green beans. I can taste the memories. She would fry a little bacon, sauté a bit of onion, splash a tad of vinegar, and add a dash of this and that. Mmmm, mmm.

One year, something went awry with her blackberry preserves. The whole batch became fermented. Pappy really enjoyed the recipe that year.

Here is a fruit and vegetable stand the folks had on East Delaware Street circa 1950. Mom, Georgia Clore, is to the far left. Dad, Austin Clore, is to the far right. Standing next to Mom, is her sister, Abby Williams, and her son Kenny.

Mom came by her gardening skills quite naturally. As a child, she helped out around her father's truck farm on Lafayette Pike. George Cole, her dad, supplied Montgomery County with fresh vegetables. I believe she was a vegetarian until she married into the meat and potatoes Clore family.

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Poetry and Puzzles

Montgomery Memories

A Leader

By Joy Willett

Knowledgeable,
patient, and forth-
right,
a leader keeps things
running tight.

One who inspires
others to succeed
both in word
and in deed.

Knowing when to
push
and hold back,
doing all things
with utmost tact.

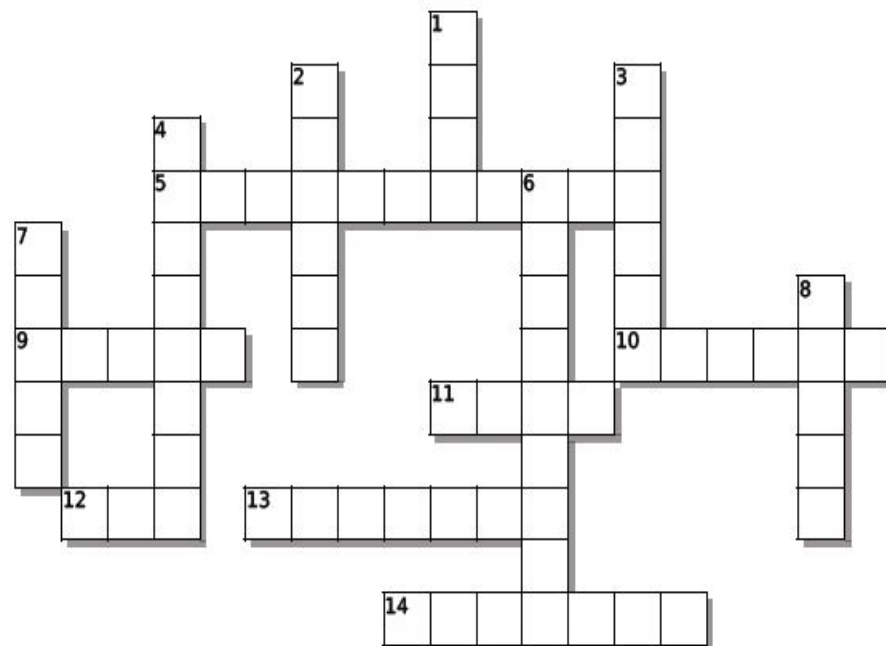
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Committed to
seeing things
to the end,
one on whom
you can depend.

Characteristics
well ingrained.
Some innate,
others trained.

'Tis regardless
of condition.
Ambition comes
from any position.

2



ACROSS

- 5 Colonial army
- 9 Grandcestor family
- 10 1st Mo Co Clerk
- 11 Rock Singer and Manager
- 12 Self-made ____
- 13 Examines the \$\$
- 14 Deputy ____

DOWN

- 1 Sour Creme Cocoa ____
- 2 It "falls" on 9/23/23 ____
- 3 Opposite of lead
- 4 Nifty family
- 6 Minds the \$\$
- 7 War between the states
- 8 Military school, West ____

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Karen's Kitchen

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories

County Clerk in the mid 1970s, Becky Neideffer and I worked on the Genealogy Cookbook (she was a good cook) – we had such a fun time and her recipes were super (oldies like corn pone) but I'm going to give you my fav of hers – let me know if you make/enjoy it !! It's good

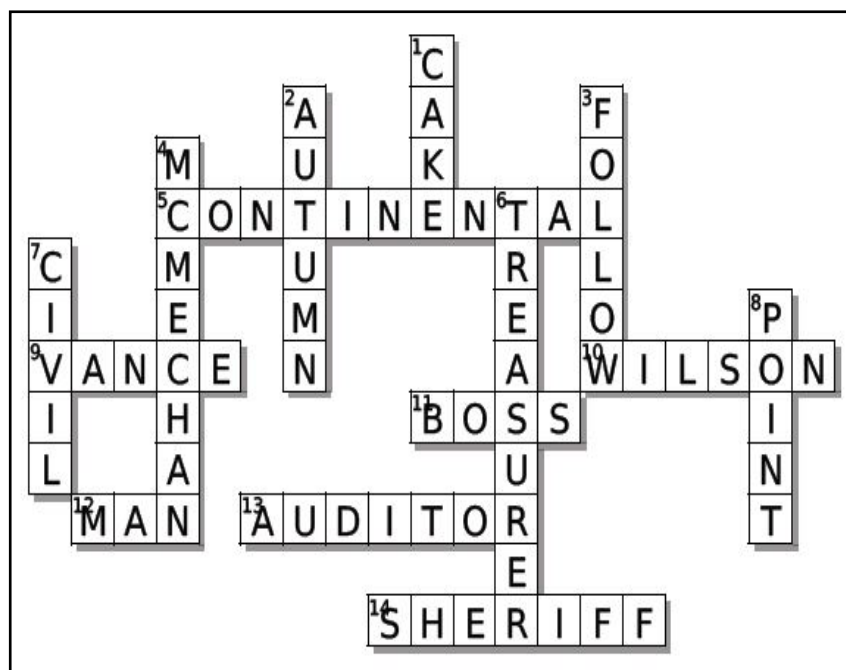
SOUR CREAM COCOA CAKE

by Becky Neideffer in the Montgomery County Genealogy Cookbook – about 1975)

- 1 ½ C. Flour
- 1 C. Sugar
- 1 C. Sour Cream
- 5 tsp. Cocoa
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 C. Sour Milk
- 1 egg
- 1 ½ tsp. soda
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Mix well – bake at 375 – “this recipe came from the kitchen of my grandmother, Mrs. Josie Obenchain Stewart”

Note from KBZ: Pretty sure I topped this with a chocolate sauce I made. But, bet it'd be good with homemade chocolate icing, as well although it's good just plain!



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County Connections: "Our First"

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The very first County Clerk was Judge John Wilson, born 29 November 1796 in Lancaster, Kentucky, son of James, a Presbyterian minister and his wife, Agnes McKee. The Wilsons came early on to Staunton, Augusta Co, VA. They were mainly of Scotch-Irish background owning a superb "intelligence and having high ideals." They served the church and the country (House of Delegates, fought in the Revolution). Col. James Wilson was the Colonel of a VA Regiment at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. Now, let's look at the very interesting other side of his family. His grandfather, William McKee was an officer in the British Army; however, at the very beginning of the war, he resigned his British commission and accepted a Colonel's position in the Continental Army. Later, he was elected to the Constitutional Convention of Virginia and had a hard row to hoe as the group argued about ratifying the Constitution to its present form. Frustrated that most of the others protested, he thus took his bounty land of 4,000 acres and headed to Kentucky where he lived the rest of his life. Uncles, cousins and other relatives were prominent lawyers, in Congress and the like.

Sadly, John lost his father young and because of John's hate for slavery he moved to Illinois in 1821 but the next year headed to Indiana, to the new village being erected bearing the name of Crawfordsville. There, he worked in the land office with his brother-in-law, Judge Williamson Dunn. The next year (March 7, 1823) John married Margaret Cochran an early pioneer in Fountain County. A go-getter, John was well liked and was the first postmaster in the little city, having his office in a log cabin. At this time, there were only 60 men in the county who could vote and he was elected the first clerk of Montgomery's Circuit Court, the position which he held for the next 14 years, making \$57.76 a year in the first few. He sure had a great deal to do as most of that time everything north of MoCo as far as Lake Michigan was entwined with Montgomery for judicial purposes.

He along with Isaac Elston and Jonathan Powers induced a man named William Digby to lay-out Lafayette on a small tract of his land on the bank of Wabash River in May of 1825. He was actually more interested in getting rid of that land and sold it to the Crawfordsville trio, who, wisely gave half of it for government purposes. The next January the Legislature passed an act to ensure the new county of Tippecanoe. Wilson, Elston and Powers were appointed to establish the county seat and of course, they designated Lafayette.

In 1840, John became a member of the Indiana Legislature and served but the one term. Thereafter, John became a dry goods merchant and had a hardware business. In 1857 he bought a tract of land in Tippecanoe which he designated as Pilot Grove Farm. Self-educated, he had a well-selected very large library in his home. In 1863, he returned to Crawfordsville and died the next year.

A self-made man, he was an "honest, conscientious, Christian and well-honored." He is buried in the family plot at Oak Hill, his wife joining him 20 years after. They were parents of a fairly large family, most of the boys having graduated from Wabash College and in a war, including James (Mexican, Civil War where he became a colonel). Believe James was the first male born in Montgomery County. As the US minister to Venezuela, South America, (also served as a Congressman) he had sent his wife and children home but passed away suddenly at just 42 in 1867 while there alone.

One son, Edgar passed as a young child and is listed on their nice stone at Oak Hill (thanks Kim H for the great photo).

Son, William C. Wilson, had a keen mind and rarely lost a case as a criminal lawyer. Two days after Lincoln called for troops, he joined up as a private but soon rose in rank to the same rank (Colonel) as his brother. He was wounded in the Battle of Rich Mountain but went back again after he healed (more than

once), mustering out at the end of the war. He lived and lawyered in Lafayette, passing in 1891.

Civil War soldier, Samuel McKee Wilson, volunteered immediately and commissioned Capt. of Co D 10th Indiana. He too was at Rich Mountain and captured a sword that remained in the family for years and may still be. Through many battles and other hardships, Sam McKee endured, but at the Battle of Antietam, he received injuries that caused his death.

John Ward Wilson was first Lt. in the 40th, resigned and became the same in the 11th, honorably mustered out at the end of the war. His family were all very involved in joining patriotic causes.

In 1867, Miriam Elizabeth married Samuel Moore who was in a wholesale dry goods business but sadly, she passed away just two years later, well-loved by all.

Margaret Cochran Wilson (Maggie) never married and passed at age 91. She lived in Lafayette and lived on rents (including the telegraph office) from a fine business house. As most of her brothers, she too was very involved with patriotic groups.

Austin P. was a merchant in Lafayette and think helped Maggie some.

Lastly, we have George W. who graduated from Wabash in 1873. He moved to Nebraska where he was a lawyer but later to North Dakota and was a land broker. He dittoed Maggie and the others – quite proud of his ancestors (I like this group!).

What a family! So patriotic, smart, well-liked, and mainly close-knit, I enjoyed reading and writing about the amazing Wilson's!



In Mo Co, it was a very good year in 1892 . . .

Early in the year, there was a large surge (and finally a city law) to close businesses on Sunday. The barbers were first on the bandwagon, followed by several agreeable shops including the eight druggists followed by eight butchers. Fairly sure all the clothiers (13) agreed; 5 shoe merchants; 27 grocers and 9 dry good stores. Just a start but the list was expected to carry on.

Mary Mitchell Wilhite was the first female college (Penn Medical College) graduate to become a doctor in this state. She passed away in February making a large hole in the community.

Lant Long was County Poor Farm superintendent this and next year.

In April, Central School burned, the dome falling in from the destructive blaze followed by the slate roof with its heavy timbers. At that point, it became apparent all was lost; however, it was rebuilt at a cost of \$35,750.

The Crawfordsville school board this year consisted of JC Barnhill, President; Howard Cowen, treasurer and MW Bruner, Sec. For several years, these three switched jobs around.

At least nine deaths in a Monon railroad wreck (many injured) when a Louisville train in route to Chicago missed a curve at about 25 MPH and went over a 60' embankment just north of C'ville. Anyone with any medical training was called; many residents pitched in all night to work at saving lives and limbs.

John P. Bible replaced Charles E. Davis as county sheriff this year.

17 Native Americans' bones were exhumed on George Britton's farm, one over 7'. They were estimated to have been a couple of centuries old.

The Waynetown State Bank was established in 1892.

The Bethel AME Church was built this year (and was of one-story gable fronted building on a brick foundation). It is still well-kept today.

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Grandcestors

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories

Isaac M. Vance spent 40 years in the Montgomery County courthouse in various capacities, first as the deputy sheriff, then deputy treasure, both of these under his father, David Vance, thus since I have no one in my own family who were in to the political scene, thought I'd borrow the Vance family for the Grandcestors today and although I've seen their names written on many local documents, I've not learned much about them, thus it's time! And love to share with all of you.

David Vance was born in Butler County, Ohio on July 26th, 1795 and of course passed away in Montgomery County on the 7th day of January in 1856. He and his wife Eliza (Miller) are buried in the old IOOF Cemetery. They had an early marriage in Montgomery on 21 June 1827. She was eight years older in the census record, but in reality was eleven years younger than David. They were parents of four sons (William, Isaac, Samuel, James) and a daughter, Mary. In the 1850 census he is listed as the County treasurer and the only other one in the household with a job is William who was a teacher. An Emily Wilhite, age 25, is living with them. She is likely a servant. Eliza's mother, age 85, born in Maryland also lived with them and had for quite a number of years. Find it interesting that they lived right next to John Austin, County Auditor.

Dave was Sheriff when they built a new courthouse in November 1832. He is listed as one of the early settlers and he was referred to as "Colonel David Vance." His father-in-law, William Miller was listed as well. A David Vance received a land grant much later (10 May 1848) a couple miles southeast of Linden but not sure if this is him or someone else. Probably him and they retired there as at his death, he had wheat in the ground, corn put up, cattle, a buggy, kitchen and other household items to be sold. He is not listed as a War of 1812 soldier as far as I can find but would have been a perfect age for that! It would be about the only war he could have racked-up a Colonelship in. When Eliza passed away in 1854 it noted she was the wife of Col. David Vance and that she died while on a short visit at Dr. Herndon's, having been sick for quite some time but always bright and cheerful, looking forward to "a blessed immortality beyond the grave."

In a list of taxes in the Review 25 Nov 1854, at the end it said David Vance, TMC (1st I had ever seen that) – took me a second but yep, Treasurer of Montgomery County. Early on Dave Vance was put on tickets to run for Senator but don't believe he ever made it. Definitely, a fascinating man but yet so much to learn about him.

Now, it wasn't just Isaac and his father who were active in local government as David's oldest son, William C. Vance was county clerk serving in that position for eight years. Loved that he signed Isaac's marriage record. (photo CDPL). Sadly, he passed at age 42 of typhoid fever 21 September 1869. He and wife Arminta Watson were parents of three sons themselves, David, William Watson and Edward Joseph.

Dave and Eliza's son Samuel after receiving his education in the local schools lived at the Crawford Hotel for quite some time and was listed as a Clerk. Don't believe he was ever married. Sadly, he passed away as a young man, age 31 (10 April 1836-8 Dec 1867) and is buried in the IOOF Cemetery

with his parents.

Son James L. was nicknamed Tode, also passed fairly young at age 50 and is buried in IOOF. He was sick for quite a time before passing. He too was not married.

Isaac was born in Crawfordsville December 2, 1832, second oldest of the four sons. Suspicion his middle name is Miller. As with the other Vance men, he passed reasonably young close to his 60th birthday (2 Dec 1832-22 Nov 1892). He too is buried at IOOF and also was sick a very long time, beginning with an attack of the flu which left an abscess on a lung. Too, about a year before his death while assisting son Nathaniel, he fell into a hole they were digging and received some head injuries. Isaac's obituary states, "He was strikingly handsome, with a genial disposition, has undoubtedly written out more of the official records of the county than any other two men, was a familiar figure at the courthouse and has been a part of the official life of the county."

Isaac and his wife, Martha Morgan were parents of six children. Nathaniel Morgan; George Miller; Mary Alice (married three times and don't believe any children); Harry M; Amelia (married Hugh Kelsey and mothered at least two daughters, Ruth and Elizabeth, she living to be quite old and Eliza Jane (married Robert Irwin and died of consumption at age 22).

Nathaniel stayed in our area, was an interior decorator as well, married Mary Griest and had at least two sons, Wallace Griest and Paul Lockwood (died at age 16 but Wallace was close to 80). George Miller is my favorite, having had a book store for 25 years, but when his son, Fred Nelson wanted help to do the decorating at the US Grant Hotel in Los Angeles, he went and it was said that both men were artists to their fingertips and the hotel was beyond grand! Fred, who spent 15 months in WWI as a French translator, went on to be a professional artist, both men as the Vances seemed to do, passing young. Above Harry M. used his artistic skills in another way and owned his own barber shop in Crawfordsville for many years. He married Nora Frier and don't believe they had children.

Interesting family for sure! So many served our county in various capacities with such interesting side lines.



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