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**Happenings**

**Friday, Feb. 2, 2024**

**WABASH COLLEGE**  
Faculty & Staff Workshop at Malcolm X Institute, 12:10 p.m.

Wrestling at Univ. of Indianapolis, 10 a.m.

**Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024**

**WABASH COLLEGE**  
Special Olympics Basketball at Wabash College, 6 a.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024**

**WABASH COLLEGE**  
Faculty meeting, 4:15 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024**

**WABASH COLLEGE**  
Sports Gambling discussion at Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024**

**ATHENS ARTS**  
Class: Paint eyes with Watercolor (1-3 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. - reservation required)

**CRAWFORDSVILLE SCHOOLS**

School Board at Hose Elementary, 5:30 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 9, 2024**

**WABASH COLLEGE**  
VAS: The Doubleclicks at Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

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## Boomer Bits

### Ask Rusty – Will my WEP Reduction Go Away if I Continue Working?



**ASK Rusty**  
Social Security Advisor

#### Social Security Matters

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**Dear Rusty:**

I'm 63 years old and have not yet started my Social Security. I now work for the State of Illinois and will draw a pension from that state's university system. I don't pay into Social Security from this position and, as a result, my Social Security payment will be reduced. But I have also worked elsewhere and contributed to Social Security for 26 years.

If I retire from the state university and begin drawing my reduced Social Security payment, and then work in a different job which does contribute to SS, will the reduction to my Social Security payment ever be eliminated? Or will I be permanently stuck with the smaller Social Security payment?

**Signed: Curious Educator**

➔ See RUSTY Page A4

### Identity Theft Awareness Week Good Reminder for Seniors

This week was Identity Theft Awareness Week, and Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is encouraging all Hoosiers to beware of cyber criminals and how to protect their personal information.

"We rely heavily on technology these days, and

➔ See IDENTITY Page A6

### Romance Scam Tricks Victims Into Laundering Money

*Better Business Bureau*  
With Valentine's Day looming, romance is in the air. If you seek love via a dating app, watch for scammers who only love your money. Scammers

➔ See SCAM Page A6

## Oh, he's about to burst out into a grin!

Love to "study" pictures and when Don Colin sent this one for the GenWeb page, I literally sat up straight as this fellow seems so commanding but then that cute little striped bow tie made me giggle and when I peered upon him again, I thought, "Oh, he's about to burst out into a grin!" So, whatever the picture says to you, meet William Alexander Deitrick (Don's great, great grandfather),



**KAREN ZACH**  
Around The County

born 1 Oct 1837 in Rockbridge County, Virginia. Died the 20th day of August 1913 at his home at 209 Walnut Street, in Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana. His parents were Michael Massey Deitrick and Martha (Paxton), Michael passing in 1849 in Virginia (some sources say KY but his death was in the 1850 VA Mortality Schedule) of consumption. He was a farmer, and Martha (Patsy) brought her five daughters, the youngest just two years old, a son I think (according to a Dietrick tree on Ancestry there was a son,



**William Alexander Deitrick**

➔ See KAREN Page A3

### 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](http://www.thepaper24-7.com)*



### TODAY'S QUOTE

"The groundhog is like most other prophets. It delivers its prediction and then disappears."  
*Bill Vaughn*

### TODAY'S JOKE

What'd the groundhog in France see?  
His chateau!

### THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Ready for the annual update that is the state of the community address? Then mark Feb. 15 on your calendar. Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton and County Manager Tom Klein will share all the details beginning at 7 p.m. You can catch it all on the City of Crawfordsville's Facebook page with links to listen or on WCDQ 106.3.



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### Sunrise/Sunset

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### High/Low Temperatures

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LOW: 27°F



### Today is...

- Groundhog Day
- Tater Tot Day
- World Ukulele Day



### What Happened On This Day

- 1922 "Ulysses" by James Joyce is published. The novel is considered one of the most important works of modernist literature.
- 1852 The first public flushing toilet is opened in London. Using the "Public Waiting Room" at 95 Fleet Street cost 2 pence.



### Births On This Day

- 1977 Shakira - Colombian singer-songwriter, producer, actress
- 1882 James Joyce - Irish author

### Deaths On This Day

- 1996 Gene Kelly - American dancer, actor
- 1970 Bertrand Russell, 3rd Earl Russell - English mathematician, historian, philosopher, Nobel Prize laureate



## OBITUARY

### Martha Ellen Ratcliff

December 21, 1933 - January 29, 2024



Martha Ellen (Hardy) Ratcliff, age 90 of Kingman, passed away on Monday, January 29, 2024 at Franciscan Health Crawfordsville. She was born on December 21, 1933 to the late Theodore & Roxie Magabelle (Grubb) Hardy.

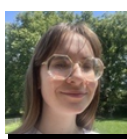
Martha graduated from Covington High School and on November 22, 1956 she married Edward Lee Ratcliff, who preceded her in death on December 21, 2021. Throughout the years she worked at the Kingman IGA and retired from Steel Grip after 26 years. She enjoyed working with her flowers, playing music, going to auctions and rummage sales, and spending time with her grandkids. She played the organ, piano, and accordion and gave piano lessons for many years.

She is survived by her two sons, Hardy (Sally) Ratcliff and Mark (Judy) Ratcliff; a daughter, Carol Marshall; eight grandchildren, Nathan (Diana) Ratcliff, Elizabeth (Ethan) Newnum, Gretchen (Gage) Newcomer, Lois (Ryan) Bechtold, Rachel (Bryan) Ferguson, Roxie (Jon Dunavan) Marshall, Evan (Taylor) Ratcliff and Tyler (Cassandra) Ratcliff; 15 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ed; one brother, Robert Hardy; and two sisters, Mary Ann Brentlinger and Reva Hawkins.

Visitation will be at Sanders Funeral Care, 203 S 1st Street in Kingman on Friday, February 2, 2024 from 11:00am till the time of the funeral at 1:00pm with Pastor Kurt Flora officiating. Burial will follow at Kingman Fraternal Cemetery. Share memories and condolences online at [www.SandersFuneralCare.com](http://www.SandersFuneralCare.com).

## So, You Want to Read a Classic This Year...



SUSANNA HOWARD  
 Guest Columnist

Plenty of people resolve to read more in the new year. It's a good goal, at least in this librarian's opinion. Reading exercises your brain. It can introduce you to new words, new information, and new perspectives. It should be fun and relaxing, but the pressure to read is a source of frustration for many, many people. Classic literature is a particularly heinous offender in disillusioning potential bookworms. These books are held up as required reading if you want to call yourself an educated citizen of the world, but many diligent, intelligent people find them absolutely impossible. If you're going to read a classic work of literature, first of all, you should actually want to read the book. Shame is not enough. If you treat reading like a punishment, it will feel like a punishment. Building a good relationship with reading, as with anything, requires patience and positive

reinforcement, so read the summaries and pick out a classic that appeals to you – not just the one that will seem most impressive. Time has not been kind to classics. Jokes, references, and household objects that would have required no explanation to contemporary readers so clutter up the story that only half of the words on the page mean anything, and what remains is disjointed and shallow. Annotated editions add that context back in. If you or a loved one has taken an English class sometime in the last twenty years, you've probably heard of "No Fear Shakespeare", which provides the original text next to its modern equivalent. It's not a cop-out to have something explained clearly, it's an important part of teaching and learning. You can use that information to form your own opinions and practice researching and interpreting on

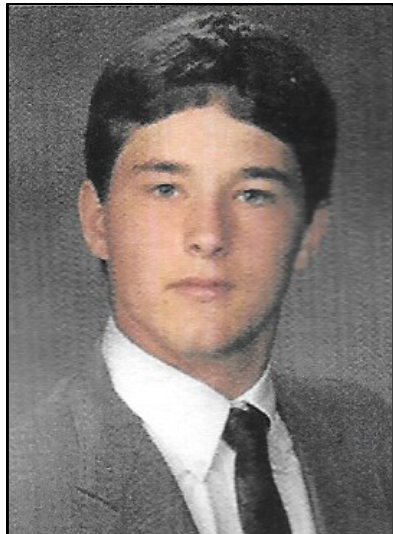
your own. It can be slow going, but the point of a book is to read it, not to have read it. Make the process fun! Join or form a book club; gossip about centuries-old plot twists and Jane Austen's most eligible bachelors. Remember that there is more than one way to enjoy a story. If you find yourself re-reading the same paragraph over and over, try listening to the audiobook. A good narrator can play the story like an instrument, drawing you in and making it unforgettable. If you think more visually, look for it as a graphic novel. Classics have the advantage of having been retold, adapted, and spun off in a million different ways since their original publication, so you have more avenues of approach available than with this week's bestseller. There's a reason these stories have endured so long and inspired so much. Are they better

than new releases? Not necessarily, but give one a fair shot and you might love it. Check out what's happening on our website at [www.cdpl.lib.in.us](http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us) or call us at 765-362-2242. The library is open Monday-Thursday 9a-9p, Friday-Saturday 9a-5p, and Sunday 1-5p. *Susanna Howard is a Library Assistant in the Reference and Local History department at CDPL.*

*The Crawfordsville District Public Library provides periodic updates on events, people and programs at our local Library for The Paper.*

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## Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do you recognize this person?

HINT:

*This 1992 North graduate might suggest that you slow down when driving too fast.*

Answer on Page A4

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Jacob but died at birth or near it while yet in Virginia) who must have passed and William to Montgomery County. Had to have taken a tough lady and would guess a lot of responsibility on WA's part their 13-year-old brother. A David Paxton (perhaps Patsy's brother) was appointed guardian for the Deitrick children when they came here (8-12-1851) for William and his five sisters.

Patsy was born on the first day of 1812 the daughter of William and Elizabeth Paxton and died here in November 1887. She was said to be a kind, loving mother, faithful Christian and good neighbor. The Deitrich family (most always spelled Deitrick) has different spellings, even in the same families. For instance, William A's tombstone has Deitrick as do two of his sons, but his other son, Ed always went by Dietrich. So, if you ever research this one e and i could switch as well as h and k! Many German names hold true to that. It is spelled quite a way back in Reichebach, Rheinland, Germany as Deitrick, however. Michael was the son of Jacob (1752-1830) who was the son of Johan William who remained in Germany (1734-1770) and he was in turn the son of John Jacob born 1699 died 1752. Martha Paxton's family didn't go too far as far as I could see but she was the daughter of William Paxton who was the son of Samuel, the son of Thomas who was born in Ireland.

William Alexander married Arminta Ann Gobon, (called Minty) daughter of Jesse J. and Arminta Plunkett Gobon; she was born 22 May 1841 and passed 22 Aug 1872, just 31, but there was time for their four children: Frank Blair; William Robert, Nina Theresa, Edgar Jessie, Frank going to Kansas City, Kansas but buried in Los Angeles; William Robert to Templeton, Ind and is buried in Tippecanoe County; Nina married George Watson and lived in Crawfordsville and Ed to Indianapolis. Robert worked for a travel company and produced William A. seven grandchildren; Frank the same; Nina, who was a practical nurse had no children I found and Ed fathered five and was a teamster for a Coal Company. WA later married Arminta's sister, Martha who was a widow.

A couple of different careers ranked in for WAD, one being a contractor for roadways having overseen the building of many in Parke, Putnam and Montgomery County, the other one part owner (along with Joel Deere, HJ Demaree, George Seybold and OM McCormick) and overseer of the Garland Dell Springs, which was basically the prelim for the Shades State Park. In the 1890s and early 1900s, the Garland Dell Springs had a nice hotel,

plenty of scenery obviously, as well as concerts, competitions and such. WA was great at promoting the hotel and all types of entertainments. Many church members, business men, clubs (even a girls' camping group long before Girl Scouts) loved to visit the Dells. The railroads made quite the fortune from the Shades giving great rates for excursions there and advertising it as the "Yosemite of the Hoosier State," or "The World's Most Picturesque Spot," and such. Round trip tickets from Noblesville in 1893 cost \$1; 50 cents for a hack from the Waveland railroad to the Shades area and 10 cents admission. The train even had a cool car to take the picnic baskets of food or for more money you could just eat at the "grand hotel" there. WAD would have liked that!

Besides these two careers, (and early on, farmed) WA had a 60-day job in January of 1907 while the Senate was in session to be the Door Keeper there and made a whopping \$5/day, a good amount for the times. On August 20, 1913, William Alexander Deitrick passed away after a brief illness with dropsy. He and Minty are buried at Youngs Chapel near Cherry Grove and again peering at his picture, I'm thinking I hear a bit of a laugh. At any rate, Rest In Peace Bill Dietrich!

**Katherine Baird Named to Dean's Honors List**

Katherine Baird of Crawfordsville, was named to the Dean's Honor List at Cedarville University for Fall 2023. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

**Waveland Student Graduates From Academy**

More than 40 students recently graduated from Indiana Connections Career Academy, a tuition-free full-time public virtual school, as part of the Class of 2024 - including Bryleigh Warren from Waveland. Indiana Connections Career Academy provides students with a safe, engaging environment that offers STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) and career-focused courses for specific skill development and career exposure.



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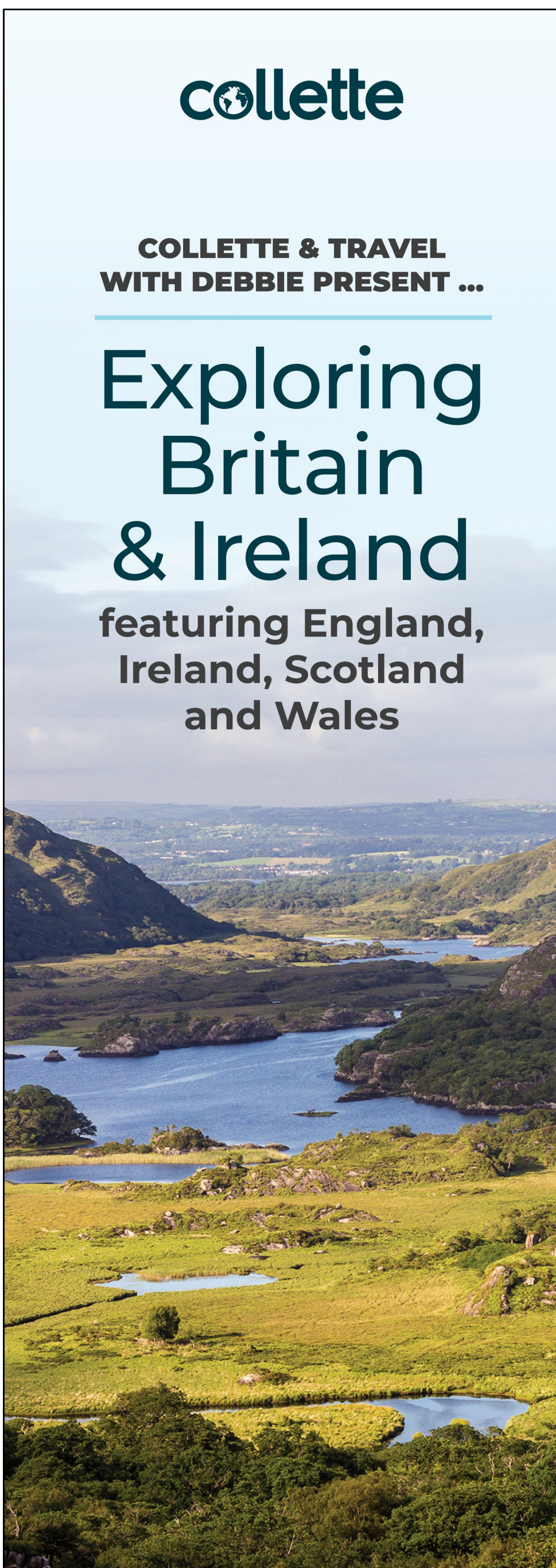
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**Dear Curious:** A rule called the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) will apply to your Social Security benefit because your IL state pension was earned without paying into the Social Security program. The basic rule is that anyone with a pension earned without contributing to Social Security, and who is also entitled to Social Security benefits, is subject to WEP, which reduces that person's Social Security retirement benefit. It's a law enacted many years ago to equalize how SS benefits are paid to all Social Security beneficiaries. However, the WEP rules also provide relief for those who have only a small non-covered pension, and for those who have separately contributed to Social Security for a lot of years. For example:

- The WEP reduction to your SS benefit cannot be more than 50% of your non-covered (IL) pension
- The WEP reduction is smaller for each year over 20 years contributing to Social Security from substantial earnings
- WEP does not apply to those who have at least 30 years contributing to SS from substantial earnings

Although you could retire at 63 and collect your pension from the university and also collect your WEP-reduced Social Security, you have something else to consider if you take another job which pays into Social Security. Social Security has an annual "earnings test" for those who collect benefits before their full retirement age (FRA). The earnings test limits how much you can earn while collecting early SS before they take away some of your benefits. The earnings limit for 2024 is \$22,320 and, if that is exceeded, you will lose \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. If your work earnings substantially exceed the earnings limit, you would likely be temporarily ineligible to receive Social Security benefits. FYI, the earnings test no longer applies once you reach your full retirement age, which for you is 67.

Without knowing your expected income from a new job, I can't say how much of your SS you would be able to receive, but you can use this as a guide: Social Security will take away benefits equal to half of what you exceed the annual earnings limit by, and they typically recover by withholding future benefits. If 12 months or more of benefits are withheld, you will be temporarily ineligible to receive benefits until your earnings are less, or you reach your full retirement age (the earnings test no longer applies once you reach your FRA). So, depending on your expected annual work earnings, you may wish to defer claiming your Social Security until you either earn less or reach 67 years of age. If you already have 26 years contributing to Social Security from "substantial earnings," your WEP reduction will already be mitigated, and any additional years of substantial earnings from which SS payroll taxes are deducted will result in an even smaller WEP reduction. If you can achieve 30 years of SS contributions from substantial work earnings, WEP will no longer apply. So, you may not be "stuck with" the WEP reduction permanently, but you will need to contact Social Security to request that your WEP reduction amount be reviewed in light of any additional years of SS-covered earnings (this should be done after you submit your income taxes each year you have additional SS-covered earnings).

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# Motor Vehicle Crashes into Home

On Wednesday, January 31st at approximately 5:26 p.m., the Crawfordsville Police Department, along with the Crawfordsville Fire Department, were called to the 1300 block of East Main Street in Crawfordsville in reference to a traffic accident where a

vehicle had struck a house. Upon arrival, Officers discovered a tan 2005 Lincoln Town Car that had crashed into the residence, with the front half of the car inside the residence. The driver, identified as 75-year-old Roger Hamilton, was transported to Franciscan Health hospital in Crawfordsville where

he later died. The house sustained significant damage, however no one in the residence was injured. Mr. Hamilton, who lived in the area of the crash, was believed to have suffered a medical emergency that had incapacitated him when the crash occurred. The incident is being investigated by the

Crawfordsville Police Department, with the assistance of an accident Reconstructionist, as well as the Montgomery County Coroner's office. If anyone has information on the incident, Crawfordsville Police Detective Bob Rivers can be contacted at 765 362-3762 ext. 233.

## Purdue Extension Column - Dining with Diabetes



**MONICA NAGELE**  
Guest Columnist

Do you have type 2 diabetes? Would you like to learn more about your disease and how to live well reducing your health risks? If so, Purdue Extension has a great program for you! Purdue Extension - Montgomery County is offering Dining with Diabetes again this year. A face-to-face offering will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 28, March 6, and 13 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Classes will be held at Fusion 54 in the PNC Conference Room each week. It is best to attend all 4 sessions. The Dining with Diabetes program is open to those with diabetes, their family members and caretakers. The series of four sessions is \$40/person and \$65/couple. Pre-registration and payment are required see details below. The educational programs and cooking school will help adults with type 2 diabetes control their blood sugar to feel better and reduce risk of health complication. Through this program you will learn how to prepare meals that are healthy and easy to prepare that taste good. You will get the opportunity to see several recipes demonstrated and taste each one. Participants of this program will learn up-to-date information on

nutrition, meal planning, exercise and how to understand common diabetes-related medical tests. All participants will be given recipes and handouts. Diabetes is a very serious and costly disease. According to the American Diabetes Association as of 2017, nearly 13% of Indiana's adult population has diabetes. Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes and is a life-long disease where there is high levels of sugar (glucose) in the blood. Type 2 Diabetes is often associated with older age, obesity, family history of diabetes, history of gestational diabetes, impaired glucose metabolism, physical inactivity and race/ethnicity. But research has shown that those who learn to manage their blood glucose (sugar) levels, eat a healthy diet and exercise regularly can lower their risks of complications and lead a healthier and more productive life. Purdue Extension Montgomery County is currently recruiting participants for this program. If you have been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, or know someone and are part of the support system for an individual and are interested in being a part of this program register at <https://cvent.me/ALAM2W> or log on to Purdue Extension Montgomery County website. Class's will be held at Fusion 54 PNC Conference

Room 2nd Floor. For questions or help registering, please call Purdue Extension office at 765-364-6363 or e-mail Monica at [monicanagele@purdue.edu](mailto:monicanagele@purdue.edu).

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# Carroll, Rowinski, others laid groundwork for Zach Edey at Purdue



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

Big Ten and National Player of the Year awards.

Edey became the second Boilermaker to reach 2,000 points along with 1,000 rebounds during Purdue's 68-60 victory at Rutgers on Sunday. All-American center Joe Barry Carroll (2,175 points and 1,148 rebounds) was the first of now six Big Ten Conference players to achieve that status. The others are Ohio State's Herb Williams (2,011 points-1,111 rebounds), Michigan State's Greg Kelsey (2,014 points-1,092 rebounds), Wisconsin's Ethan Happ (2,230 points-1,217 rebounds) and Indiana's Trayce Jackson-Davis (2,258 points-1,143 rebounds).

With 2,047 points and 1,102 rebounds, Edey needs just two blocked shots to become the third player in NCAA history with 2,000 points, 1,000 rebounds and 200 blocks while shooting at least 60 percent from the field. The amazing feats of the 440th ranked recruit in 247 Sports' composite rankings for the Class of 2020 are the latest in a string of unexpected success stories for Purdue basketball. We'll start this tale of overachievement with Carroll, who was so unheralded coming out of Denver East High School that the Lafayette Journal and Courier referred to him as "Barry Carroll" in its May 13, 1976 story that reported his signing. Discovered by Purdue assistant George Faerber, who was in Denver looking at another prospect, Carroll came to Denver East as an uncoordinated 6-8 junior.

"He hadn't caught up to his body and had a tough time making any moves," Carroll's high school coach, Rick Schraeder, told the Journal and Courier's Bruce Ramey in 1977. "He would bring the ball down on rebounds and kids who were 5-10 would tie him up." After averaging just 5.3

points and 5.2 rebounds his junior season, Carroll underwent an off-season weight lifting and conditioning program. "He worked for hours on agility drills and played a lot of playground and youth center games against college students and a couple of professional players," Schraeder said. "His improvement was just phenomenal.

"He was very receptive to coaching and knew who to listen to. He knew who could help him." Now standing 7 feet tall, Carroll had offers from Purdue, Missouri, Southern California, Oklahoma, Iowa and Kentucky according to Schraeder. The decision came down to Purdue and Missouri. "The places that had a lot of glitter and tried to wine and dine him didn't impress him as much as the places that were honest with him," Schraeder said. "Purdue and Missouri . . . both stressed academics and showed him what life on campus would be like. They painted a very realistic picture. I think he finally chose Purdue because he preferred the Big Ten over the Big 8."

Purdue head coach Fred Schaus knew he had a potential star on his hands early on. "Carroll's strength is his shot blocking and rebounding and that is what we are looking for," Schaus told the Journal and Courier. "He will play an important part in our program, even as a freshman."

Carroll became a fan favorite right from the start with his shot blocking skills in a backup role behind Tom Scheffler. On Dec. 10, 1977, Carroll recorded the only triple-double in Purdue history with 16 points, 16 rebounds and a school record 11 blocked shots in an 80-78 victory at Arizona. By the time Lee Rose arrived as head coach for the 1978-79 season, Carroll was ready to break out. He averaged 22.8 points, led the Big Ten in scoring and grabbed a school record 352 rebounds while earning first-team All-Big Ten honors. Carroll was nearly unstoppable his senior season, leading Purdue to the Final Four and earning first-team All-American and Big Ten

honors in the process. He scored 35 points in his final game as a Boilermaker, a consolation game victory against Iowa at the Final Four. That put Carroll's career total at 2,175, which remains second to Mount on Purdue's all-time scoring list. Carroll also left Purdue as the career record-holder for blocked shots (349). Carroll briefly crossed paths with another unexpected Purdue success story. There were no expectations when Jim Rowinski followed in his father and sister's paths to Purdue in 1980 from Syosset, Long Island. He had been cut from his high school basketball team as a 5-10 junior. The first of two major growth spurts, maturing into a 6-3 forward by the start of his senior year, helped Rowinski not only make the varsity but earn all-conference honors. When Rowinski arrived in West Lafayette, he answered a callout by Purdue coach Lee Rose to fill a spot on the "Renegades" practice squad. When Gene Keady replaced Rose before the 1980-81 season, he put Rowinski on scholarship. Now standing 6-8, Rowinski played in six games and put up a modest eight points and nine rebounds.

When Russell Cross struggled with knee ailments, Rowinski made his first start against Houston in December 1981 at the Sugar Bowl Classic in New Orleans. Rowinski held his own against future NBA legend Hakeem Olajuwon in a 59-58 loss. Rowinski grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds and scored nine points. The performance was even more impressive because after the game he was diagnosed with a slight shin fracture. That turned out to be a blessing for Rowinski and Purdue, which was able to redshirt him under the rules at that time. That offseason began Rowinski's transformation into a muscular center who earned the nickname "Mr. Atlas," according to a story by the Journal and Courier's Bob Scott. "It was tough to sit on the sidelines last year, but I made the best of it

by lifting weights and using a Nautilus," Rowinski told Scott. Rowinski gained national attention in a 1984 Sports Illustrated story, in which writer Curry Kirkpatrick called Rowinski "the Prince of Pecs" with "musculature reminiscent of the Sears Tower." That extra year turned out to be special for Rowinski, the Boilermakers and Keady. Purdue, picked to finish ninth, won a share of the 1984 Big Ten championship. Rowinski won the Chicago Tribune's Silver Basketball as the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player.

"One of the most amazing stories in college basketball," Keady said of Rowinski. A larger, even stronger version of Rowinski came along a few years later. Stephen Scheffler's choices coming out of high school included a football scholarship offer from Michigan. The 6-9, 255-pound Scheffler decided to follow in his brother Tom's footsteps and play basketball at Purdue. Scheffler was not ranked among the top 250 players in the 1986 recruiting class despite averaging 22 points and 17 rebounds as a high school senior. What Scheffler possessed in size, he lacked in confidence. A childhood diagnosis of dyslexia and the cruel teasing from other children left a deep wound in the thoughtful, polite young man. Former Indianapolis Star writer Mark Monteith got to know Scheffler during the 1987-88 season when he began work on his book, "Passion Play."

"You couldn't meet a more naïve, honest and sincere person," Monteith recalled on his website, markmontieth.com. "This is a guy, keep in mind, who was so polite he said thank you to the referee every time he was handed the ball to shoot a free throw." The teasing continued during his freshman year at Purdue, leading Scheffler to consider leaving.

"I looked at my situation and said, "Do I really want to play this game anymore?" Scheffler told the Journal and

Courier's Michael Perry in 1990.

Scheffler's faith gave him the strength to persevere. "I just didn't want to be happy for the sake of being happy," Scheffler told Perry. "That didn't make any sense. So in a prayer I said. 'It appears to me that this is what you wanted me to do. You wouldn't want me to quit or anything like that, God. So as long as you want me to be in this, could you at least make it enjoyable?' And believe it or not, it became enjoyable."

It wasn't so enjoyable for Purdue opponents, who could not stop Scheffler if he got the ball in scoring position. Scheffler left Purdue as its single-season and career field goal percentage leader (.685), as well as setting the NCAA career record.

And like Rowinski, Scheffler was named the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player. "Citizen Pain." "The Custodian" "That #&%\*!" Brian Cardinal was called plenty of names during his career at Purdue but the one that stuck was "winner."

Cardinal nearly willed coach Gene Keady to a Final Four in 2000. Not bad for someone who four years earlier didn't think he belonged in a Purdue uniform. Not recruited by his hometown Illinois Fighting Illini, for whom his father was the basketball athletic trainer, Cardinal accepted a scholarship to Purdue and redshirted his first season. Cardinal paid back the Illini by never losing to them in nine games while at Purdue. Cardinal's early onset hairline recession made him the butt of old-age jokes for much of his time at Purdue, but the career of the 6-8, 235-pound Boilermaker remains a testament to his versatility. He could score in the post and on the perimeter, finishing with 1,584 points, hitting 130 3-pointers and shooting 76.1 percent at the line. He could also rebound on both ends (749 rebounds), pass (277 assists) and defend, recording 99 blocks and 259 steals, second

all-time. Cardinal helped the Boilers reach three Sweet 16s and the Elite Eight in 2000.

He quickly became a fan favorite, inspiring the Journal and Courier in 1997 to hold a nickname contest. "Citizen Pain" was the winner, suggested by a local middle school student. Other contenders included "Rawhide, The Janitor, Fall Guy and Tolono Terror," a nod to Cardinal's hometown. About the same time Cardinal was beginning to make an impact in the Big Ten, Willie Deane decided to walk on at Purdue after leaving Boston College following the 1998-99 season. Deane had followed his family to Fort Wayne, where his father was transferred by General Electric. No one on Keady's coaching staff had any idea who Deane was until he asked for a tryout.

"He started playing in some pickup games with our guys and asked if he could try out," Purdue assistant Jim Thrash told the Journal and Courier's Jeff Washburn. "We don't know a lot about him other than he's a good athlete and a nice kid."

After sitting out the 1999-2000 season, Deane made an immediate impact. He scored 16 points, including Purdue's final four, in the 72-69 upset of No. 1 Arizona in the John Wooden Classic at Indianapolis.

"I was just looking for an opportunity to play," Deane told Washburn in 2003. "I knew that if I worked hard enough, my work ethic eventually would pay off." That season, Deane earned first-team All-Big Ten honors. "It's just amazing how much he has grown over the years and learned how to play the game right," Keady said at the time. "I certainly have a great deal of respect for his attitude being positive."

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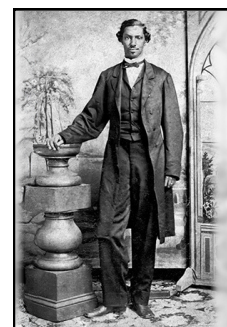
# Wabash College Honors Legacy of First Black Student

Wabash College will honor the life and legacy of John R. Blackburn, the College's first black student, in a series of events Feb. 5-6 to mark the start of Black History Month. Timothy Lake, associate professor of English and Black studies at Wabash, will give a keynote address about Blackburn's life at 7 p.m. on Monday in the Fine Arts Center's Salter Hall. A rite of return service will be held at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday at Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church. Seventeen of Blackburn's descendants will gather on the Wabash campus to celebrate and honor his legacy.

Blackburn arrived at Wabash in January 1857 to begin his study in the preparatory department. Because of racial tensions on campus and in town, he was asked to return home two weeks later. While there have been scant details about his experiences for 167 years, Lake has researched Blackburn's early life and legacy. Blackburn was born in Essex County, Va. in 1841 to his owner William Blackburn and enslaved mother Fannie Randol (or Randall). William freed Fannie and their eight children in 1849 and relocated them to Cincinnati. John was educated in the Cincinnati Public

Colored Schools and received private tutoring by the city's leading physician, Israel Stone Dodge. It was Dodge's recommendation that brought him to Wabash College. Instead of residing on campus, Blackburn, then 16 years old, stayed with James Askins, a barber and esteemed colored citizen of the time. After two weeks, he was "sent away" from the College. Wabash historians knew that there had been a black student on campus in 1857, but his name and what became of him after leaving Crawfordsville was unknown. Lake's research

discovered that Blackburn was a pioneering educator throughout his life. After leaving Wabash, he returned to Cincinnati and resumed his preparatory studies with private tutors. He studied Greek and Latin with students from Lane Theological Seminary. In 1859, he was admitted to Dartmouth College. His father's death, mother's illness, and the start of the Civil War forced him to leave Dartmouth. In 1861, he took the position of Principal of Colored Education in Xenia, Ohio. In 1883, Dartmouth College awarded him a Master of Arts degree. He spent 62 years in education.



**John R. Blackburn**

"The story of John Blackburn's time at Wabash teaches us many important lessons," said Wabash President Scott Feller. "While we are proud of our long tradition of providing access to an excellent liberal arts education to students traditionally underserved by higher education, we must understand that our



**Timothy Lake**

history is full of stories like John's. Many students throughout our history have had difficult paths to and through Wabash, and by understanding those challenges, we become a stronger, more welcoming institution." The keynote address and rite of return service are free and open to the public.



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while it often makes life easier, it also puts everyday Hoosiers at greater risk," Rokita said. "Cyber-attacks happen far too often, and our identities are vulnerable with any online activity. The best thing Hoosiers can do is educate themselves and stay on high alert."

Cyber-attacks do not only affect schools and businesses. Whether it is the result of a data breach, phishing scam, or hack, identity theft can happen to anyone at any given time, including children.

According to the Identity Theft Resource Center, there were more than 353 million victims of ID theft in 2023. The Office of the Attorney General suggests all Hoosiers read the following to avoid, detect, and respond to this crime:

### Tips to protect you and your family:

- Do not conduct any sensitive transactions, including purchases, on a public Wi-Fi network.
- Create a unique password for each online account and change often.
- Don't click on anything in unsolicited emails or text messages.
- Be careful with the information you and your family share on social media. Sharing things like pet names, schools, and family members can give scammers the hints they need to guess your passwords or the answers to your account security questions.
- Place a security freeze on your credit reports to block an identity thief from opening a new account or obtaining credit in your name and keep new creditors from

accessing your credit report without your permission

### Common clues someone has stolen your identity:

- Bank account transactions you can't explain.
- Unfamiliar accounts or charges on your credit report.
- Medical bills for services you didn't use.
- A health plan won't cover you because your medical records show a condition you don't have.
- The IRS notifies you that more than one tax return was filed in your name, or that you have income from an employer you don't work for.

### What to do right away if your identity is stolen:

- Call the companies where you know the fraud occurred.
- Place a security freeze and request a free credit report with all three credit unions, Experian, Transunion, and Equifax.
- Any Indiana resident can request a credit freeze free of charge. There is no fee for Indiana residents to place, temporarily lift, remove or request a new password or PIN.
- Contact Attorney General Rokita's office if you believe you are a victim of identity theft by visiting gov/attorneygeneral or call us at 1-800-382-5516.
- For additional tips, you may also visit identitytheft.gov, a site maintained by the Federal Trade Commission.

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are using people to funnel stolen money out of the country. This can look like a classic romance scam, but victims are tricked into illegal activity and can be prosecuted.

### How the scam works:

You join a dating app and start messaging someone who looks amazing. They are the complete package: good-looking, successful, kind... and, most importantly, really into you, too! After chatting for a little while, your new love interest suggests that you chat by text or email rather than through the app. If you do that, you may notice that they also delete their dating profile. Everything seems great, but soon, your new beau has some unusual - but seemingly harmless - requests. They want you to receive money for them and wire it overseas. They may claim to be helping a loved one battling COVID-19, doing a business deal, or representing a charitable organization. If you refuse, your amorous new beau may become hostile, threaten you, or become distant.

It turns out that the money they want you to receive is stolen. After stealing it, scammers send the money through someone in the United States, making it harder for authorities to trace. Money laundering and wire fraud are illegal! Although the "money mule" is a victim, they may also face prosecution.

### Protect yourself from this scam:

- **Do your research.** Many scammers steal photos from the internet to use in their dating profiles. You can do a reverse image lookup using a website like Google Images to see if the photos on a profile have been stolen from somewhere else. You can also search online for a profile name, email, or phone number to see what adds up and what doesn't. Scammers most often pose as men and target women in their 50s and 60s.
- **Ask specific questions about details given in a profile.** A scammer may stumble over remembering details or making a story fit

- **Never send money or sensitive personal information to someone you've never met in person.** Cut off contact if someone starts asking you for financial or personally identifiable information (PII), like your credit card number or government ID number.

- **Be very suspicious of requests to wire money or use a pre-paid debit card.** These are scammers' favorite ways to send payments because, like cash, it can't be recovered once the money is gone.

For more information and to learn how to protect yourself, Google "BBB 10 Steps to Avoid Scams". If you spot a scam, whether you have lost money or not, report it to BBB's Scam Tracker at BBB.org/ScamTracker and the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov. Your story can help protect consumers from similar scams.

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