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TODAY'S VERSE

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Meet Bess

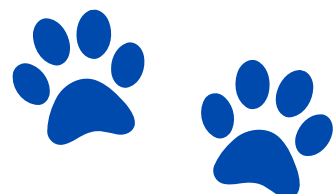


Bess is an 8 year old female American Pit Bull Terrier available to foster and/or adopt (since 1/10/24) from The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL). Bess is a senior that enjoys the finer things in life like a comfy bed and being showered with love/attention. Bess is looking for her best friend. Could that be you? Bess is available for adoption, to foster, or just simply going out for walks. Come say hi!

Meet Kush



Kush is a 7 year old female Siberian Husky that has been at the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL) since 8/15/2021 (918 days). Let's find Kush a furrever home! Kush LOVES going for walks, playing fetch, running zoomies in a fenced yard, and being showered with love/treats! Kush is a high energy gal that would thrive with an active family or a fenced in yard. Kush is spayed and up to date on all of her shots. Kush is looking for her best friend. Could that be you? Kush is available for adoption, to foster, or just simply going out for walks. Come say hi!!



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Ask Rusty – About Medicare's Dreaded "IRMAA" Provision



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty: My wife is on Medicare and receiving Social Security benefits each month. We built a house and used money from our investments to pay for it. We knew we would pay taxes on that withdrawal, but my wife got a letter from Social Security saying that because the money we withdrew was listed as income, her 2024 Medicare premium went up over \$500. And since Medicare is taken out of her Social Security, that results in a \$6,000 loss to our budget. Is there anything that can be done about this situation? We sent a letter to Social Security, but they responded that unless her situation was one of only a few categories (loss of

house, divorce, etc.) nothing could be done for the year. The money was used strictly on another investment - our new house. It wasn't like we took it out and spent it wildly. Can you please advise?

Signed: Frustrated Homeowner

Dear Frustrated: Unfortunately, it sounds like your wife is a victim of the Medicare provision known as "IRMAA" - the "Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount." Each person's Medicare Part B premium (coverage for outpatient healthcare) is determined yearly from their income from all

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Help Slam the Scam on March 7



National Slam the Scam Day is March 7. On National Slam the Scam Day and throughout the year, the Social Security Administration gives you the tools to recognize Social Security-related scams and stop scammers from stealing your money and personal information.

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Hoosiers Ditching Coffins for Human Composting

Since time immemorial, contemplating one's own funeral has been an inherently awkward yet unavoidable aspect of life. Traditionally, the decision

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Meet MoCo's River Boat Captain



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

In researching the year, 1859 for one of the upcoming Montgomery Memories, I tallied those who had passed that year here in MoCo. Andrew Wineland was listed as buried here but 99% sure he is not. However, I found (actually probably refound as I know I've written about his brother, who was murdered by his own son who thought he was being disinherited - sadly, he was not) a great ATC subject in Andrew! Oddly, Andrew wasn't here too long, following his brothers, two of whom with Andrew took out government land, all three in Brown Township, Sections 10 and 11 very near each other. Dan came first, getting his original land on Jan 30, 1828 then brother Fred, the one snuffed out by his son, Milton. Then on 3 Jan 1831, Andrew got his property. The first two brothers remained here but Andrew was gone by May 1836 when he married Margaret Ivers in Greene Co IL. The other Wineland brothers, Joseph went to Union Co IL and Wallace went to Missouri where Andrew went shortly after marrying. By 1850, the only census Andrew is in as head of household, he was in St. Charles (St. Louis) Missouri. At that point, he was building an amazing career as not only a sought-after engineer, but as a boatman and within the nine years he had left in his life, would prove to be one of the very best ever on the Missouri River. The Winelands had a total of seven children, Charles Jonathan dying of pneumonia at age 22; Walter, having had quite an extensive education died in the poor house in 1902 after working as a clerk in several St. Louis stores. Finlay died at age two. Margaret Missouri, their oldest born 3 March 1837 lived to be 70, married James Bartlett in 1858 and had at least one daughter, Hattie and a son, Andrew. Clara, the youngest Wineland was born about a

➡ See KAREN Page A3

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

In addition to keeping track of what you eat, also determine how and why you eat to try and find ways to cut back. 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



THREE THINGS You Should Know

- 1 Purdue Federal Credit Union made a lot of animals (and humans) happy recently. The financial institution donated \$2,225 to a Tippecanoe County animal shelter (Loving Heart). The money was raised from a promotion where members had the option of skipping a credit card, auto loan or personal loan payment for a fee. A portion of the fee went to the donation.
- 2 New for this year's Indiana Individual income tax return is a deduction for military pay earned by Hoosiers who are active or reserve members of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard. Retired military service members, or their surviving spouse, may also be eligible for this deduction. This deduction is equal to the actual amount of military income received (i.e., military pay, retirement pay, and/or survivor's benefits) or \$5,000, whichever is less. Find more information in Information Bulletin #27.
- 3 Hoosiers ranked 11th in the U.S. in search interest for weight loss drugs such as Wegovy and Zepbound. The latest generation of weight loss medications have gained significant attention for their reported effectiveness in aiding weight loss. The top ten states by their search interest scores: Delaware, North Dakota, West Virginia, Mississippi, Rhode Island, Arkansas, Alabama, Missouri and Michigan. Kind of makes you proud to be a Hoosier, huh!

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Make Friday a day to celebrate work well done that you can be proud of knowing that you just didn't put in time to the next paycheck."
Byron Pulsifer

TODAY'S JOKE

At the interview the boss said the starting salary was \$30,000 but later on could go up to \$50,000. The interviewee smiled and said, "Great! I'll start later on!"

THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

West Central Indiana CTE is hosting a Student Job Fair and Community Expo on April 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Crawfordsville High School. More than 1,000 students from Crawfordsville, North, South and Western Boone will be in attendance. Students are current juniors or seniors, and many are interested in full-time or part-time employment, internships or apprenticeships, seasonal jobs and training opportunities. There is no cost to participate. Each employer/organization will be provided a 6' table and two chairs. We ask that you plan to bring your own table covering and any other promotional items for your booth. Deadline to register is March 15. Contact Samantha Cotten at scotten@cville.k12.in.us for more information.



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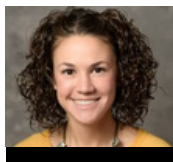


Bridging Food Insecurity Gap, One Meal at a Time



Photo courtesy Purdue Extension

4-H Junior Leaders recently partnered with Kids Against Hunger to package meals for those in need in the community.



ABBY MORGAN

Guest Columnist

The Montgomery County 4-H Junior Leaders are a special group of youth. Not only do they serve as positive role

models and leaders for other 4-H members, they understand how to work together to meet a need in the community. One need in our community is hunger. Think hunger is just a problem that effects larger cities or other countries? According to a 2020 statistic, 13.9 percent of children in Montgomery County are food insecure. This means that they lack access, at times, to enough

food for an active, healthy lifestyle. At their February meeting, they partnered with Kids Against Hunger to package meals for those in need in the community. The mission of Kids Against Hunger is to provide fully nutritious food to children and families globally and locally. In just a short amount of time, 31 Junior Leaders packed 9 boxes, with each box containing 36 packages of food. Each package equals 6 meals. In total, they helped provide 1,944 meals for those in need. It took teamwork, communication, and leadership to work together to fill, weigh, seal, and pack meals that would help benefit those in our local community.

It is never too late to enroll in the 4-H program and join Junior Leaders. This additional leadership opportunity is for 4-H youth currently in grades 7-12. To enroll, please visit <https://v2.4honline.com> or visit the Montgomery County Extension office at 400 Parke Avenue, Crawfordsville. The program fee for enrolling in 4-H is \$15 per child and mini 4-H (grades K-2) is free. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Extension office at (765)364-6363.

Abby Morgan is the 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator for Purdue Extension Montgomery County.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do you recognize these two fellows?

HINT:

The photos are from 1969 when they were sophomores at Linden High School.

Answer on Page A4



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Curtain Going Up on Wabash Spring Theater Season

The Wabash Theater Department will be opening up its spring season with a chilling and relentlessly-paced play that explores intrigue, memory, and humanity. The explosively provocative "Death and the Maiden" runs through Saturday with performances at 8 p.m. in Ball Theater. Tickets are free and can be reserved through the Fine Arts Center Box Office. Written by Ariel Dorfman, "Death and the Maiden" is set in an unnamed country that has just emerged from a totalitarian dictatorship. It focuses on the story of Paulina, a former political prisoner, who finds herself face to face with the man she believes was her captor. Director Heidi Winters Vogel advised that the award-winning drama is not appropriate for children, as viewers will witness strong language, theatrical gun use, threats of violence, and stories of torture and trauma including sexual violence.

"Audiences can expect to be deeply moved, but also challenged about how we envision justice," Winters Vogel said. "Paulina has never seen the man's face who abused her, but she's absolutely certain it's him based on his voice. And it's really hard for us as viewers to know the truth as both of the men in the play—her own husband and the man accused—treat her as if she's crazy. So, do we believe her? How do we get justice in that kind of a situation?" "She's been traumatized by this for years, and she finally takes control and says, 'I'm going to advocate for myself.' But the end of the play doesn't give you a clear answer about how the characters end up and what actions are made," she continued. "What's important is how you as the audience are grappling with the ideas of justice, reliability of witnesses, and listening to victims." The cast of "Death and the Maiden" includes Robin

Vogel, a 2023 Albright College graduate, as Paulina; Alex Schmidt '27 as Gerardo (husband); and Preston Parker '26 as Roberto. Kade Irwin '25 is the production stage manager. The production includes scenic design by David BW Vogel, costume design by Andrea Bear, and lighting design by Bailey L. Rosa. Performing in a play that examines the darker side of humanity was challenging for the Wabash student actors and her own daughter, Winters Vogel said, but it was also an educational experience. "We handled the story very carefully," she said. "That's something I really love about theater—the ability for us to tell stories that make big issues, personal." The cast was given "tools for separating themselves from the characters," and practiced checking in and checking out of rehearsals where they would openly reflect on how they were feeling about the



Photo courtesy Wabash College

"Death and the Maiden" runs through Saturday with performances at 8 p.m. in Ball Theater.

production and in their personal lives. They also went through an extensive process of consent training, identifying where it was OK for another actor to physically touch. "There's a lot of little rituals and routines that we go through to protect them while also honoring these people's stories," Winters

Vogel said, "because even though this one is made up, there's a likelihood lots of people have experienced such trauma." Winters Vogel is very proud of the time and care the cast has put in over the past several weeks to perfect the production and encourages the community to come support "Death and the Maiden."

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year before her father passed (22 April 1858) in St. Louis married Samuel Root but sadly, passed away at age 24, no children I don't believe. Now, not real sure what happened to Francis (Frank) or James, but think in 1874 these two lived in Denver Colorado, staying in the same boarding house (Planter's) with James (goes along with dad) listed as an assistant engineer for DCWW Company and Frank as a fireman there. Sure wish I could have rounded these two up. As a whole, they all died young, didn't marry or if they did, had no children.

As far as their mother, Margaret Ivers goes, she lived at 5489 Vernon Avenue when she passed away in Feb 1902, having never remarried, in each census living with her children who were left or them with her. Oddly, for years, the property where they lived at Andrew's Death on Spring Street was in courts over and over again as well as a piece of property (up until 1945 over 90 years later) in Atchison, Kansas.

But, let's talk Andrew. As a pilot, he worked long and hard usually from March through November, running both freight and passengers from St. Joseph to Bluff City every two weeks, leaving at 5 in the evening. Example: March 4 and 18th on Tuesday and would return the alternate Mondays. In 1854, he made the trip to Louisville where he oversaw the building of a new mail line. On his down time from his regular trips (Dec - Feb) he would often be used as a consultant. In fact, he was much in demand for some such quite a bit, especially after promoting his James H. Lucas, which was quite impressive. In 1856, he oversaw and worked side by side with his workers to repair, refurbish and make every improvement possible for safety, comfort and convenience. Prior to Andrew (using his engineer knowledge)

redoing the James H, the boat Clara, Capt. Isaac McKee, a newlywed had the fastest run and was quite proud, having made St. Louis to St. Joseph in two days and 20 hours. Nabbing that record, Andrew and the James H did it in eight hours less and continued to do so at each passing. The last of his boats still carried his name and ads for several months after his death, suppose to promote the boat, which was the Omaha. Just a short time before he passed away, he and the Omaha returned with quite a story about the Omaha Indians coming in and telling of many of their own killed by the Sioux. Eight were dead and they had only gotten six. Capt. Wineland warned for all to be careful. It is still up for grabs as to where Andrew was born, his brothers born in different states (Maryland, Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana although sure that was in incorrect) but his death notation in the Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis notes that he was born in Kentucky, was 50 and lived on Spring Street. 99% sure he is not buried in Hallett Cemetery where he is listed. There are two exact Andrew Wineland stones on FindAGrave, one is his nephew who is buried there. That stone is not his and makes no sense that his wife would take him back (with all those kiddos) to a place where she'd never lived and may never have even been to be buried when they lived not far from a fairly new cemetery where they had already buried two of their own children and where he is listed as buried. Sadly, she must not have had money to put him up a stone, though. When I sent in better dates for his wife, didn't ask but whoever took care of that connected them and put him in Bellafontaine (as I sent in the proof he was buried there and noted he was erroneously listed at Hallett). I was pleased! Now, he has a permanent and correct placing as is well deserved!

F.C. Tucker West Central Adds New Agent

Tia Stultz is joining the real estate team at F.C. Tucker West Central in Crawfordsville. A native of Fountain County, Tia has been a resident of Montgomery County for the past 16 years, where she has established deep roots alongside her husband Seth and their two children, Ethan and Ella, and a daughter-in-law Eleonora. Tia's journey into real estate began with an interest in interior design, which blossomed while purchasing her family's last home. This experience ignited her passion for the real estate process and inspired her to pursue a career as a licensed

agent. Prior to joining F.C. Tucker West Central, Tia accumulated years of experience in sales, sharpening her organizational skills and communication expertise. Her commitment to providing exceptional customer service and building lasting client relationships has been a hallmark of her professional career. "We are delighted to welcome Tia Stultz to our team," said Chad Hess, Broker/Owner at F.C. Tucker West Central. "Tia's strong ties to the community, coupled with her dedication to client satisfaction, make her a perfect fit for our



Tia Stultz

agency. We are confident that she will excel in her role and continue to uphold our standards of excellence in serving our clients." For more information, you can also visit her website at TalkToTucker.com/Tia.Stultz.

Federal grants available for specialty crops

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), is seeking project proposals from Indiana's specialty crop sector for funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. "Beyond traditional row crops and livestock agriculture, Indiana is home to a robust specialty crop sector," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "I look forward to seeing what projects are selected for this year's funding allocation as we continue to support this impressive sector of our agricultural economy." The USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program offers federal funding annually to state departments of agriculture to support their specialty crop

industries. This year, Indiana will be allocating \$471,000.00 to selected projects. Eligible projects must enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in Indiana, defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, horticulture and nursery crops. Funding will not be awarded to projects that benefit a particular commercial product, or provide a profit to a single organization, institution or individual. Each project must identify at least one of the USDA performance measures that specifically demonstrate the project's impact on enhancing the competitiveness of eligible specialty crops. ISDA is seeking projects that have objectives such as: increasing consumption and consumer purchasing, increasing access and

distribution, increasing food safety knowledge and processing, developing new seed varieties and improving environmental sustainability, among other things. ISDA and USDA encourage applications that benefit smaller farms, new and beginning farmers, underserved producers, veteran producers and underserved communities. Applications open on Feb. 22, 2024 and are due by 12:00 p.m. ET on March 22, 2024. Proposals must be submitted online through the Indiana State Department of Agriculture's Grants Management System. Indiana Specialty Crop Block Grant application resources are located on ISDA's Grants and Funding Opportunities website.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

Answer: Daryl Warren and Keith Airey

PUBLIC NOTICES

**Notice of Public Hearing
Crawfordsville Common Council**

Please take notice that on 12 February 2024, the Crawfordsville Common Council passed a preliminary resolution declaring that certain property in the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana as an economic revitalization area. Council Resolution No. 2-2024 is available in the City-Clerk Treasurer's office. This resolution declared the Common Council of the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana (the "Council") has been requested by Spartech LLC, (the "Applicant") to designate the property on Crawford Drive (Parcel 54-07-33-200-006.000-028) (the "Real Estate") as an Economic Revitalization Area (an "ERA") under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 (the "Act"); the Council has prepared a simplified description of the Area or maps and plans that identify the Area, which are available for inspection in the City Clerk Treasurer's Office; the Area is located within the Council's jurisdiction under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-2; the Applicant plans install manufacturing equipment to increase business efficiencies (the "Improvements"). These personal property improvement costs are described in an Application and a related Statement of Benefits submitted by the Applicant to the Council (collectively, the "Application"); the Council has reviewed the Application; the Applicant has requested that the Council approve rehabilitation or redevelopment of personal property tax abatement for ten years; and the improvement of the Area described in the Application will be of public utility and will be to the benefit and welfare of all citizens and taxpayers of the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana ("City"); and based on the foregoing, the Council hereby finds that (1) the Area is within the City, and (2) the Area has become undesirable for, or impossible of, normal development and occupancy because of a lack of development, cessation of growth, or deterioration of improvements or character of occupancy, age, obsolescence, substandard buildings, or other factors that have impaired values or prevent a normal development of property or property use. The Council makes the following findings: 1. The estimate of the value of the redevelopment or rehabilitation is reasonable for projects of this nature. 2. The estimate of the number of individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed described redevelopment or rehabilitation. 3. The estimate of the annual salaries of those individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed described redevelopment or rehabilitation. 4. The other benefits about which information was requested are benefits that can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed described redevelopment or rehabilitation. 5. The total benefits are sufficient to justify the granting of the deduction. The Area is hereby declared to be an "economic revitalization area" under the Act. 6. The Statement of Benefits is hereby approved and the Real Estate described hereinabove is hereby designated as an ERA pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-1 et seq. 7. That the Council has considered the factors set forth in I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-17 and the Applicant is granted a ten-year personal property tax deduction schedule as set forth in the Abatement Schedule. The Council fixes 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2023 in the City Council Chambers, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, for the public hearing of remonstrances and objections from persons interested in the Project. At this hearing, the Council will take final action relative to this preliminary resolution and finally determine whether the Real Estate should be designated as an ERA and whether the ten-year personal property tax deductions should be granted as set forth in the Abatement Schedule. A copy of this preliminary resolution and the final resolution shall be filed with the City Clerk Treasurer and Montgomery County Assessor. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to attend, hear, or present evidence at the public hearing and is in need of reasonable accommodation, please contact the Crawfordsville Director of Operations and Community Development at 765-364-5160 or ballen@crawfordsville-in.gov.

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Pursuant to the laws of the Indiana General Assembly and by resolution of the Montgomery County Commissioners, notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or items of real property are listed for sale for delinquent taxes and/or special assessments. Pursuant to a change in law, this publication will appear only once in newspapers. Subsequent notices can be found at www.montgomerycounty.in.gov.

The minimum sale prices listed below are less than the minimum sale prices when offered in the immediately preceding county tax sale held under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 and include all fees and expenses of the county directly attributable to the Commissioners' Certificate Sale. The Montgomery County Commissioners will accept bids for the certificates of sale, for the price referred to in IC 6-1.1-24-6.1(a)(3).

The public auction will be conducted as an electronic sale under IC 6-1.1-24-2(b)10, at the following web site: www.zeusauction.com. The public auction will begin on 04/17/2024 at 9:00 AM local time. The properties in the online auction will commence closing at 4:00 PM local time on 04/17/2024 at www.zeusauction.com. Each property will have its specific closing time posted on the auction web site.

If you are interested in participating in this public auction, registration information and the procedures you must follow to bid are available online at https://www.zeusauction.com. In order to participate, you must become a member of the auction web site (www.zeusauction.com). You must read, understand and agree to the rules of sale and payment terms. Once you become a member of the auction web site, you must register for the Montgomery County auction, specifically.

Please note that in order to bid in the online public auction, you must both complete IRS Form W-9 and agree to the registration statement described at IC 6-1.1-24-5.3(c)electronically, through the auction web site.

Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-5.1, a business entity that seeks to register to bid in an Indiana Commissioners' Certificate Sale must provide to the county treasurer, a Certificate of Existence or Foreign Registration Statement in accordance with IC 5-23 from the Secretary of State.

Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-3(e), property descriptions may be omitted for properties appearing on the certified list in consecutive years. A complete property list may be obtained at www.sriservices.com or in an alternative form upon request.

A person redeeming each tract or item of real property after the sale of the certificate must pay: (A) the amount of the minimum bid under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 for which the tract or item of real property was last offered for sale; (B) ten percent (10%) of the amount for which the certificate is sold; (C) the attorney's fees and costs of giving notice under IC 6-1.1-25-4.5; (D) the costs of a title search or of examining and updating the abstract of title for the tract or item of real property; (E) all taxes and special assessments on the tract or item of real property paid by the purchaser after the sale of the certificate plus interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum on the amount of taxes and special assessments paid by the purchaser on the redeemed property; and (F), all costs of sale, advertising costs, and other expenses of the county directly attributable to the sale of the certificate.

If the certificate is sold for an amount more than the minimum bid under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 for which the tract or item of real property was last offered for sale and the property is not redeemed, the owner of record of the tract or item of real property who is divested of ownership at the time the tax deed is issued may have a right to the tax sale surplus.

Indiana law prohibits a person who owes delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, or costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, from purchasing tracts or items of real property at a tax sale. Prior to bidding at a tax sale, each bidder must affirm under the penalties for perjury that he or she does not owe delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, amounts from a final adjudication in favor of a political subdivision in this county, any civil penalties imposed for the violation of a building code or ordinance of this county, or any civil penalties imposed by a health department in this county. Further, each bidder must acknowledge that any successful bid made in violation of the above statement is subject to forfeiture. In the event of forfeiture, the bid amount shall be applied to the delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs, judgments, or civil penalties of the ineligible bidder, and a certificate will be issued to the county executive.

The Commissioners specifically reserve the right to withhold from the sale any parcel which has been listed in error, or which otherwise becomes ineligible for sale either prior to the start or during the duration of the auction. The Auditor's Office does not warrant the accuracy of the key numbers or street addresses published herein and any misstatement in the key number or street address does not invalidate an otherwise valid sale.

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542300042 54-02-08-334-049.000-017 \$75.00 BUSH KIMBERLA F PT
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PT SWQ 2-18-4 1A SE OF 2974 E US HWY 136 CRAWFORDSVILLE
542300057 54-10-19-111-001.059-025 \$75.00 BROOKSTONE
BUILDERS LLC S. OF 3002 S WILLOWBROOK DR
542300067 54-06-35-400-034.000-027 \$75.00 BUSH JASON K PT EH
NEQ 35-19-5 49 A NORTH OF 2066 W COUNTRY CLUB RD
542300087 54-07-32-444-070.000-030 \$75.00 DREYER SAMUEL
WILLIS PT LOTS 11 & 12 LEES ADD 106 S PINE ST
Total Number of Properties: 5

I hereby certify that the above real properties have been offered in one tax sale, have not received a bid for at least the amount required under I.C. 6-1.1-24-5 and have been identified in a resolution of the Board of Commissioners for Montgomery County, Indiana, to be offered for sale.

Mindy Byers, Auditor, Montgomery County Indiana.

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| | Local Fund Number | Local Fund Name | Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan. 1, 2023 | Receipts | Disbursements | End Cash & Inv Bal Dec. 31, 2023 |
| Governmental Activities | 1101 | GENERAL FUND | \$104,977.45 | \$158,829.55 | \$161,490.76 | \$102,316.24 |
| | 2201 | MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY | \$9,506.05 | \$12,161.63 | \$12,518.66 | \$9,149.02 |
| | 2202 | LOCAL ROAD & STREET | \$5,499.91 | \$3,923.61 | \$4,000.00 | \$5,423.52 |
| | 2203 | MVH RESTRICTED | \$6,720.19 | \$6,653.86 | \$10,000.00 | \$3,374.05 |
| | 2228 | LOCAL LAW ENF CONT ED | \$792.96 | \$12.00 | \$0.00 | \$804.96 |
| | 2235 | RIVERBOAT | \$3,755.61 | \$1,737.62 | \$1,979.60 | \$3,513.63 |
| | 2236 | RAINY DAY | \$7,632.17 | \$0.00 | \$6,000.00 | \$1,632.17 |
| | 2240 | LIT - PUBLIC SAFETY | \$18,949.77 | \$32,080.00 | \$23,931.53 | \$27,098.24 |
| | 2256 | OPIOID SETTLE- MENT UNRESTR. | \$474.59 | \$84.92 | \$0.00 | \$559.51 |
| | 2257 | OPIOID SETTLE- MENT RESTR. | \$1,107.39 | \$248.11 | \$248.11 | \$1,107.39 |
| | 2300 | HOLIDAY DONA- TIONS FUND | \$384.56 | \$2,306.54 | \$2,076.01 | \$615.09 |
| | 2301 | PARK & RECRE- ATION | \$558.55 | \$270.00 | \$0.00 | \$828.55 |
| | 2402 | OCRA WATER GRANT WW-21-124 | \$0.00 | \$36,600.00 | \$36,600.00 | \$0.00 |
| | 2476 | ARP GRANT | \$34,623.39 | \$7,000.00 | \$17,215.00 | \$24,408.39 |
| | 2500 | COMMUNITY ROOM | \$3,051.88 | \$1,800.00 | \$2,716.62 | \$2,135.26 |
| | 4401 | CUM CAP IMP - CIG TAX | \$2,660.35 | \$560.89 | \$1,511.68 | \$1,709.56 |
| | 4402 | CCD/CUM CAP DE- VELOPMENT | \$6,655.20 | \$3,255.44 | \$4,000.00 | \$5,910.64 |
| | 6106 | BONY - SRF DW - BOND & INTER- EST - 699010 | \$0.00 | \$1,329.24 | \$0.00 | \$1,329.24 |
| | 6107 | BONY - SRF DW - DEBT RESERVE - 699011 | \$0.00 | \$784.02 | \$0.00 | \$784.02 |
| | 6109 | BONY - SRF DW FORGIVEABLE LOAN | \$0.00 | \$1.00 | \$0.00 | \$1.00 |
| | 6604 | TRASH & GAR- BAGE PICKUP | \$1,800.62 | \$24,268.18 | \$24,283.87 | \$1,784.93 |
| | 6607 | SERVLNE INSUR- ANCE | \$388.55 | \$5,281.45 | \$5,324.50 | \$345.50 |
| | 8901 | PAYROLL | \$673.90 | \$55,086.05 | \$53,929.42 | \$1,830.53 |
| WASTEWATER | 6201 | SEWER UTILITY OPERATING | \$918.78 | \$108,340.44 | \$104,096.52 | \$5,162.70 |
| | 6202 | SEWER SINKING | \$0.00 | \$45,606.17 | \$52,659.59 | -\$7,053.42 |
| | 6204 | SEWER LIFT STA- TION UPGRADE | \$2,776.86 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,776.86 |
| | 6299 | SEWER DEBT RESERVE | \$37,080.62 | \$1,668.41 | \$0.00 | \$38,749.03 |
| WATER | 6101 | WATER UTILITY OPERATING | \$2,986.36 | \$81,741.23 | \$76,342.07 | \$8,385.52 |
| | 6102 | WATER SINKING | \$1,153.93 | \$7,708.98 | \$6,647.19 | \$2,215.72 |
| | 6104 | WATER UTL ME- TER DEPOSIT | \$18,293.07 | \$21,770.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$38,263.07 |
| | | Total All Funds | \$273,422.71 | \$621,109.34 | \$609,371.13 | \$285,160.92 |

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Impressive Winning Percentage? That's Mackey Arena



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

A couple of years ago, a CBS Sports survey asked college basketball coaches, protected by anonymity, which arenas have the best environments. Purdue's Mackey Arena finished in the top five. "When Mackey Arena is rocking, I think it is the best atmosphere in the country," coach No. 1 said.

"One of the loudest gyms in the country. It's intimidating," coach No. 2 adds. No wonder then that Purdue celebrated its 700th men's basketball victory, 99-67 against Michigan, a month ago. Adding on home victories since then against Northwestern, Indiana and Minnesota, the Boilermakers are 703-147 in Mackey Arena. That's a winning percentage of 82.7 percent.

In just Big Ten games, Purdue is 382-110 (.776) in Mackey. Matt Painter, the fifth man to coach the Boilermakers in Mackey, owns a 265-44 record (.857). Mackey Arena, which began its existence as Purdue Arena on Dec. 2, 1967 with a 73-71 loss to top-ranked UCLA, has seen many memorable moments in its seven decades. Let's take a look at the milestone victories.

Victory No. 1 – Ohio University 78-66 on Dec. 11, 1967
The Boilermakers led by just one point at halftime before a 12-0 run allowed Purdue to pull away. "We finally got to

running a few times in the last half and that helped us out quite a bit," Purdue coach George King said. Rick Mount led Purdue with 18 points, Billy Keller had 17. Purdue also received 14 points apiece from Herm Gilliam and Tyrone Bedford. Notably this game was among the first to feature three officials as part of an NCAA experiment. Regular use of three officials in college basketball didn't begin, though, until 1975. Interestingly, a young Army head coach named Bob Knight was quoted as opposed to having three officials in an Associated Press story on Page 28 on the Dec. 12 edition of the Lafayette Journal and Courier. "At my urging, our athletic director has offered to play our home games without any officials to get the other side of it," Knight said.

Victory No. 100 – Indiana 86-78 on Feb. 20, 1977
Using what junior guard Eugene Parker called "a full-court press that got us rocking and rolling," Purdue turned a one-point halftime deficit into a 43-38 lead just 53 seconds gone in the second half of a nationally televised game. That press allowed Purdue to outscore IU 30-14 in the first 10 minutes of the second half. In that span the Boilermakers were 12 of 17 shooting from the field. The hot shooting never cooled off with Purdue shooting 20 of 29, 69 percent.

Jim Wisman's career-high 25 points kept it close for the Hoosiers. Parker led six players in double figures for Purdue with 18 points. Walter Jordan added 15 points one day after turning 21. Centers Joe Barry Carroll and Tom Scheffler put up 12 apiece. Gerald Thomas came off the bench to score 11 and Bruce Parkinson had 10.

Victory No. 200 – Northwestern 76-57 Feb. 16, 1985
Shooting nearly 65 percent from the field, Purdue dominated the last-place Wildcats. Jim Bullock had 20 points on 9 of 11 shooting. Freshman forward Todd Mitchell scored a career-high 16 points in 19 minutes.

Victory No. 300 – Austin Peay 81-64 on Dec. 9, 1994
A 15-0 start left little doubt about the outcome of this Boilermaker Invitational semifinal. These Boilermakers were still adjusting to life without Glenn Robinson, who left a year early to become the No. 1 overall draft pick of the Milwaukee Bucks. Purdue carried a three-game losing streak into this game. Roy Hairston, the No. 1-rated junior college transfer, just missed a double-double with 20 points and nine rebounds for Purdue. Cuonzo Martin had 12 points and freshman guard Chad Austin had nine points in his first collegiate start.

Victory No. 400 – William & Mary 75-58 on

Nov. 30, 2001
Purdue's 17th consecutive victory in the Boilermaker Invitational was sparked by Rodney Smith's 17 points and nine rebounds. The Boilermakers enjoyed a major advantage at the free throw line, making 22 of 32 attempts. William & Mary was 2 of 7. Purdue center John Allison added 12 points, and guard Darmetreis Kilgore scored 11.

Victory No. 500 – Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 90-63 on Dec. 22, 2009
A 29-11 run in the first half ensured the fourth-ranked Boilermakers would improve to 11-0. JaJuan Johnson led a balanced scoring effort with 16 points to go along with six rebounds and four blocked shots. E'Twaun Moore had 15 points, Keaton Grant 13, Robbie Hummel 12 and freshman Patrick Bade had 10.

Victory No. 600 – Iowa 89-67 on Dec. 28, 2016
Carsen Edwards introduced himself to Big Ten basketball fans, outscoring Iowa 8-0 in the first two minutes. Two 3-pointers sandwiching a steal and a left-handed slam dunk led to Iowa coach Fran McCaffery calling timeout. "I told him he's a bad man," forward Vincent Edwards said. "It was impressive. That's a great start, to come out and be fearless and be ready to go." Carsen Edwards' outburst helped No. 15 Purdue sprint to a 28-8 lead, an advantage that

would grow to 31 in the second half. Carsen Edwards finished with 19 points and five assists. Vincent Edwards and Dakota Mathias put up 17 apiece to help Purdue build a 24-point halftime lead. Caleb Swanigan posted a double-double of 11 points and 10 rebounds. Isaac Haas, limited to four minutes in the first half due to foul trouble, asserted himself in the second half to finish with 16 points and seven rebounds.

What might have been?
Hall of Fame basketball coach Charles "Lefty" Driesell died at the age of 92 on Feb. 17. Alan Karpick, publisher of GoldandBlack.com, recalled in a brief tribute that Driesell was a candidate to replace Ray Eddy at Purdue in the spring of 1965. Driesell was coaching at Davidson and regarded as one of the nation's hottest coaching prospects when Journal and Courier sports editor Gordon Graham speculated about potential replacements. The other names on Graham's list were Vic Bubas of Duke and Roy Skinner of Vanderbilt. At the time, Driesell had coached Davidson to two consecutive Southern Conference titles but was denied an NCAA tournament berth both seasons after losses in the conference tournament. As it turned out, Purdue hired West Virginia's George King. King brought the Boilermakers out of their post-Piggy Lambert doldrums by recruiting Rick Mount, Billy Keller

and Herm Gilliam. That trio was the core of the 1969 Big Ten championship squad that reached the NCAA title game against Lew Alcindor (now Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) and UCLA.

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sources as reported to the IRS two years prior. IRMAA sets income thresholds, depending on your IRS filing status, and if those thresholds are exceeded you must pay a higher Medicare Part B premium (and also a higher Part D premium if you have prescription drug coverage). Assuming you file your taxes as “married/jointly,” if your combined 2022 income as a couple was between \$206,000 and \$258,000 your wife’s 2024 Part B premium is \$244.60 (instead of the standard \$174.70); if your combined 2022 income was between \$258,000 and \$322,000 then your wife’s Part B premium for 2024 is \$349.40; if your combined in 2022 was between \$322,000 and \$386,000, her Part B premium is \$454.20; if your combined 2022 income as a married couple was between \$386,000 to \$750,000 then your wife’s 2024 Part B premium is \$559; and if your 2022 income as a married couple was over \$750,000 your wife’s Part B premium is \$594. If your wife also has private Part D prescription drug coverage, IRMAA also increases those premiums. Note that the IRMAA thresholds are different for other income tax filing statuses. As the Social Security office has already explained, you could appeal your wife’s IRMAA premium increase if she had a “life changing event,”

but the list of acceptable life changing events is quite small (see form SSA-44). The only good news is that your wife’s Medicare premium will be calculated anew for next year, so her Medicare premium for 2025 will – if your 2023 joint income is less than the first IRMAA threshold - revert to the standard 2025 premium. FYI, it doesn’t matter what you used the money for. Your withdrawal was reported to the IRS as taxable income, which is what caused IRMAA to apply to your wife’s Medicare premium for 2024. Many people don’t realize that Medicare premiums are higher for those with a higher income, but since your withdrawal was a one-time event, your wife’s Medicare Part B premium next year should be much less and her Social Security benefit correspondingly higher.

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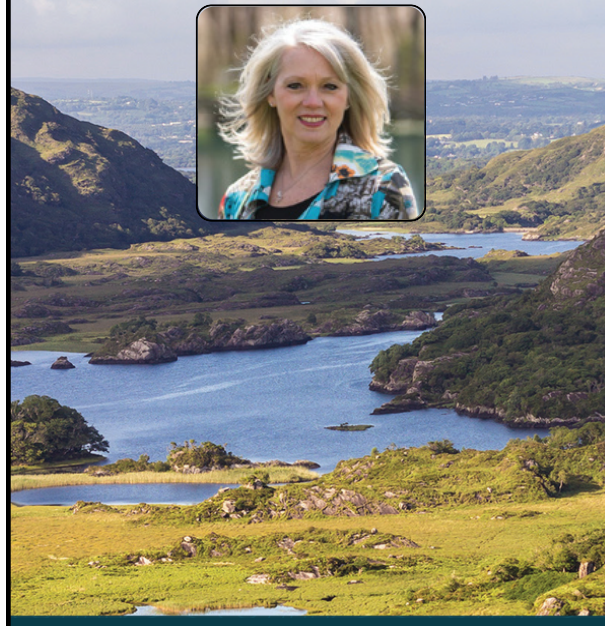
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seemed straightforward: burial or cremation. But as our society’s values shift, so too do the ways we consider for our post-mortem journey. The trend toward environmentally conscious funeral options is on the rise as awareness spreads. In response to this shift, Choice Mutual conducted a survey among 6,000 people to gauge preferences for non-traditional burial methods. The findings were quite revealing, highlighting a growing interest in eco-friendly funeral alternatives.

#1 Human Composting
In first place came Natural Organic

Reduction (Human Composting). This method involves placing the body in a special vessel with organic materials like wood chips and straw. Over several weeks, the body decomposes naturally, turning into nutrient-rich soil.

#2 Green Burials
The 2nd most popular option among Hoosiers was Green Burials. This method skips the embalming process and uses biodegradable caskets or shrouds. The aim is to allow the body to decompose naturally and return to the earth without harming the environment.

#3 Tree Pod Burials

A surprising choice emerged as the 3rd most popular for Hoosier State residents: Tree Pod Burials. The body is placed in a biodegradable pod that is then buried in the ground. A tree is planted above the pod, and as the body decomposes, it nourishes the tree.

#4 Memorial Reefs
Memorial Reefs was the 4th most popular pick. This involves creating artificial coral reefs using remains mixed into an environmentally safe cement. These reefs provide habitats for marine life and help restore endangered coral ecosystems. An alternative approach is to create a reef ball from the cremated remains.

#5 Mushroom Suits
Rounding up the top 7 among Indiana residents was Mushroom Suits. This involves a biodegradable burial

suit or shroud embedded with mushroom spores. The mushrooms decompose the body and neutralize toxins that are released during decomposition.

#6 Space Burials
Space Burials, which came in 6th place, is an avant-garde choice that involves sending ashes into orbit, didn’t place as the top pick, likely due to environmental concerns about space debris.

#7 Aquamation
Aquamation (Alkaline Hydrolysis) was the 7th most sought after method. Also known as water cremation, this process uses water and lye to break down the body. It’s more eco-friendly than traditional cremation since it uses less energy and releases fewer emissions.

Choice Mutual decided to delve deeper into people’s options about alternative burial methods.

With personal debt in America soaring, 45% cite the high costs associated with traditional funerals – typically between \$7,000 and \$12,000 – as the major concern. These expenses often cover a range of services, including casket purchase, service fees, burial vault, and costs for the

gravesite and its preparation, not to mention headstones and funeral ceremonies. Environmental impact is another significant concern, with 12% of those surveyed prioritizing it, closely followed by the issue of cemetery space, which concerns 11% of respondents. Hoosiers were queried about their likelihood of choosing a cost-saving alternative burial method over traditional ones, with many indicating a propensity to switch to reduce expenses. Discussions about funeral plans, especially with elder family members, remain a sensitive subject, with 39% feeling uneasy about it. Yet, a striking 72% would back a relative’s decision to choose an alternative method, although 9% might dissuade them and 19% would remain neutral.

Regarding funeral funding, life insurance is expected to cover the costs for 39% of respondents. Personal savings are the anticipated source for 29%, while 11% may rely on family contributions. A small fraction, 3%, even consider crowdfunding as an option. In a notable reflection of celebrity influence, nearly one-third of

Hoosiers polled concede that endorsement by a celebrity could sway their decision towards an alternative burial, underscoring the power of social media promotion, a tactic more commonly seen in industries far removed from funeral services. “We’re observing a significant shift in end-of-life preferences as people seek to leave a lasting, positive impact on the planet”, says Anthony Martin from Choice Mutual. “It’s about connecting with the earth and fulfilling a legacy that honors both environmental values and personal beliefs. These eco-friendly options offer a way to say farewell that aligns with the principles people lived by, ensuring that their final footprint is as green and meaningful as the life they led.”



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