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➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

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Ivory is a 2 year old female hound mix available at The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL) to foster and/or adopt (since 2/23/24). Ivory loves going for walks, playing fetch, and will gladly sit for treats. Ivory is looking for her best friend. Could that be you? Ivory is available for adoption, to foster, or just simply going out for walks. AWL is open Monday - Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 9:30a-3p. Come say hi!!

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Ask Rusty – Will My Benefit Increase if I Work While Collecting Disability?



ASK Rusty Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty: I will be 64 in March and currently receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) payments. My full retirement age is 67, but I'm thinking about trying to return to work. If I work and my earnings exceed the monthly disability payment limits, but do not exceed the annual limit, how will my disability payments be affected? Will working while receiving Social Security disability payments change my Social Security benefit amount when I reach my full retirement age of 67?
Signed: Mending

Dear Mending:

Social Security doesn't go by annual earnings when it comes to disability (SSDI) - they go by monthly

earnings. If your work earnings in any one month of 2024 exceed \$1,550, that will be a flag to SS that you are no longer disabled (\$2,590 per month if you're blind). If that happens for a few months in a row, they will most likely stop your SSDI payments. Often, this happens retroactively - they won't find out until sometime later that you repeatedly exceeded the monthly limit - but they will likely cancel your SSDI benefits and require you to repay any benefits you received in months you exceeded the monthly SSDI earnings limit, or months they deem you were capable of working without restriction. I suggest you consider

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Spring Cleaning: Don't Toss That 'Junk,' It May Be Valuable!

(StatePoint) From baseball cards and sports equipment to postcards and photographs, is that "junk" in your attic or basement dusty treasure or just dusty? We've all heard of families getting rich from the sale of rare memorabilia they found when spring cleaning. A little time spent determining if items are valuable and where to sell them can pay off in the long run.

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How to Navigate an Election Year Financially

(StatePoint) During election years, uncertainty over the future can shake investor confidence. To help you navigate finances during this election cycle, work with a Certified Financial Planner professional and consider these tips and insights: Study the past to calm anxiety: A quick look at

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County Gets \$16 Million for Nucor Overpass

It was a day worth celebrating in Montgomery County. Worth 16 million celebrations actually. The Indiana Department of Transportation announced that the intersection project that will result in an overpass at Nucor Road and US 136 has received \$16,036,200. It's a project that has been long in the planning. "Nearly a dozen years ago, Duke Energy hired Banning Engineering to do a site readiness study to educate the leaders in Montgomery County on what industry site selectors look for when visiting a community to decide whether to build or expand," Montgomery County Commissioner John Frey said. "Jeff Banning and I approached this intersection at US 136, with the steep grades. He shared with me that a site selector is not here to see why their client wants to come to your community, a site selector comes to your community to eliminate you. Jeff told me that if a site

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Sullivan's Ten Beloved Children



KAREN ZACH Around The County

Ever been to a cemetery and find yourself shocked with a baby after another baby after another buried side by side or even listed on one stone next to mom and dad? It's shocking,

frustrating and above all, touching! I remember one family in Fountain County at Cooper's Chapel with five but they did have a couple grow-up having grandchildren for them.

This story is a similar one but whole different tale. Michael Sullivan was born in Ireland and came to America when in his mid 20s with a brother who went on to Des Moines, Iowa who Mike did visit several times. Otherwise, think Mike Sullivan's only family here was his beloved wife, Mary O'Brien (of about 43 years) and their ten equally beloved children.

Until that is, the family was stricken with consumption, one by one (sometimes by two) nine of their ten children passed, ranging from less than two years up through their early 20s. Let's first discuss

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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Pregnant women can get the flu vaccine.

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

"Spring is when life's alive in everything."
Christina Rosetti

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

When you clean a vacuum cleaner, don't you know you become a vacuum cleaner!

➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Looking to adopt a furry friend? The Animal Welfare League has a special dog adoption event tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Outdoor Runnings, 1601 US 231, just south of Crawfordsville. The AWL will have friendly adoptable dogs on hand - plus you can learn about the needs of AWL as well as how you might be able to volunteer and help!



The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank RHETT WELLSIEVER for subscribing!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know

- 1 The good folks at Infographic released a list of favorite pies in every state. No surprise to most Hoosiers was the fact that Sugar Cream Pie was ours. According to the story, the smooth, creamy filling made from sugar, cream, and flour, nestled within a flaky, buttery crust is a testament to the state's agrarian roots. They also said the beloved comfort was a delicacy that pie lovers would willingly travel two hours for a taste.
- 2 U.S. Sen. Mike Braun addressed the entire Senate during a speech on the floor earlier this week calling for fiscal sanity by calling for unanimous consent to pass a bill banning earmarks. Earmarks are personal pet projects that D.C. includes in spending bills to buy votes for legislation. This new spending bill has \$12.7 billion in earmarks. "It's a sad state of affairs in the sense that just a little over five years ago we were 18 trillion dollars in debt - borrowing at the tune of about a trillion dollars a year to backfill all of the things we want to do here - and ask you and your kids to pay for it. To me, that's a bad business plan."
- 3 A Hoosier Congressman was recently honored by the Agriculture Retailers Association with the Legislator of the Year award. Rep. Jim Baird (IN-04) was affixed with the title for championing the needs of American farmers and agriculture suppliers. "The entire ag community benefits when leaders like Rep. Baird take a stand on policies that protect the ag retailer's right to operate and deliver essential products and services to their farmer customers," said ARA President & CEO Daren Coppock.



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ATHENS ARTS ●

The teacher, Cindy Woodall, will furnish all the supplies you need to make your own beautiful birdhouse gourd. The class will be on Thursday, March 28 at Athens Arts. Participants can select either an afternoon session (1-3 p.m.) or an evening session (6-8 p.m.). The class is open to anyone 12 years and

older at a cost of \$35. Classes meet at Athens Arts, 216 E. Main Street, Crawfordsville, IN. To reserve a spot, stop by Athens Arts Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or call (765) 362-7455 and leave a voice message.



Photo courtesy Athens Arts

Teacher Cindy Woodall will teach participants methods to produce a beautiful birdhouse.

Extension Office Teaching How to Fly Drones

On March 25 and 26, Purdue Extension is hosting The Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Technology Program at Fusion 54. The goal of this program is to teach participants how to safely and effectively operate drones and prepare them to take the Federal Aviation Administration Part 107 Remote Pilot Knowledge Exam. The curriculum's major topics are aeronautical charts, aviation meteorology, camera settings and sensors, flight planning and data management, and UAV flights and maintenance. Prior experience with drones is not a prerequisite. Purdue Extension has provided many with the information and experience to pass the FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot Test with ease. The UAV program has been delivered to more than 750 people, of the surveyed past participants, 95 percent reported passing the FAA Part 107 exam. I have been a licensed remote pilot since 2022, and until now have only provided pretty informal UAV education to hundreds of youths and adults at teaching events. I display my two drones and explain their

uses and how to fly at public and school events. I am very excited to get to provide this two-day training that will "get into the weeds" of what it means to use UAVs for commercial uses and prepare participants for the FAA exam. Outside of using drones for education, I can use drones to monitor crop plant health and assist in conservation, and landscaping efforts. I like to use them to scout fields and provide farmers with photos of their fields and farms. To request a flight or and educational demonstration, just ask! If you are interested in becoming a UAV pilot, please register for the UAV Technology Program in Crawfordsville on March 25 and 26, hosted by Tricia Herr and Jon Charlesworth-Benton and Warren County Purdue Extension. For more information, check out the Purdue Extension Montgomery County Website, or email triciaherr@purdue.edu.

Tricia Herr is the Purdue Extension Montgomery County Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator.

Sens. Buchanan, Deery honor Montgomery County United

A resolution authored by State Sens. Brian Buchanan (R-Lebanon) and Spencer Deery (R-West Lafayette) that congratulates the Montgomery County United Marching Band and Guard passed the Senate Tuesday, March 5. Senate Concurrent Resolution 26 recognizes and congratulates the band for its work in recent years. The band was formed in 2017 and is comprised of students, faculty and supporters from Crawfordsville, North Montgomery and South Montgomery schools. "I am honored to represent these hardworking students and faculty who have made this marching band a great symbol of Montgomery County," Buchanan said. "The

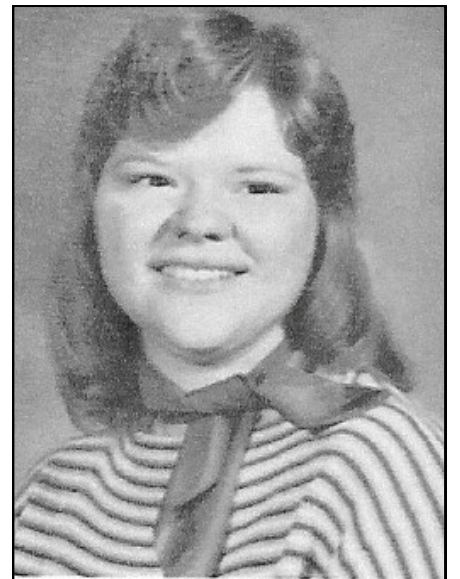
participants work hard year-round, and I am pleased to recognize their efforts in the Senate." In 2021 and 2022, the Montgomery County United Winter Winds ensemble earned first place at the Indiana Percussion Association's State Finals. In 2023, the band also participated in the AES 500 Festival Parade in Indianapolis. "Seeing students from across Montgomery County working together toward a common goal is a great example of one of the things I love about the county," Deery said. "The students and faculty at these schools should be proud they are represented by this band and I am happy to honor them."

Montgomery County Retired Teachers Association Meeting Notes

Vice President Steve Frees called the Feb. 12 meeting to order and welcomed guests. Members having birthdays in February were recognized. He led the pledge of allegiance and Barb Foster gave the invocation. Steve then introduced Dr. Kathy Steele who took a trip to Egypt in May 2023 with members Marilyn Spear, Marylou Dawald and Karen Patton. They traveled with Overseas Adventure Travels which arranges mostly for people in the 55+ category. The group first flew to Cairo and stayed at the Intercontinental Hotel overlooking the Nile River. Sixty people were on the tour and were split into three groups of 20. Each group had their own Egyptian tour leader. During the stay in Cairo the group toured the Old Egyptian Museum with the King Tut Exhibit, the excavations at Saqqara including the step pyramid, the town of Memphis with a lot of statues from the reign of King Ramesis II and two mosques. Each small group had dinner with a Coptic Christian family in an apartment building in Cairo. Cairo residences were interesting in that they were mostly unfinished because once they were finished you had to pay taxes. The group also walked through a bazaar in old Cairo. From there the tour group took a private plane to Luxor and then a bus trip to Abul Simbal. The group toured the Aswan Canal and then Abul Simbal which actually had to be taken apart in blocks when the Aswan Canal was built and then reassembled in a new higher location. This took millions of dollars donated by over 50 countries. The Temple of Philae was also relocated or it would have been underwater after the dam was completed. The group then boarded a Nile Cruise ship "the Nefertiti" with each cabin having their own balcony. Watching the banks of the Nile was interesting because you could see scenes that looked like from bible times and then a modern city nearby. Many people were doing agricultural work by hand and with farm animals. The ship provided entertainment each evening including a belly dances, Sufi (twirling dervish), an African band and a dance party where everyone dressed in Egyptian clothing. One day the group

went to a farm town and visited a Montessori school and then had lunch with a farm family. The group visited many temples and monuments: Kom Ombo, Edfu, Luxor, Karnak, Temple of Hatshepsut, Valley of the Kings, and more. After returning to Cairo by plane the group visited the great pyramids and Sphinx. Some of the group went to a Papyrus shop and a Perfumery. Others went to Garbage City where garbage was taken, sorted, and made into artwork, jewelry, and more. People actually lived there and it was a city with stores, groceries, etc. In Cairo the group went to old Cairo and saw a couple Christian churches including a place where legend says that Mary, Baby Jesus, and Joseph fled to Egypt during the massacre of babies by Herod. Business Meeting Steve reminded people to get tickets to Annie Jr. It was almost sold out. The Minutes were approved as read and the treasury was accepted as read. There was no report for Audit. Janet Armbruster gave the Community Service report. The members have reported over 15,000 volunteer hours and thank you notes were read from Pam's Promise and Fish. A collection was taken for CASA and \$116 was collected. Diane German sent a report on the State Assembly and it was read by Marilyn Spear. There are bills HB 1004 and SB 275 which include money for a 13th check. Some will get a COLA. Mary Lefebvre announced that cards had been sent to people who had been ill or had surgeries. It was reported that Bill Crosier had passed away. Membership chair, Kathy Steele, announced that we have 138 members and a new member Karn Selby. Most of the officers will continue to next year but a new secretary is still needed. There was no new business. The meeting was adjourned and door prizes were awarded. Respectfully submitted by Karen Patton (secretary)

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This Person?

HINT:
This 1978 Crawfordsville graduate decided that she wanted to be a farmer's wife!

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selector came down that steep grade, and saw that dangerous intersection, that he would turn and leave our community immediately! And more than likely we would not even know he was there! He said that liability alone would make that decision." Since that time, multiple officials have worked on finding an answer. When INDOT announced that the Nucor Road overpass project was included in nearly \$156 million of federal transportation funding that's being awarded to 51 cities, towns and counties in rural portions of Indiana, local officials had cause to celebrate. "We can't thank our team enough!" Frey continued. "The commissioners, the county council and the redevelopment commission have been working on this for years. Their vision, determination, along with the guidance and expertise of the Loughmiller Group has made this possible. Montgomery County is

going to benefit from this for generations. "Nucor, and many of the other manufacturers in the corridor have voiced their support for our project," Frey added. "INDOT obviously sees the value as well with this investment in our community." According to the county, the Loughmiller Group worked on the design and engineering plan for the overpass, which goes through a review as required by the state. After that, environmental documents are prepared and submitted to the state Department of Natural Resources. County Manager Tom Klein indicated that a public meeting to review the project details will take place in the next few months. The estimated cost of the total project is almost \$22 million. The county is responsible for the almost \$6 million difference. That money will be paid through new industrial growth and expansions in that area that have already occurred.

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the only one, Mary, to live to marry and much beyond, dying on 12-4-1946 at 80 years and 21 days from a fractured pelvis. She married Howard Stonebraker on September 15, 1888, a barber in MoCo. They were married about four decades before his passing in November 1929. He died of tuberculosis, too, but doubt it was related to her family's as he had only been sick five months at his death and her brothers and sisters were long gone. Thought there were no children for them, but found one, as I was typing this. So excited that Mike and Mary did get to enjoy their one grandchild, Marguerite Stonebraker, who was born right before Christmas in 1891! Marguerite in turn married Harrison Young and they had one child, Edgar. Mary lived with them after Howard passed away. As Mary was so good to her parents, her daughter was good to her. Now, to those precious children! Johanna was their oldest born about two years after their marriage. I do not know her specific death date, but she is listed as age 20 in the 1880 census and had consumption. Her two brothers, John, the Sullivan's fourth child (born 7 Sept 1863) had passed the year before the census - 28 May 1879 and #8, Patrick, died about the same time passing at not yet two. Numbers 2 and 3 Sullivan's were Margaret and Catherine (born 2-19-1868 St. Bernard's baptismal records - thanks Dellie). Margaret was born about five years earlier. They were both listed with the family in 1880 but had passed by sister Ella's death in 1895. Ella was born about 1877 and died 8 August 1895. She had a couple of short obituaries which sure brought the point of this article to light. "Miss Ella died yesterday at 6 o'clock at the family home in Yountsville, the 7th child of Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan's to die of consumption." In the Weekly Journals several times for about a year before her death, she was noted as being on the sick list.



Not sure when brother Tim passed but via the St. Bernard's baptismal records, he was born 29 January 1870. In the 1880 census, he was only ten years old but was listed as working in the Woolen Mill (where by the way his father, Mike worked for well over 30 years). He was also tallied as going to school, thus imagine it was a part time affair as none of the other boys did that.

Michael and Lawrence were both very popular young men in the Yountsville area Michael passing in 1896 (born 8 May 1874 died the 9th of Sept) and "Larry" at age 18 (born 11 Feb 1880 died 6 August 1898). Larry was always in the news, going to a party, sleigh riding, training his colt (getting it ready for the fair); and once as a tease that he must be quitting school since he'd not been there for three weeks (sadly, sick with consumption at the time). His obituary was a sad one, "The death angel has taken away from us a dear friend... he was a young man liked by all who knew him for his kindly disposition." Must have been a lot like his mother as his obit (CWJ 12 Aug 1898) noted, "The cheerfulness with which he welcomed death, his certainty that he was prepared and his desire to help us desire and pray for the same patience, peace and hope with which he fell asleep." Mother, too, was ready to go join her children. Mike was a member of the ICCD Club and was listed as going to a taffy pull and such. He was the eighth lost, Lawrence the ninth and last since Mary lived beyond the rest. Obviously, Michael and Mary outlived all but daughter Mary. They were off and on noted as being sick, Mike once having had a "blood rupture on his knee (CWJ 19 Jan 1900) and absent from work for a couple of months but

got better and back to work, Mary once was listed as having been low with typhoid fever back in October of '88. They were active in St. Bernard's Church, and Michael a Good Templar. Uncle Mike and Aunt Mary were loved by all! Mary was born in Clair County Ireland Sept 15, 1837 and passed away at 64 on April 6, 1901 and they lived most of their married life where the large family was born in Yountsville. Many friends there and in the church would visit her often. Uncle Mike lived for a few more years, dying in November 1904 and his obituary (CDJ 21 Nov 1904) called him, "a faithful servant and citizen."

Although the obituaries of those children who had one (or a death record) say they were buried in Calvary Cemetery, only the first two and folks have tombstones (thanks to R&S Fine for the photo), thus I filled in the whole family on FindAGrave, as I felt those children should be connected with their folks. RIP to the whole Sullivan family!

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enrolling in Social Security's "Ticket to Work" program. While enrolled, you can work and will have a rolling 9 month "Trial Work Period" over 5 years, during which you can earn more than \$1,110/month (in 2024) without jeopardizing your SSDI benefits. If, after completing your 9 month trial work period, you are taken off of SSDI (because you're no longer considered disabled), and you again become disabled and unable to work, your SSDI benefits can resume without requiring you to go through the entire application process again. You can test your ability to work, will be able to work some and can earn more than the limit in some months, which makes the Ticket to Work program your best option. Read more about it here: <https://choosework.ssa.gov/>.

As for whether working while on SSDI will improve your benefit at your full retirement age (FRA), that depends. Your current SSDI benefit is equal to your FRA entitlement from your earnings record at your disability onset date (but paid to you prior to your FRA). The method for determining your benefit under SSDI is complex and depends on the age at which you became unable to work and the number of Social Security credits you had accumulated at that time. Although SS retirement benefits normally require you earn at least 40 SS quarter credits and are based on your highest earning 35 years, those approved for SSDI can get benefits with fewer than 40 credits and less than 35 years of lifetime earnings. Since each case is unique, I cannot say whether your

earnings while on SSDI will improve your FRA amount, but Social Security will monitor your earnings and increase your benefit if appropriate. FYI, your SSDI benefit would normally automatically convert to become your regular SS retirement benefit at your FRA at the same amount you were receiving while on SSDI. It's possible that the limited earnings you may have from working while on SSDI may increase your benefit, but that's impossible for me to predict. Your benefit is based on your lifetime earnings history (adjusted for inflation), not on your contributions to Social Security while working.

So, if you are on SSDI and wish to try returning to work, and you think your monthly earnings will occasionally exceed the SSDI limit, I suggest you contact Social Security (1.800.772.1213 or your local office) to explore enrolling in the Ticket to Work program. That would be your best option to avoid jeopardizing your SSDI benefits, and your benefit amount will be automatically adjusted by Social Security if appropriate.

This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance. Russell Gloor is the, National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens. To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org.

Crawfordsville Investment Club to Meet Tuesday

The Crawfordsville Investment Club will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., at the Crawfordsville District Public Library. The program is a discussion of an article in the March 2024 issue of the American Association of Individual Investors

publication. This article discusses the good and bad performance periods of the S&P 500 Index. The Crawfordsville Investment Club meets for educational purposes only. Visitors are welcome. For more information call (765) 362-2826.

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"The sale of older sports cards, postcards and photographs can yield thousands of dollars, even tens of thousands or more for the right ones," says Al Crisafulli, Auction Director at Love of the Game Auctions, an internet sports auction house that helps families identify and sell valuable sports cards and memorabilia. Crisafulli has assisted people in selling tens of millions of dollars of baseball card collections, autographs, sports equipment and more. Such sales can be life changing. In one instance, he researched a family's old baseball bat and proved it was game used by Hall of Famer Lou Gehrig. His Love of the Game Auctions sold it for almost half a million dollars, a figure which would top a million dollars today. Here are some of his tips to determine if your sports collectibles are valuable:

The Older, the Better with Cards
Vintage sports cards from the early periods of sports are collectible, especially Hall of Famers. Do you have stars from the 1960s, 1950s or earlier? Look for names like Mickey Mantle, Jackie Robinson, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner or Ty Cobb. Even non-star cards can be valuable, especially in nice condition with sharp corners and no creases. Really early cards from the 1880s through the 1930s are particularly desirable, such as those by tobacco, gum and candy brands, such as Old Judge, Piedmont, Sweet Caporal, American Caramel, Goudey or Diamond Stars. When determining where to sell cards and memorabilia, focus on a specialty auction house, such as Love of the Game, which employs trained experts in researching sports ephemera, and maintains bidder lists of sports collectors. More information is available at loveofthegameauctions.com. Don't Overlook Memorabilia and

Equipment
Cards aren't the only potentially valuable things. Look for older promotional and advertising ephemera spotlighting sports stars, especially items that promote sporting goods, food or tobacco brands. Ads from magazines aren't valuable, but store displays, signs and premiums can be pricey. Old sporting goods and equipment, such as balls, bats, gloves and uniforms, can also be valuable, especially if you had a family member who played minor or major league sports. Note that items from before the 1960s are highly collected. Also look for equipment endorsed by star players. Condition matters, but game-used equipment from professionals can be valuable in almost any condition. Save Postcards and Photographs
If you have old photographs, cabinet cards or postcards of sports stars or ballparks, they should be evaluated. Those from pre-1960 can be expensive. Look for early "real photo" postcards from the 1900s through the 1940s, which are photographs printed on postcard backs. Popular stars are key, meaning original images like Babe Ruth or early ballparks can be valuable, as opposed to images of your family members playing sports or of popular vacation destinations. When examining photographs, look for markings on the back, such as photographer, publication and date stamps. Also set aside cabinet cards, which are photographs from the 1880s through the 1930s adhered to cardboard stock. "A good rule of thumb is that the older a sports item is, the more valuable it might be, especially from before the 1950s going back to the 1880s," says Crisafulli. This spring cleaning season, don't rush to haul "junk" to the curb. Examine it first.

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historical data can help you make level-headed investment decisions during a bumpy election cycle. As it turns out, fears that election results will have long-term market effects are largely unfounded, according to a U.S. Bank analysis of market data since 1948. The analysis detected only short-term volatility around election cycles. Stay the course: Even during tumultuous political times, it's important to stay the course when it comes to your big-picture financial plan. Timing the market is often a losing strategy, so avoid selling your investments, or investing less, based on election-related market hiccups. However, periodically making tweaks is a good idea. Work with your CFP® professional to revise your asset allocations as needed to ensure that your portfolio remains diversified and aligned with your risk tolerance and evolving goals. Life happens and timelines change — many factors can impact your investing inside or outside of election cycles. Consider other factors: The presidential

election is just one piece of the political puzzle as it relates to your finances. Stay abreast of financial policy changes in 2024. Tax laws, as well as legislation around student loans, Medicare and Social Security, are just some of the factors that can impact your wallet. Your financial planner will possess insights into how to reach your goals based on the latest policy changes. And of course, you should be mindful of any personal life changes you anticipate in the year ahead, such as marriage, divorce or retirement. No matter which political party is in power, a trusted financial advisor can offer you a roadmap to meet your goals and deliver personalized advice to help you fine-tune your plan. To find a CFP® professional committed to acting in your best interest, visit LetsMakeAPlan.org. During the highs and lows of an election year, it's easy to become uneasy about your financial portfolio. With historical insights, a cool head and the help of a financial advisor, you can ride out 2024 with confidence.

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Negele's Breast Cancer Prevention Bill Becomes Law

STATEHOUSE (March 7, 2024) – Gov. Eric Holcomb recently signed State Rep. Sharon Negele's (R-Attica) legislation increasing awareness of the cancer risks associated with dense breast tissue into law.

According to the American Cancer Society, it is estimated that over 300,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer and more than 42,000 breast cancer deaths will occur in women in the U.S. this year. Negele said dense breast tissue can present a higher risk because the fatty tissue makes it more difficult to identify and diagnose

cancer. "Many women have no clue what their breast tissue type is or whether or not they're at risk," Negele said. "I hope this new law encourages Hoosier women to be more aware and find out their breast density, because it might just save their lives."

Negele said this new law will ensure dense breast tissue patients are informed of their increased risk during a mammogram examination and receive documentation. It will also add aesthetic flat closer and chest wall reconstruction to the

insurance coverage of breast cancer rehabilitative services and reconstruction surgery.

To learn more about House Enrolled Act 1058 and other legislation considered for new laws by the governor, visit in.gov/gov/newsroom/2024-bill-watch.

State Rep. Sharon Negele (R-Attica) represents House District 13, which includes all of Benton and Warren counties, and portions of Fountain, Jasper, Montgomery, Newton, Tippecanoe and White counties..

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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

The Board of School Trustees of the Crawfordsville Community School Corporation will meet for a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2024, 5:30 p.m. at Crawfordsville Middle School 705 Wallace Ave., Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. The public is invited to attend.

SOUTHMONT SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Corporation Board Room
Monday, March 11, 2024 - 6 p.m.
Executive Session
The Southmont Schools Board of Trustees will meet in Executive Session on Monday, March 11, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m. where authorized by federal or state statute; to receive information about and interview prospective employees; with respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction; and to discuss job performance evaluation.

Public Meeting

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

IV. Welcome and Recognition of Visitors.

We will be recognizing Student/Staff of the Month.

V. Revisions to the Agenda

VI. Public Comments

VII. Consent Agenda:

(minutes, monthly claims, field trips/facilities usage, contributions/gifts and personnel)

Minutes from previous meetings

Claims/Payrolls

Personnel:

-Rescind the stipend for Debra Spangler, Interact Club Co-Sponsor - \$105.50.

-Rescind the stipend for Laura Cripe - Interact Club Co-Sponsor - \$105.50.

-Approve Laura Cripe as the Interact Club Sponsor - \$211.00.

-Rescind the stipend for Madison Karrfalt, 6th grade Girls Basketball Coach -

there was no team.

-Shelley Allen - Varsity Boys & Girls Track Coach - \$4000.00.

-Marvin Walters - Varsity Assistant Track Coach - \$1125.00.

-Brad Acton - Varsity Assistant Track Coach - \$1125.00.

-Bryce Adams - Varsity Assistant Track Coach - \$1125.00.

-Matt Williams - Varsity Assistant Track Coach - ½ stipend - \$562.50.

-Matt Allen - Varsity Assistant Track Coach - ½ stipend - \$562.50.

-Ron Hess - Varsity Assistant Track Coach - Volunteer.

-Robert Johnson - Varsity Assistant Track Coach - Volunteer.

-Dan Taylor - Varsity Softball Coach - \$5000.00.

-Chet Remley - Varsity Assistant Softball Coach - \$2000.00.

-Kathryn Yoakum - JV Softball Coach - \$1654.00.

-Barry Lewis - Varsity Assistant Softball Coach - Volunteer.

-Bill Whalen - Varsity Boys Golf Coach - \$3000.00.

-Cameron Marine - Varsity Assistant Boys Golf Coach - \$1500.00.

-Rob Reimondo - Varsity Girls Tennis Coach - \$4000.00.

-Kirk Jones - Varsity Assistant Girls Tennis Coach - \$1500.00.

-Bill Woods - Varsity Baseball Coach - \$5000.00.

-Dan Chadd - Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach - \$2000.00.

-Reese Long - JV Baseball Coach - \$1654.00.

-Desson Hannum - JH Baseball Coach - \$1250.00.

-Elliott Franklin - JH Baseball Coach - \$1250.00.

-Eric Mason - JH Assistant Baseball Coach - Volunteer.

-Justin Bullock - JH Assistant Baseball Coach - Volunteer.

-Tim Flagg - JH Track Coach - \$1500.00.

-Amy Reeves - JH Assistant Track Coach - \$1053.00.

-Jim Gary - JH Assistant Track Coach - Volunteer.

-Josh Gray - JH Boys Golf Coach - \$1000.00

-Hannah Bowman - JH Softball Coach - \$1250.00.

-Cayla Dennis - JH Softball Coach - \$1250.00.

-Madison Karrfalt - JH Tennis Coach - \$1500.00.

-Extra Duty Recommendations: Rebekah Thomas, IHSAA Girls Bball Regional Worker -

\$100.00; Clay Buck, IHSAA Girls Bball Regional Worker -

\$100.00; Shelley Allen, IHSAA Girls

Bball Regional Worker - \$100.00; Kelsey Feese, IHSAA Girls Bball

Regional Worker - \$100.00;

Alison Burris, IHSAA Girls Bball Regional Worker - \$100.00; Dan

Chadd, IHSAA Girls Bball

Regional Worker - \$100.00; Erin Blaydes, IHSAA Girls Bball

Regional Worker - \$100.00; Brad

Acton, IHSAA Girls Bball Regional Worker - \$100.00; Deryk

Benge, Boys & Girls Seasons and

IHSAA Regional Event Bball Clock - \$1640.00; Raymond Jones,

IHSAA Girls Bball Regional

Worker - \$100.00; Kelley Hopkins, IHSAA Girls Bball Regional

Worker - \$100.00; Bryce Adams,

Concessions Manager Second Half of Athletic Winter Season -

\$750.00.

-Cosmetology field trip to DES Convention Center in Rosemont,

IL for 3 of our

Southmont students on April 22, 2024.

VIII. Items for Action:

1.

IX. Report from Superintendent:

X. Items for Discussion by the Board

XI. Adjournment

Future Meetings:

April 8, 2024 - Regular Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00

PM

May 13, 2024 - Regular Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00

PM

This meeting site is handicap accessible. Any person requiring further accommodation should contact the Superintendent at the School Corporation office.

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Witham Volunteers Host Bake Sale

The Witham Volunteer Organization is hosting the Rise and Roll Amish Bake Sale on March 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., (while supplies last). Offering a wide assortment of baked goods, pies, jams and jarred goods, cheeses, noodles, butter and more! Just in time for your Easter meal planning! (Debit card,

credit card and cash are all accepted).

The event location is the main entrance of Witham Health Services at 2605 North Lebanon Street in Lebanon.

All proceeds from the fundraiser benefit the Witham Volunteer Organization Scholarship Program and various fund

the need initiatives for Witham Hospital.

For more information about this event or to learn about volunteer opportunities at Witham, contact Amy Mitchell, Director of Volunteers at: (765) 485-8175, or by email at: amitchell@witham.org.

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Looking Back Over Purdue's 13 Championship Seasons



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Whether it's a sign of getting older or Purdue basketball getting better, the Boilermakers wrapped up their 13th Big Ten Conference championship in my lifetime with an 80-74 victory against Michigan State last Saturday night in Mackey Arena. That total is half of the league-best 26 titles credited to Purdue since its first in 1911. Matt Painter's fifth Big Ten regular season title puts him just one behind his mentor, Naismith Basketball Hall of Famer Gene Keady. Ward "Piggy" Lambert won 11 between 1921 and 1940. From Rick Mount in 1969 to Zach Edey, who is 66 points from eclipsing Mount's seemingly untouchable career scoring record in 2024, there have been memorable stories from each of the 13 Big Ten championships.

1969
George King's Boilermakers led the nation at 93 points a game on the way to a national runner-up finish against John Wooden, Lew Alcindor and the UCLA dynasty in the midst of winning 10 national championships in 12 years. Mount accounted for more than a third of that production at 33.3 points a game during his junior season. Two other future pros, seniors Herman Gilliam and Billy Keller, averaged 15.8 and 13.3 points respectively. Purdue won the Big Ten by four games over Illinois and Ohio State with a 13-1 record. One Mount record that almost certainly will never be topped: most points combined by a backcourt combination. Mount scored 40 and Keller had 31 in a 120-76 victory against Indiana in the regular season finale at what was then Purdue Arena. The 120 points also remains a Purdue single-game record. One other piece of trivia: King scored more points in his collegiate career than Mount. But King's 2,535 points came in four seasons and 117 games at Morris Harvey College, now the University of Charleston.

1979
Imagine winning a Big Ten championship and being denied a spot in the NCAA Tournament. That's what happened to coach Lee Rose's first Boilermaker squad, which claimed a three-way share with Michigan State and Iowa on the final day of the season. The Big Ten was only allotted two bids in the 40-team NCAA field. The Spartans earned the automatic bid by beating Iowa twice and splitting with Purdue. Iowa earned the second berth by beating Purdue twice. Purdue accepted a place in the National Invitation Tournament, where it would lose to Indiana in the championship game at Madison Square Garden.

1984
The Boilermakers were picked to finish ninth in the Big Ten, and Keady admitted years later he was worried about losing his job. Purdue had gone 60-34 in Keady's first three seasons, reaching the second round of the NCAA Tournament in 1983 and the NIT Final Four in 1981 and 1982. The pressure to win was probably more in Keady's mind than in reality. Had there been such a thing as "ESPN 30 for 30" in those days, the 1984 Boilermakers would have made a good story. A former walkon (the late Jim Rowinski) transforming his body and his game on his way to Big Ten Player of the Year honors. The rest of the starting lineup (Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year Ricky Hall, Steve Reid, Greg Eifert and Mark Atkinson) weren't even given a second look by Indiana's Bob Knight, already a two-time national championship coach. But on Sunday, March 11, a CBS television audience watched Purdue win at Minnesota, 63-62. More than 1,000 fans welcomed the Boilermakers home at Purdue Airport later that evening. No matter that the NCAA, in its questionable wisdom, rewarded the Big Ten champs by sending them to Memphis to play the host Tigers, it was a season to be remembered. "This has been a miracle season by a miracle bunch of guys," Keady told Tom Kubat of the Lafayette Journal and Courier.

1987
The Boilermakers set a school record for victories in a season and clinched a share of the Big Ten title at Michigan State on the next-to-last game of the regular season. But the celebration was short-lived. A 104-68 thumping at Michigan opened the door for Indiana to share the title and snare the No. 1 Midwest Region seed and a quasi-home first two games at Indianapolis. That launched the Hoosiers to Bob Knight's third NCAA title. Coming off the previous season's screw job by the NCAA Tournament committee, sent to play LSU at Baton Rouge, Keady expected the Boilermakers to be punished. He was right as Purdue was handed a No. 3 seed and sent out East to Syracuse, where it lost in the second round to Florida. "The kids had a great year tying for the Big Ten championship, but that's not enough anymore," Keady said.

1988
So high were the expectations for Purdue that former Indianapolis Star sportswriter Mark Monteith joined the program for a behind the scenes look that turned into the book "Passion Play." Reaching No. 2 in The

Associated Press rankings, the Boilermakers crushed Minnesota on the final day of the regular season to wrap up an outright Big Ten title and the coveted NCAA tournament path of South Bend and Detroit. Fairleigh Dickenson and Memphis were not even speed bumps at South Bend for Purdue, which had to feel good when Kansas State was up next in the Sweet 16. The Boilermakers had crushed the Wildcats 101-72 during the regular season. Keady's first Elite Eight seemed a certainty. But Purdue wasted a 10-0 start and uncharacteristic loss of poise, plus some shot making by future NBA All-Star Mitch Richmond, resulted in a 73-70 loss that rivals Virginia in the 2019 Elite Eight for the most painful in Boilermaker history.

1994
Here's an example of Glenn Robinson's greatness: Under 10 seconds to go at Michigan and the remnants of the Fab Five have a 94-93 lead. There was no doubt who would win the game or lose it for Purdue. "I was taking the shot regardless," Robinson said of the 10-footer that gave the Boilermakers a 95-94 victory and first place for good in the Big Ten with one game remaining. "If somebody else would have been open, I'm sorry but I felt this is my time." Robinson would follow his 37-point effort with 49 in his final game at Mackey Arena the following week, an easy victory against Illinois. Weeks later, one victory away from an elusive Final Four, Robinson injures his back (when it happened is still disputed) and he was not close to his National Player of the Year form in a 69-60 loss to Duke.

1995
Without Robinson, the No. 1 overall NBA Draft pick by the Milwaukee Bucks, the Boilermakers won back-to-back outright Big Ten titles for the first time. "It's just a given that people aren't going to expect a lot from us," senior forward Cuonzo Martin said after the regular season finale, a 73-67 victory against Michigan. Purdue actually was one game better in the Big Ten standings (15-3) than the year before. Purdue closed the regular season with an eight-game winning streak. The Boilermakers extended it to nine with a close call against Wisconsin-Green Bay, but a last-second basket lifted Memphis past Purdue in the second round.

1996
No one outside the Purdue locker room expected a third consecutive outright Big Ten championship, a feat not accomplished since Ohio State in 1960-62.

A "motley crew of misfits" as Journal and Courier sports editor Jim Lefko described a Boilermaker lineup that only had two starters – Brandon Brantley and Porter Roberts – remaining from the 1994 squad. As commissioner Jim Delany put it during the post-game trophy ceremony, "Purdue put a man on the moon since (then)." Two in fact, Neil Armstrong and Eugene Cernan. During the three-peat run, Purdue was 20-6 away from Mackey Arena in the Big Ten. Another close call in the NCAA tournament first round, this time against Western Carolina, was followed by a more athletic Georgia team sprinting past Purdue in the second round.

2010
Purdue overcame a 2-3 start in Big Ten play to earn a share of the championship thanks to closing league play with six consecutive road victories. But this season will always be remembered for Robbie Hummel's first torn ACL during a 59-58 victory at Minnesota on Feb. 24. The Boilermakers had achieved their highest Associated Press ranking (3rd) since 1994 and were being mentioned as a Final Four contender. Following Hummel's injury, the NCAA dropped Purdue to a four seed, and the Boilermakers were eliminated by top-seeded Duke in the Sweet 16.

2017
Three seasons after finishing last in the Big Ten, the transformative recruiting class of Vincent Edwards, Isaac Haas, Dakota Mathias, P.J. Thompson and Jacquil Taylor helped Purdue break a tie with Indiana for the most regular season championships. That fivesome was bolstered by the additions of 2017 Big Ten Player of the Year Caleb Swanigan, eventual Jerry West Award winner Carsen Edwards and Carmel's Ryan Cline. Fittingly, the Boilermakers surpassed the Hoosiers with an 86-75 victory on senior night in Mackey Arena.

2019
In hindsight, Purdue's unexpected run toward the NCAA Elite Eight began on a cold January night in Madison, Wis. Carsen Edwards scored 36 points and Grady Eifert hit the go-ahead free throws with 38.3 seconds left in an 84-80 overtime victory against the Badgers. Including that night, the Boilermakers went on to finish the regular season 14-2 and tie Michigan State for the Big Ten title.

2023
The loss of three starters, including NBA Draft lottery pick Jaden Ivey, created low expectations outside of West Lafayette. What no one counted on

was Zach Edey going from good to greatness and the freshman backcourt of Braden Smith and Fletcher Loyer starting from Day 1. The trio propelled the Boilermakers to a Big Ten title by three games over Indiana and Northwestern.

2024
Third-ranked Purdue became the first Big Ten program since Ohio State in 2006 and 2007 to win back-to-back outright titles with Tuesday night's 77-71 victory at No. 12 Illinois. A win on Sunday's senior day game with Wisconsin in Mackey Arena, the Boilermakers will set a school single-season record for Big Ten victories with 17. Purdue has gone 7-3 in conference road games in back-to-back seasons.

Making amends
It was probably just coincidence, but not 48 hours after soon-to-be two-time National Player of the Year Zach Edey posted this on his X (formerly Twitter) feed – "If Braden's not on your All American ballot leave me off too please" – the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame corrected a major oversight. After not being among the 10 semifinalists for the Bob Cousy Award, given to the nation's best point guard, Purdue sophomore Braden Smith was among the five finalists announced Monday. The other four are seniors, one of whom – Alabama's Mark Sears – also was not among the semifinalists. The favorite may be Marquette's Tyler Kolek. The other finalists are Connecticut's Tristan Newton and Houston's Jamal Shead. Smith is the first finalist from Purdue in the Bob Cousy Award's history. He entered Tuesday night's game at Illinois as the only player in America averaging at least 13 points (13.1), 7 assists (7.1) and 5 rebounds (5.9) per game. With six assists against the Fighting Illini, the Westfield graduate broke Purdue's single-season record set by Bruce Parkinson (207) in 1974-75. Smith currently ranks sixth in the country and second in the Big Ten in assists per game, while leading the league in assists during conference games only (7.5 APG).

Noteworthy
Purdue is the unanimous choice of ESPN college basketball writers to repeat as Big Ten Tournament champions. "Boilermakers center Zach Edey is not only the undeniable favorite in the Wooden Award race again, he's also a better player -- so much so that NBA prognosticators believe he can be a lottery pick in the draft this summer," Myron Medcalf writes. "But this season's Boilermakers are also more than Edey. They're one of the top 3-point shooting squads in America (40.5 percent), unlike last season's group that won the Big

Ten tournament and earned a top seed in the NCAA tournament." ...

Matt Painter became the winningest coach against Naismith Hall of Famer Tom Izzo after Purdue's 80-74 victory last Saturday night. Painter is now 17-16 against Izzo. Give an assist to Edey for helping Painter go over .500 against Michigan State. In his last three games against the Spartans, Edey has averaged 34 points, 13.7 rebounds and 2.3 assists.

Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

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