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➔ TODAY'S VERSE

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Meet Violet



Violet is an 1 year old female tabby domestic shorthair that arrived at The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL) as a stray 6/26/23. Violet is friendly with her kitty friends in the community cat room, but is ready for a place of her own. Violet is available to foster and/or adopt. Come say hi and ask the staff about meeting Violet!

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ASK Rusty Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty:

I am 74 years old, retired and receiving Social Security. My wife will be 65 in January of 2025. Our hope was to start paying off some credit card expense by her receiving SS when she turns 65, however it appears there would be a substantial reduction to her benefits. Her work income is \$37,500 a year, and she wasn't planning on retiring from work at age 65. Because I am 11 years older, we felt it makes sense to use her Social Security as a means to lower our debt. We have \$27,000 in credit card debt, and I don't really want to use my 401(k)

funds due to taxes. We pretty much live on my Social Security and pension.

Signed: Seeking Suggestions

Dear Seeking: Your wife's full retirement age (FRA) for Social Security purposes is age 67. Because she will not yet have reached her FRA in January 2025 (when she is 65), if she claims SS to start at that time, not only will her monthly amount be reduced, but she will be subject to Social Security's annual earnings test. The earnings test sets a limit for how much

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How to Keep Feet and Ankles in Tip Top Shape This Summer

(StatePoint) Summer fun and chores alike come with potential hazards to feet. According to the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, here's how to protect feet and ankles from the most common seasonal hazards:

Be DIY Safe

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Romance Scams on Rise; Elderly Particularly Vulnerable

(StatePoint) They say, "you can't buy love," but scammers have figured out a way to exploit it for profit.

Romance scams are at an all-time high and, while victims cross all demographics, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reports

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Meet Policeman Jim



JAS. B. GRIMES, City Marshal.



KAREN ZACH Around The County

Although officer Grimes' photo is tagged as Jas. B. Grimes, his name was indeed James Perry Grimes but aside from that he is a sharp looking fella' and one I'd want on my side – lol. GenWeb page but sorry, don't know who gave it to us or what year. I would guess the year to be 1894 when he was running for City Marshall as the announcement appeared in the CWJ on the 16th of that year since he strongly desired that office, having eleven good years experience on the force. The bleep about him running noted that, "He has always been considered a faithful and efficient officer and one who improves with his opportunities!"

➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

It's important for women to know if there is breast cancer on their father's side of the family as well as their mother's. 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

"If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month."
Theodore Roosevelt

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know

- 1 Some cicadas surface every 13 years; others show up every 17 years. This year, according to the entomologists, the two species are expected to join forces and show up together. According to the University of Connecticut, the 13-year Brood XIX -- the largest of all periodical cicada broods "will co-emerge with 17-year Brood XIII." They'll be showing up mainly in the Southeast and in Illinois. Biophysicist Saad Bhamla at Georgia Tech says "trillions of these amazing living organisms [will] come out of the Earth, climb up on trees and it's just a unique experience, a sight to behold. It's like an entire alien species living underneath our feet and then some prime number years they come out to say hello." Some experts call the event a "cicada-geddon"
- 2 The dictionary defines skijoring as "the action of being pulled over snow or ice on skis by a horse or dog or a motor vehicle, as a sport or recreation activity." In fact, it's an annual wintertime event in the Rocky Mountain town of Leadville, Colo. and this year daredevil Nick Burri donned his skis held tight to a rope pulled by a rider on a quarter horse at speeds reaching 40 mph. "It's just the pure adrenaline that gets me to do it. And then getting these two different groups of people together with the riders and the skiers. Usually they don't hang out, and getting them together, we mesh pretty well."
- 3 A pet parrot that goes by the name, Samba, got stranded for three days high in a tree in Lewisville, Texas. Samba survived attacks by predatory hawks before the bird's owner, Giulio Ferrari, was able to get the bird he loves down from a tree. As he put it, "It's like my soul has reentered my body. When this happened my soul left my body for three days. I haven't been sleeping well, I haven't been eating. It's been tough. I'm exhausted, physically and mentally."

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Why doesn't the IRS tax cows? Because they've already been milked dry.

➔ MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Want to learn more about Mexican history through your taste buds? Then just a few days before Cinco de Mayo the Crawfordsville Library is the place to be. On April 28, historian Dr. Michael Brescia will present Buen Provecho -- Understanding Mexican History through Food and Taste in Meeting Room C at the Library at 2 p.m. Bring your curiosity and appetite!



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

Montgomery County born, (farm near Shannondale) he arrived on 3 August 1849 to George W. and Mary (Snyder) Grimes. Both of his parents were born in Tennessee and married there in Greene County, 21 Feb 1828. They moved quickly to Union County, Indiana for about five years and then on to Montgomery where they raised their several children, Jim being one of the younger of their nine. George farmed in Union Township and he and Mary are buried at Oak Hill where Jim and his wife, Martha "Alice" Long (daughter of David and Amanda Wisehart Long) and other relatives rest as well.

It seems Jim had three careers, the first being policeman. While they were raising their six children, however, he owned a dairy farm near town and the boys all helped with it. Then back to policing for a bit and finally his last career was in the laundry business. He wasn't 100% about his family and job, however, as he loved competition and physical

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Adult Comedy on Stage at Wabash



The comedy runs through tomorrow night at Wabash College.



Tickets are free, but reservations must be made through the Fine Arts box office.



Photos courtesy Wabash College

The play is not intended for children and viewer discretion is advised.

The Wabash Theater Department will be concluding its musically inclined season with an electric play about competition, completion and finding the “airness” inside yourself.

“Airness” opened Wednesday and runs through tomorrow. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and performances at 8 p.m. each evening in the Experimental Theater located in the basement of the Fine Arts Center.

Tickets are free and can be reserved through the Fine Arts Center Box Office.

Written by Chelsea Marcantel, “Airness” follows the journey of Nina who enters her first air guitar competition thinking a win will be easy. But as she befriends a group of charismatic nerds all committed to becoming the next champion, she discovers that there’s more to the art form than playing pretend.

The comedy premiered at the 2017 Humana Festival at the Actor’s Theatre of Louisville, where it was described as “hands down the most fun you will have at the theatre this year” by Insider Louisville.

“It’s about a niche, largely unknown subculture that can be difficult for people

from the outside to understand, but people from the inside take very seriously and have a lot of fun with,” explained Director and Theater Professor Jim Cherry. “Air guitar is a lot like Wabash. It sounds strange but once you get into it, you find camaraderie, compassion and creativity.”

The cast includes Josh Campbell ’25 as Ed “Shreddy Eddy” Leary; Jeremiah Clayton ’26 as Gabe “Golden Thunder” Partridge; Alex Schmidt ’27 as Mark “Facebender” Lender; Elizabeth Hutson as Astrid “Cannibal Queen” Anderson; Kelli O’Neil as Nina “The Nina” O’Neal; Bennett Strain ’26 as David “D Vicious” Cooper; and Logan Weilbaker ’25 as the announcer, sprite exec, and hooded figure.

The production includes stage manager Carson Wirtz ’26, assistant stage manager Xavier Cienfuegos ’27, air guitar routine consultant Kathleen Hickey, scenic designer and technical director David BW Vogel, lighting designer Bailey L. Rosa, and costume designer Andrea Bear. “Airness” will also feature original music by Theater Professor Michael Abbott ’85.

Cherry said the cast—composed of a mix of Wabash Theater veterans and newcomers — have spent the last several weeks of rehearsals perfecting their quirky characters while also diving into the world of air guitar.

The group got the opportunity to connect via Zoom with Air Guitar World Champion Justin “Nordic Thunder” Howard, who has been performing as a professional air guitarist since 2006. Howard educated the group on the history of the art form and gave actors tips on how to best channel their inner rock star while performing on stage in the upcoming play.

“Justin talked about this idea of airness,” Cherry said. “Airness is when you transcend the fact that you’re playing a fake guitar in front of people and it becomes an art form, kind of like drag.

“He explained that if everybody just did more air guitar, the world would be a better place,” he continued. “If there were more people being audaciously silly in public and we took ourselves a little bit less seriously and indulged in our creativity more, everything would be better and happier.

That’s the true message that we hope to share and show in ‘Airness.’”

To conjure up the appropriate atmosphere, the Experimental Theater will be transformed into a seedy dive bar much like where air guitar competitions are typically held.

A cash bar with a selection of domestic beers will be available for those 21 and older who wish to partake responsibly. Participants must bring a valid ID, no exceptions. The bar will be open both before the show and during the intermission, and payment with credit card is preferred.

“This will be my first time directing in the Experimental Theater in more than 10 years, and we’ve never done anything like this in that space before,” Cherry said. “We’re creating a really fun, immersive

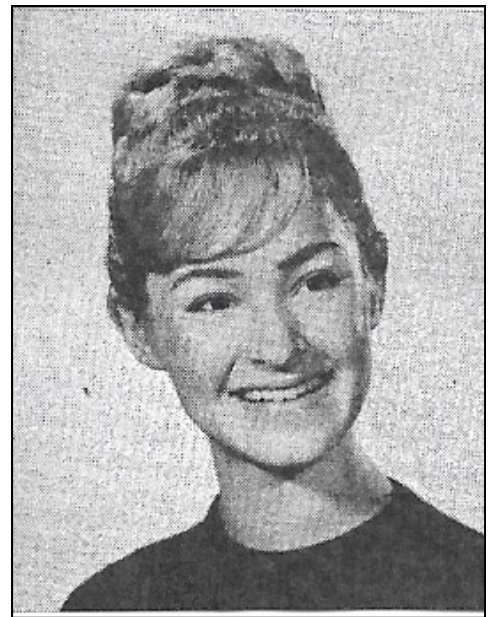
experience where the audience can be right in the middle of the action.”

Because of some coarse language amid the excessive shredding, “Airness” is not intended for children and viewer discretion is advised.

Seating is very limited. Cherry encourages members of the Wabash and surrounding community to quickly reserve tickets for the last show of the academic year.

“If you like ‘80s hair metal, this is the show for you, and it’s rare that you can say that about any play,” Cherry said with a laugh. “If you remember the pleasures of Whitesnake and Van Halen—whether you’re on the David Lee Roth or Sammy Hagar side of things—you’re going to find something you like in this show.”

Butch Dale’s Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This Person?

HINT:
 This 1966 Crawfordsville grad became a teacher in Australia!!!

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can be earned by beneficiaries who claim SS before FRA.

The earnings limit for 2024 is \$22,320. The limit for next year is not yet published (it's based on changes to the national wage index) but will be a bit higher – likely about \$23,500. Thus, I can't provide the exact impact, but if your wife's 2025 earnings exceed next year's limit, Social Security will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the limit (half of the amount over the limit). So, if your wife earns \$37,500 per year, that will likely be about \$14,000 over the limit and Social Security will take back half of that (\$7,000). They "take back" by withholding future benefits, or you can repay them in a lump sum. So, you will have a choice – repay Social Security from your other assets, or they will withhold your wife's SS benefits for the number of months needed to offset her penalty for exceeding the earnings limit. The number of months they will withhold depends on how much is owed and what your wife's monthly SS benefit is. For example, if your wife's age-65 SS benefit is about average (\$1,900) and her penalty for exceeding the limit is \$7,000, Social Security would withhold your wife's benefit for 4 months to recover the penalty, but she would receive her full benefit for the remaining 8 months of the year.

Unless your wife tells them in advance that she will exceed the limit, Social Security will find out the following year (after you file your income taxes). But, in any case, your wife cannot avoid the annual earnings test for working before reaching her full retirement age. The earnings test goes away when your wife reaches her FRA of 67. Until that time, if she continues working she will have a choice to have her benefits withheld for a portion of the year, or simply repay Social Security in a lump sum (in which case her benefits would continue uninterrupted).

FYI, there is a silver lining in this, because if your wife has benefits withheld because she exceeds the earnings limit before her FRA, after she reaches her full retirement age Social Security will give her time credit for the months when benefits were withheld, which will result in her monthly Social Security payment amount increasing somewhat at her full retirement age. Thus, over time, your wife may recover the benefits which were withheld for exceeding the annual earnings limit. But to get 100% of the benefit she's earned from a lifetime of working, and be exempt from Social Security's earnings limit, she would need to wait until she reaches her FRA to claim.

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The class will be on **Thursday, May 9**. Choose either an afternoon session (1 to 3 p.m.) or an evening session (6 to 8 p.m.). The class is open to anyone 12 years and older. Cost is \$35. Classes meet at Athens Arts, 216 E. Main St. in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville.

To reserve your spot, stop by **Athens Arts** Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or call **(765) 362-7455** and leave a voice message.

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DIY projects like power washing, roofing and decking require ramped up safety measures. Always wear closed-toed shoes with traction to prevent injuries, splinters, puncture wounds and falls. Mowing can be particularly hazardous. The U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission estimates more than 37,000 Americans suffer a power mower-related injury annually.

"Lawnmower blades whirl at 3,000 revolutions per minute. Yet we see patients who've been hurt operating a mower barefoot," said Matthew Dairman, DPM, FACFAS, a board-certified foot and ankle surgeon and a Fellow Member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS). "Foot injuries range from dirty, infection-prone lacerations to severed tendons to amputated toes. People need to take lawn mowing safety seriously because the injuries can, indeed, be very serious."

To avoid becoming a statistic, follow these sensible guidelines:

- Don't mow a wet lawn. Losing control from slipping on rain-soaked grass is the leading cause of foot injuries caused by power mowers.
- Wear heavy shoes or work boots—no sneakers or sandals.
- Never pull a running mower backward.
- Keep the clip bag attached during operation to prevent projectile injuries.

• Use a mower with a release mechanism that automatically shuts it off when hands let go.

• Always keep children away during mowing.

• If an accident occurs, even a minor one, consult a foot and ankle surgeon right away.

Wear Sunscreen

Many people skip their feet when applying sunscreen, but did you know that the skin on your feet is highly susceptible to melanoma? In fact, it's the most diagnosed and fatal site of this form of skin cancer. Other types of skin cancer can also be found on the foot, including squamous cell and basal cell carcinoma. To keep your feet safe this summer:

- Lather up with sunscreen from head to toe—literally.
- Check your feet and toes regularly for abnormal looking moles or freckles, even under toenails and on your soles. Promptly schedule an appointment with your foot and ankle surgeon to have suspicious marks examined.
- Schedule routine exams so your foot and ankle surgeon can track suspicious, changing marks. Early detection is key.

Limit Flimsy Footwear

While it's nice to let feet breathe in flip flops and they're a great choice for locker rooms and pools to avoid fungus and athlete's foot, they shouldn't be your main footwear of choice all

summer. Flip flops lack arch support and stability, so wearing them too often can cause stress on the plantar fascia—the band of tissue extending from the heel to the base of the toes. This can result in plantar fasciitis, causing heel pain upon getting up in the morning and after inactivity. To avoid developing issues, which can take a long time to treat and subside, consider wearing structured sandals with proper shock absorption and arch support. If you can't live without flip flops, wear them sparingly to keep your feet in good shape. And if you'll be traveling, pack tennis shoes for sightseeing, hikes and other weight-bearing activities.

Be Mindful of Diabetes

People living with diabetes should never go barefoot, because their nervous system may not "feel" an injury and their circulatory system will struggle to heal breaks in the skin.

"Most patients living with diabetes know they shouldn't walk barefoot but can be more inclined to disregard this precaution in summer. However third-degree burns on the soles of feet can occur in a matter of minutes," says Dr. Dairman.

This summer, be smart. Take care of your feet so they take care of you. If you suffer a foot and ankle injury this summer, visit FootHealthFacts.org for valuable foot and ankle health information and to find a physician near you.

Grange Corner School Reunion Set

The 2024 Grange Corner School Reunion is scheduled for Sunday, May 5 at the Tangier Community Center in Kingman. Things get going at 1:30 p.m. Bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship.

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sports. In Nov 1893, he played on the city league against the college 11. A couple of the impressive members of the team were: Fred Bandel (mayor); HH Ristine (lawyer); AF Ramsey (grocer); Harmon Hutton (telegrapher, later manager of Western Union) and other "burley, strong young men." He loved his baseball, too, playing on the Police/Fire team and he was often mentioned as doing something amazing (as when the police team won 37-21 on July 16, 1895) as Grimes made a sensational play sliding to third base but he did ruin his new suit.

"Officer Grimes" was in the news for other exciting happenings such as when he arrested Harry Rutledge and his "two young friends" on a drunk charge. The Girls happened to be younger than they looked and Mayor Bandel threw the book at Rutledge. Another interesting chase was: in Jan 1889, Maje Ross was a well-known community stinker and Jim chased him but finally landed Maje in the arms of the law. This time Maj had stolen tallow, a sack of flour and a can of oysters from Lee 's Grocery. There were several more interesting incidents. Make a good book!

He and Alice were married in Feb 1880 with a 13-year-difference in their age but they seemed to live happily for 33 years before her passing in 1913. Not long after her death, James P. Grimes became known as the Doan Pill man, with ads and articles galore for the pill he had first purchased at Dick & Riley's Drug Store. "They made me feel better in every way." Two years later he noted, "I have just as high an opinion of Doan's Kidney Pills today as ever and I don't hesitate to recommend them!" Jim and Alice were both quite proud of their five sons and daughter, Alice having been the oldest of eight children and knew how to handle them!

Sherman, their oldest, went into the insurance business (plus active in the First Methodist Church and Masonic Lodge) and served as long-time treasurer of the Ben Hur Association. He married Emma Siegler and they had one daughter, Betty. Fred is up next, born Aug 28, 1885, and in reflection with his father spent 32 years on the police force and twice served as chief. Before joining the police force, he and Jim had American Laundry and he also was active acquiring the Sportsmen's Club here. Twice married, no children of his own.

Ralph came along four years afterward and served in the Navy during WWI. He worked as a travelling rep for Lehigh Cement Company for 30 years. Before going to Madison County, he owned and managed a theater here. He was married to a widow and was close to her children.


Arthur Ray was also in WWI and a Navy man. He joined in with dad and brother in the American Laundry, then began his own Grimes Cleaners. Also, he owned a shoe repair shop. Married Ruby Goslin, no children that I know of.

Montie was probably my favorite, as he was well loved and admired. An amazing sports man like his dad, when he was in WWI, Anna Willson, HS principal sent a telegram to get a leave for Mont so he could come back, finish high school and the real reason to play the last few basketball games. He had been chosen as the all-state forward the year before when C'ville was state runner-up. The students had a big parade for him. He was amazing in baseball as well, married, and lived in Niles, Michigan passing in Ormond Beach, Florida where he was a long-time salesman at Ormond Lumber Company. He and wife Nell had two daughters.


Lastly, there is Mary Opal who married a minister (Glen Hershberger) and mothered two sons, one a doctor and two daughters, one who married a minister. Both Mary and Glen passed fairly young.

It was at Mary's that our policeman, Jim, passed away, having gone to Minnesota for a visit with her family. Not long after arriving, he became sick and steadily got worse until passing on 16 July 1921. What a very fine family, don't ya' think?

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that elders are increasingly targeted. Why? Because they often have retirement savings at their disposal and may be more isolated and less tech savvy.

“Romance scammers often manipulate emotions to gain trust,” says Mark Kwapiszeski, head of enterprise fraud for PNC. “Those who fall victim end up putting feelings above logic. This can create embarrassment and, as a result, these crimes are less likely to be reported.”

Scammers will create convincing profiles on dating and social media apps, reaching out to their target feigning familiarity or attraction. Things move quickly, but there is always a reason they can't meet on video or in person. They may claim to have a reason that requires them to be overseas or out of reach. They tell their target everything they want to hear, and the hook is set.

Suddenly, a crisis arises that they insist they need help financial help with to mitigate. Or maybe they need finances to set up a new life together. They ask for the money, but would prefer it be sent in a form like cryptocurrency or gift card where there is little chance of the victim ever recovering it.

Such scams are highly effective. In 2022 alone, romance scams resulted in \$1.3 billion lost, more than double the money lost in the previous year, according to the FTC.

To add insult to injury, scammers may convince their target to send them revealing photos they will later use to extort them. They may even play the long game and build trust over time, then convince their target to invest with them, without the victim ever getting any return.

“A romance scammer can invest a long time in cultivating trust, which makes these scams particularly nefarious,” Kwapiszeski says.

To protect against potential romance scams, follow these tips:

- Before sending money or sharing

financial information, consult a friend or family member. Simply talking to someone not involved in the situation is often enough to identify red flags.

- Trust your gut. If something seems too good to be true, it probably is.

- Beware of “love bombing,” when a person lavishes you with excessive flattery, affection and praise early in the relationship to manipulate your emotions.

- Be wary of strangers reaching out on social media.

- If you like someone, ask for a quick video chat. If they refuse or make up outlandish excuses, that’s a red flag.

- Stay alert to photos or biographical details that don’t match up with what someone’s told you.

- Use image and name-reverse searches to validate the identity of people you meet online.

- Never send intimate photos to strangers or invest without doing your due diligence.

- Confide in family and friends if you grow suspicious.

Elders have lost homes, emptied out retirement accounts and risked lifetime savings for a love interest that never truly existed. Once the shock abates and the money is gone, the shame sets in and some have even resorted to self-harm instead of admitting to being defrauded in this way. If a loved one falls victim to a romance scam, it’s important to respond with empathy.

If you believe you or someone you love has been a victim of fraud, PNC Bank’s web resources, as part of its Security and Privacy Center (pnc.com), can help. After taking immediate measures to protect yourself, block the scammer on all accounts, change your passwords, and report the incident to the FTC and FBI.

The best line of defense against romance scams is awareness. Understanding common tactics can help you stay protected.

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SOUTHMONT SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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 Corporation Board Room
 Monday, April 22, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.
 The Board of School Trustees will meet in Special Session on Monday, April 22, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. in the corporation board room for the discussion of the proposed Superintendent Contract.
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 I. Call to Order
 II. Pledge of Allegiance
 III. Roll Call
 IV. Discussion of Proposed Superintendent Contract
 V. Adjournment

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 Crawfordsville, IN
Agenda
 Call to order (President of Merit Board)
 Reading and Approval of minutes (Secretary)
 Old Business
 New Business
 Executive Session - Interviews
 Adjourn

SOUTHMONT SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Special School Board Meeting
 Corporation
 April 29, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.
 The Board of School Trustees will meet in Special Session on Monday, April 29, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. in the corporation board room for the consideration of the proposed Superintendent Contract.
AGENDA
 I. Call to Order
 II. Pledge of Allegiance
 III. Roll Call
 IV. Consideration of Proposed Superintendent Contract
 V. Adjournment

BOARD ZONING APPEALS

April 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM
 Common Council Chambers
I. Call to Order & Roll Call
II. Presentation of Minutes
A. February 21, 2024
III. Old Business
IV. New Business
A. (DSV 0133) R-N-D Investments, LLC requests a development standard variance from the lot and yard requirements of the City Zoning Ordinance to allow a new outdoor dining deck for a restaurant, to be constructed closer to the front property line than what the ordinance allows in a B-3, business zoning district at 211 N Walnut Street (Parcel No. 54-17-32-223-004.001-030)
B. (UV 0091) Antonio Moreno Garcia requests a use variance from the schedule of uses of the City Zoning Ordinance to allow a food truck to operate as a second business in an I-1, industrial zoning district at 224 N Washington Street (Parcel No. 54-17-32-224-003.000-030)
C. (SE 0063) Melissa Kiger requests a special exception from the schedule of uses of the City Zoning Ordinance to operate a tax service business as a home occupation in an R-1, residential zoning district at 308 Wayne Avenue (Parcel No. 54-07-31-331-046.001-030)
V. Miscellaneous
A. Informational Update by City Administration
B. Next regularly scheduled meeting: May 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM
VI. Adjournment

PLANNING COMMISSION

April 16, 2024 at 5:00 PM
 Common Council Chambers
I. Call to Order & Roll Call
II. Presentation of Minutes
A. March 19, 2024
III. Old Business
IV. New Business
A. (SUB 0034) Consider a request for primary and secondary subdivision plat approval for an amended plat to a previously approved non-residential minor subdivision at the southeast corner of US Highway 136 and Cloverdale Drive (Parcel No. 54-10-04-111-018.000-030)
V. Miscellaneous
A. Informational Update by City Administration
B. Next regularly scheduled meeting: May 21, 2024 at 5:00 PM
VI. Adjournment

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

April 16, 2024, at 8:30 AM
 Common Council Chambers
I. Call to Order & Roll Call
II. Approval of Minutes
A. March 19, 2024
III. Approval of Claims
IV. Approval of Financial Reports
V. New Business
A. Acknowledgement of receipt of DLGF TIF Management Report
VI. Old Business
VII. Update from Mayor Todd Barton
VIII. Economic Development Report from Cheryl Morpew
IX. Miscellaneous
A. Next regularly scheduled meeting: May 21, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.
X. Adjournment

NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOL BOARD


Regular Meeting
 Monday, April 22 6 p.m.
 480 W 580 N Crawfordsville
1. Hearing for Rainy Day Additional Appropriation
2. Call to order and pledge of allegiance (please stand)
3. Public comment
4. Consent agenda
4.1 Minutes
4.2 Monthly claims
4.3 Personnel, extra-curricular, field trips, facilities usage, contributions, gifts, superintendent stipends
4.4 Other
4.5 Consent vote
4.6 Introduction of middle school principal
5. High school honorary board member / spotlight
6. Action items
6.1 Hear first reading of bylaws / policies: Bylaw – 0164 – Notice of meetings, policy 1662.01 – threatening and / or intimidating behavior toward staff members, and policy 1422.01 – drug free workplace
6.2 Approval of bylaws and polices revisions: Bylaw – 0165.1 – Notice of regular meetings, bylaw – 0165.3 – notice of special board meetings, bylaw – notice of emergency meetings, bylaw – 0165.4 – notice requirements established by other statutes, bylaw – 0165.5 – series of meetings, bylaw – 0164.6 – meetings during declared disaster emergencies, bylaw – 0164.5 – member participating in meetings through electronic means of communication, bylaw – 0164.3 – emergency meetings, bylaw – 0164.2 – special meetings, policy – 0164.1 – regular meetings, and policy – 6320.01 – purchasing using online reverse auctions
6.3 Approval of bylaws and policies revisions: Bylaw – 0165 – Notice of board meetings, policy – 1520.08 – employment of personnel for extracurricular activities, policy 3120.08 – employment of personnel for extracurricular activities, policy 3362.01 – threatening and / or intimidating behavior toward staff members, policy – 4120.08 – employment of personnel for extracurricular activities, policy 4362.01 – threatening and / or intimidating behavior toward staff members, policy 5340.01 – student concussions and sudden cardiac arrest, policy – 5350 – student suicide awareness and prevention, policy 5517.01 – bullying, policy – 6320 – purchasing, policy 7540.02 – web content, apps, and services, policy 8210 – school calendar, policy 8542 – automated external defibrillators, policy 8455 – coach training, references, and IHSA reporting, and policy 9130 – public complaints and concerns
6.4 Approve summer school for the elementary and high school for 2024
6.5 Approve consulting business management support agreement
6.6 Approve textbook material for 2024 adoption
6.7 Approve Bratton Adventure Trips for 2024
6.8 Approve the MCCF grant to be used in the expansion of the 3 year old program at Sugar Creek Elementary
6.9 Approve additional appropriation resolution – rainy day fund
6.10 Approve GPS Service and Lease of Tablets for Transportation
6.11 Approve the new position of assistant food service director
6.12 Approve 2024 summer youth camps
7. Other
8. Adjournment

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Ken Thompson Ranks Best Purdue Recruiting Classes



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Until it is proven than building a college basketball team through the transfer portal is a superior method, high school recruiting will remain the lifeblood of successful programs.

The classes of 2020 and 2022 were the foundation of Purdue's run to the national championship game in 2023-24. It was a similar model to the one that would stock the Boilermakers' 1969 NCAA runner-up team.

In 2012, former Indianapolis Star sports writer Mark Montieth chose the top five recruiting classes in Purdue history in chronological order (1965, 1966, 1980, 1984, 1991). Since then, a half dozen sets of recruits brought in by head coach Matt Painter would arguably belong on Montieth's list.

Here's my list of best Purdue basketball recruiting classes covering the tenures of George King, Fred Schaus, Lee Rose, Gene Keady and Painter.

2020 – A two-time unanimous National Player of the Year (Zach Edey), a top five NBA Draft pick (Jaden Ivey) and Pennsylvania's Mr. Basketball (Ethan Morton).

The recruiting experts misjudged this trio, ranked 37th in the nation on the 24/7 Sports composite. Edey's No. 436 ranking skewed the overall rating since Ivey was ranked 99th overall and Morton 137th.

Edey leaves Purdue as its career scoring (2,516) and rebounding (1,321) leader. Ivey averaged 17.3 points as a sophomore before launching his NBA career with the Detroit Pistons. Morton started 29 games as a junior and will use his NCAA sanctioned COVID season at another school after entering the transfer portal earlier this week.

1965 – Two members of King's first recruiting class at Purdue, Indiana Mr. Basketball Billy Keller and Herm Gilliam, both had long professional careers after helping Purdue reach the 1969 NCAA championship game. Ralph Taylor, Keller's teammate at Indianapolis Washington, was a fan favorite and was an analyst for years on the Purdue Radio Network.

Ted Reasoner was a reserve forward on the 1969 team. Gary Bancroft, for whom Purdue won a recruiting battle against Michigan and Michigan State, died before his sophomore year in a trampoline accident. Rick Snider, Ohio's Mr. Basketball, saw his career cut short by injuries.

1966 – Rick Mount alone would have made this a great class. The three-time All-American guard is still the best pure shooter in Purdue history and held the school career scoring record for 54 years despite playing only three seasons due to NCAA rules at the time.

But 7-foot Chuck Bavis became a starter and a difficult matchup for UCLA's Lew Alcindor (now Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) in a pair of games. Who knows how the 1969 title game might have gone if Bavis hadn't injured a shoulder early in the NCAA tournament. An auto accident ended Bavis' career prematurely the following year.

Roger Blalock, a junior college transfer, became a starting forward before a broken ankle suffered against Butler in December 1967 ended his career. Blalock would later become a long-term Purdue athletics employee until his death in 2012. Tyrone Bedford and Jerry Johnson were frequently used reserves.

1984 – Troy Lewis, Todd Mitchell and Everett Stephens – also known as the Three Amigos – were so talented they went into the Purdue

Athletics Hall of Fame in 2010 with their coach, Gene Keady.

Purdue beat out Kansas for Lewis, a top 50 recruit out of Anderson. Lewis is one of six 2,000-point scorers in Boilermaker history (2,038). Sports Illustrated claimed in 1988 that Lewis and Stephens were the nation's best backcourt. Mitchell, like Lewis, was a two-time first-team All-Big Ten selection who scored 1,699 points in his career.

Classmates Jeff Arnold and Dave Stack were reserves who were both suspended for their senior seasons.

2007 – This class raised expectations for Purdue basketball that may have been reached if not for two tears of Robbie Hummel's ACL.

Ranked fifth in the 24/7 Sports composite ratings, this class included a 2,000-point scorer (E'Twaun Moore with 2,136), a first-team All-American (JaJuan Johnson), a three-time first-team All-Big Ten forward (Hummel) and an underrated junior college transfer named Nemanja Calasan. This foursome and classmate Scott Martin helped Purdue go 25-9 and 15-3 in the Big Ten their first season in West Lafayette. Martin transferred to Notre Dame, but the nucleus of Hummel, Johnson and Moore would win 107 games and the 2009 Big Ten tournament title.

Johnson just missed joining Moore in the 2,000-point club with 1,919. Hummel finished with 1,772 career points.

2014 – It would not be hyperbole to suggest the class of Isaac Haas, Vincent Edwards, Dakota Mathias, P.J. Thompson and Jacquil Taylor saved Painter's job.

Only ranked 33rd in the 24/7 Sports composite ratings, this group helped take the Boilermakers from a last-place Big Ten finish in 2014 to third place and a 21-13 record. Over the next three seasons,

Purdue would win 83 games and a Big Ten championship.

Edwards was a four-year starting forward, finishing with 1,638 points, 779 rebounds and 403 assists. Haas was second in the run of 7-footers recruited by Matt Painter and replaced A.J. Hammons as the starting center by his junior season. Haas scored 1,555 points.

Mathias was the third 1,000-point scorer (1,140) in the class, leaving Purdue with a record 250 3-pointers. Thompson was a three-year starting point guard and is now Purdue basketball's director of player development. Taylor was a reserve center for three seasons before starting every game for Hofstra as a graduate transfer.

1980 – Gene Keady's first McDonald's All-American was Chicago center Russell Cross, who lived up to his billing. Cross won Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors and helped Keady debut with a 21-11 record and a third-place NIT finish. Cross left after his junior season and was the No. 6 pick in the 1983 NBA Draft by Golden State.

Two lightly regarded recruits out of Fort Wayne, Ricky Hall and Greg Eifert, were starters on the 1984 Big Ten championship team. Hall was Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year in 1984.

A high school knee injury proved too much for 7-foot center Joe Gampfer to overcome. Jon Lawson was a reserve guard for two seasons before completing his career at Western Kentucky.

1991 – Glenn Robinson was Purdue's highest-profile recruit since Rick Mount and is listed alongside his fellow Indiana Mr. Basketball on any all-time Purdue team.

Robinson led the Big Ten in scoring during his sophomore and junior seasons after sitting out 1991-92 for not meeting NCAA academic standards. The "Big Dog" was the first Big Ten player to score more than 1,000 points in a single season and was the unanimous national player of the year in 1994.

Robinson's cousin, Brandon Brantley, was a three-year starting center for the Big Ten three-peat championship teams. But his biggest impact has come as a Purdue assistant coach, developing first-team All-Big Ten big men A.J. Hammons, Caleb Swanigan and Trevion Williams as well as two-time national player of the year Zach Edey.

Todd Foster was a key reserve guard on the three-peat teams, averaging 7.5 points as a senior.

1974 – Fort Wayne has provided its share of outstanding Purdue



Zach Edey



Jaden Ivey



Ethan Morton

Photos courtesy Purdue Athletics

basketball players, but few better than Walter Jordan and Eugene Parker.

Jordan was an instant impact player as a 6-7 forward and went on to score 1,813 points and take down 882 rebounds. Upon his election to the Purdue Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame, Jordan credited Parker for convincing him to be a Boilermaker.

Parker also was a four-year starter at guard and scored 1,430 points before becoming a prominent sports agent whose clients included Rod Woodson and Deion Sanders.

The third member of Purdue's "Soul Patrol" was forward Wayne Walls, whose Jeffersonville team lost to Jordan's Fort Wayne Northrop squad in the state finals. Walls also was a four-year starter who scored 1,030 points. Mark Barnhizer transferred to Auburn after one season. He currently is head basketball coach at Lafayette Jeff and his son, Brooks, is a starter at Northwestern. Michael White, a center from Peoria who Schaus said was the strongest player he'd ever been associated with in college or pro basketball, saw his playing time limited by a knee injury.

2012 – A.J. Hammons began the line of talented 7-foot centers to play for Painter, whose recruiting class was rated 15th in the 24/7 sports composite.

Ranked 74th in the nation, Hammons would become the 2016 Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year. A four-year starter, Hammons scored 1,593 points and hauled in 930 rebounds.

Rapheal Davis committed to Purdue as a high school freshman and played a key role in helping the Boilermakers re-establish themselves as a Big Ten contender after two consecutive losing seasons. He is held in such high regard that Davis was presented a Big Ten championship ring the season after he played his final game as a Boilermaker.

Jay Simpson's promising career as a 6-10 power forward ended when he collapsed on the court at Nebraska in 2014. Simpson was diagnosed with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and forced to give up basketball.

Ronnie Johnson followed his older brother, Terone, to Purdue but left after starting 59 games over two seasons. He played his junior season at Houston and his senior season at Auburn but never approached his Purdue numbers. Johnson's departure opened the door for Jon Octeus to transfer in from

Colorado State and help Purdue return to the NCAA Tournament.

2015 – Indiana Mr. Basketball Caleb Swanigan remains the highest-rated player recruited by Matt Painter, a five-star 6-9 power forward who was ranked 19th in his class.

The McDonald's All-American became a consensus first-team All-American and the Big Ten Player of the Year as a sophomore before being selected in the first round of the 2017 NBA Draft by Portland.

Former Carmel star Ryan Cline finished runner-up to Swanigan in the Mr. Basketball voting. He will be forever remembered for his career-high 27 points against Tennessee in the 2019 NCAA Sweet 16. Cline's 111 3-pointers that season rank second to Carsen Edwards' 135 (also in 2019) in Purdue history.

Grant Weatherford transferred after redshirting in 2015-16, playing for IUPUI and Georgia Southern.

To be determined

2022 – The 30th-ranked class of Fletcher Loyer, Camden Heide and Braden Smith is off to a promising start. Smith, ranked 216th nationally, set Big Ten and Purdue single-season assist records as a sophomore. Smith is the only member of the All-Big Ten first team slated to return in 2024-25.

Loyer, the highest-ranked recruit of the trio at No. 122, improved his 3-point shooting from 32.6 percent as a freshman to 44.4 percent this past season. Barring injury, Loyer and Smith will join Purdue's 1,000-point club as juniors.

Heide's athletic ability and 45 percent 3-point shooting resulted in increased playing time during Purdue's run to the national championship game. The 6-7 forward could join Smith and Loyer in the starting lineup next season.

2024 – Only Rutgers has a higher-rated Big Ten class than Purdue's six-man group. Kanon Catchings, a 6-8 forward, is the second-highest ranked recruit in the Painter era at No. 34. Gicarri Harris, a 6-4 guard, is ranked 90th in the 24/7 Sports composite.

The rest of the ninth-ranked 2024 recruiting class includes three-star 6-10 center Raleigh Burgess, three-star 7-3 center Daniel Jacobsen, three-star 6-2 guard C.J. Cox and three-star 6-6 forward Jack Benter of Brownstown.

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MONTGOMERY MEMORIES

Early Settlers - (who they were; where from; why came ...)

Brown –
Washington
Rice

Clark –
William
Hodges

Coal Creek –
Isaac H.
Montgomery

Franklin –
Uriel Burroughs

Madison –
William H.
Nicholson

Ripley – Wilson
Claypool, Mr.
Shrewd

Sugar Creek –
McStrain = Strain

Scott –
Presley Day
Johnson

Union –
William Bromley –
Meharry family

Walnut –
William
Coddington

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Andrew
Crouch

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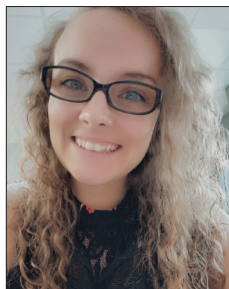
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April Feature: Who, What, Why, When, Where

Karen Bazzani Zach



WHO, WHAT, WHY, WHEN, WHERE are questions any good historian just has to find answers to in order to create a whole look at any person, place, thing or event. So, just who were the early settlers of our county – where were they from – when did they come and certainly why did they come here? Read on, and hopefully this local historian will answer at least most of these so that you might understand our wonderful county, who, why and how it was developed!

Land was likely the number one reason our settlers came here. Many soldiers could get land grants so easily and cheaply. Often they would bring their sons with them to actually work the land. Of course, there were doctors, lawyers, businessmen of all kinds who came as well especially to Crawfordsville in order to create the larger “city” of the county to serve as the center of the community. The Land Grant Office (3rd in the state) was busy constantly as it wasn’t just Montgomery County that people purchased property for from here but several counties in the area. This of course boosted the importance of our little county seat. Also, folks often came because their friends, relatives or church fellows headed our way!

The county opened up the land for purchase on Christmas Eve in 1824, although there were several squatters on lands in the area, including William Offield just south of town living in a round log home he had built at the mouth of the creek that would adopt his name. He was born in NC and lived for a time in Tennessee, going to Morgan County, Indiana then here. Certainly, he was a man of some education as he served as one of the first four County Commissioners. Oddly, this War of 1812 soldier who could have made an even bigger mark on our county left just a few years later, going out to the Ozark Mountains in Missouri where his wife Jane and one of their children died of cholera.

Another of the early settlers and my favorite was Ambrose Whitlock, who set out the town of Crawfordsville and was appointed receiver of public moneys by John Quincy Adams. He was an extremely active and very efficient man in making Crawfordsville what it became.

John Beard was also from NC (Guilford County) and he became known as the “Father of Indiana Education,” pushing for so many wonderful things in the Legislature, and mainly emphasizing free education!

Several immigrants, such as the large influx of Irish, as well as other states (Massachusetts, Maryland) were

represented in the early C’ville settlers, but overall many came from Ohio (particularly Butler and Ross County), KY (Clark; Shelby especially), and a few from PA.

Brown township was also blessed with many from Kentucky (Shelby, Boone, Clark particularly); Ohio (Butler County); a few from the Pittsburg PA area. Canine; Clore; Durham; Gale; McCormick; Milligan; Reynolds; Rice; Vancleave plus several others were instrumental in making Brown an exceptional part of the county.

Clark township had many from Botetourt County, Virginia including the Becks, Berrys, Baldwins, Harshbargers, Hodges, McIvers, McMurrays, Millers, Ottermans, Ragsdales, Rouths, Powell, Peffley, Staton, Swank, Winters and Ashbys. Some of these families had 300, 400 and even up to 1,000 acres and by the Spring of 1837 there was no land left in Clark.

Coal Creek – the SW part of the township was many years known as Kentuck, indicating everyone was from there. Names in the township include Biddle, Beaver, Culver, Clements, Marlow, Mann, Park, Tracy, Royalty and many great stories can be read about them.

Franklin – Virginia born and raised was the background of many of the Franklinites. Ohio folks filtered in here, as well, several from Ross County and Preble. Kentucky too. A few were from the heart of America, living in the Philadelphia and DC area. Early names here are: Cox, Elmore; Flaningam; Kenworthy; Larrick, Lewis; McCaferty; McClaskey; Mikels; Nicholson; Tribbett; Scott.

Madison brings Ohioans; Virginians and several from other countries (Scotland; England; Canada). Names probably familiar yet to you that were early settlers were: Boyd; Campbell; Conrad; Davenport; Drake; Fraley; Galbreath; Halstead; Horner; Irons; Kenyon; Michaels; Montgomery; Paddock; Shotts; Stout; Washburn; White; Wrightsman.

Ripley – Clodfelter; Crane; Dwiggins; Elmore; Fruits, Goben; Harrison; Keys; Livengood; Monroe; Montgomery; O’Neal; Powers; Ramey; Stonebraker; Swearingen; Thomas; Truax; are some of the earliest names on the land docketts of Ripley. Miami, Highland, Preble. in Ohio; Jefferson in Kentucky brought several as well as some from the Virginias and Carolinas.

Scott – Armstrong, Ashby; Britts; Brookshire; Busenbark; Byrd; Caplinger; Dickerson; Epperson; Everson; Foster; Frame; Frantz; Gill; Goodbar;

Graybill; Hampton; Harrison; Harshbarger; Hostetter; James; Johnson; Kesler; Lidikay; Miller; Myers; O’Conner; O’Herron; Sarvies; Sidener; Smalley; Swindler; Thompson; Vancleave; Warbritton; Wasson; Watkins; White presents one of the largest selection of early settlers however it is one of the smallest of the townships. KY, OH and VA the norm.

Sugar Creek – Many of the early settlers of SC were born in Ohio, some in PA; and the many families include Boots; Bowers; Conrad; Cox; Coyner; Custer; Dunbar; Ermentrout; Hashbarger; Henderson; Hodson; Hollis; Mahoy; Musgrove; Peterson; Saidla; Smith; Wiant; Wilson.

Union (south part) – settlers here include these folks and of course many more: Armentrout; Beard; Bell; Britton; Brook; Campbell; Catterlin; Chesterson; Craig; Crawford; Davidson; Dunn; Edwards; Everson; Faust; Fender; Fisher; Foster; French; Guntle; Hamilton; Harlan; Hays; Huston; Johnston; Kelsey; Kendall; Lamson; Martin; Maxwell; McConnell; McCullough; McLaughlin; Miller; Mount; Oliver; Powers; Richardson; Riddle; Smith; Stout; Sullivan; Thompson; Warbington; Weliever; Whitlock; Wilhite; Williams; Wilson; Winton; Wray and Zerfaz (Zurface). Lots of owners with from the 80-acre norm to several hundred.

Union (north part) – Richard Breaks was one of the very first settlers in this section along with Barclays; Beeler; Binford; Clark; Conrad; Cooper; Cox; Cooper; Crouch; Croy; Dawson; Fender; Graham; Gray; Henry; Kenworthy; Layne; Lee; Lucas; Martin; Masterson; Maxwell; McCullough; Meharry; Miller; Noel; Nutt; Richardson; Riddle; Rush; Scoyoc (Van); Schaefer; Slayback; Thompson; Vancleave; Wray; Wylie.

Walnut – Brown; Clark; Corn; Crawford; Dorsey; Elmore; Goben; Hogsett; Loop; Oxley; Redenbaugh; Remley; Scott; Stewart; Walkup; Williams. Kentucky (Henry, Jefferson, Shelby ...); Ohio (Butler) with several families from Augusta County, Virginia.

Wayne - Armantrout; Ball; Bratton; Britton; Crawford; Crooks; Grenard; Hawkins; Heath; Lincoln; Mann; Merrell; Moore; Newman; Quick; Rusk; Shanklin; Snyder; Swearingen; Switzer; Thompson; Tracy; Washburn. New York (Cayuga); Ohio (Butler); Virginia (Jefferson) .

If ya’ see any of your direct families listed here, consider yourself one early settler of our county – mine goes to my grandmother born here in 1895, so not too far back for me!!

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



Wasn't exactly sure what to find for the Odds so came up with the idea to just look for the name settler in various sources – what fun. My first was an article on “Uncle Keeling Livengood” (CWJ 21 Aug 1896 p 5) who “won one of the prizes given at the Old Settlers’ meeting to the speaker who could give the most information about old timers. As an old settler Uncle Keeling is very practical and it takes something more than an old settler and a young settler to unsettle him!”

In a Weekly Review Oct 6, 1877 article, many of the old settlers gave short speeches about coming to the county. M.M. Vancleave told of being 15 when he came in 1825 where there were more Native Americans than white people and only three houses in Crawfordsville. He dug ginseng and exchanged it for

coffee and tea. There were panthers, snakes, wolves and wild animals of every description. Corn was beat into meal for bread and they ate hominy and wild game. Roads didn't exist so to get somewhere and back trees were blazed in order to find the way home. Harvey Harrison settled here in 1830 on

Cornstalk Creek. The first thing he purchased was an almanac for 6 ½ cents. At the first election when he came here there were 400 voters. Another Kentuckian, Isaac Montgomery (Jefferson County) came in 1837 which took 20 days to get here. He told that the day Gen. Jackson was elected president he carried the mail from Lafayette to Crawfordsville receiving 25 cents per day for his services. There were only four homes between the two little cities.

Jehiel Crane and family settled in Walnut Twp from Hamilton County, Ohio in 1827. Only three houses were between his home and Crawfordsville. Three log mills were in the area, one by Burrel Daniel at C'ville; William Crooks

owning one at Yountsville and Benjamin Cox having one at Darlington. His oldest sister taught the first school in the township and in 1828, Jeremiah West became the first Justice of the Peace.

Joel Thomas (Miami Ohio) with his parents, eight brothers and two sisters came to the Pleasant Hill area and another little one arrived not long after they came, making the family an even dozen. Their log house was 18 x 20 with a loft. Before he was 21, he walked to Ft. Wayne and back three times.

Thomas Elmore's family came to Ripley Township and cleared a farm. In 1822, the first school appeared in Ripley, a log structure with a board roof but no floor.

Another Kentuckian, Jesse J Goben, from Jefferson Kentucky came in 1829 (age 21) to Walnut. He purchased his property and built a cabin on it then went back to Kentucky for his wife. The Indians stole one of his horses thus she rode and he walked all the way “back home again to Indiana.” Their first winter the snow was 22” deep but he managed to get a deer at the deer licks, tied its legs together with his suspenders and carried it home. An early minister, they had little at first, but went forth and prospered. (buried Lee Cemetery, FAGrave photo by K. Huey).

William Ramey claimed to have been here the longest, totaling 55 years. He said the snakes were so thick that it was made a rule the farmers had to spend an hour each day deleting them.

Some of the more interesting relics exhibited at the Settlers Reunion included a family bible belonging to Joseph Ermantrout that was written in German and was 100 years old. The bible was published in 1803. Another 100 year old bible belonged to Mrs. O'Neal. A set of silver spoons 75 years old belonged to Mary Snyder. Many more.

The next year a total of over 400 pioneers met with William Monroe born in Ohio 1812, came here 1828 told of wrestling with the young Indians and “I might just as well have tried to hold an eel as one of them.” He was a devoted sportsman and played havoc with “abounding bear, deer, wolves and turkeys.”

Abijah O'Neal was born in South Carolina, his father a slave holder but manumitted them and moved to Ohio from where Abijah came to our county. Sammy Watson married for many years and started life as a bound boy. His master (a wheelwright) sent him as his substitute to the War of 1812 and served under Gen. Harrison at Ft. Meigs. He returned with his own money and bought out his servitude then came here.

George Fruits was of course another Ripley Township area settler. He was born in Baltimore Maryland (Jan 1763) and his father, George had been born in Germany. In Butler County, Ohio (29 Oct 1806) he married Catherine Stonebraker (born Northumberland Co PA May 1790) and they were parents of a dozen children the majority born in Butler County but the last few born here!

Shelby County and Jessamine County Kentucky were two places the Brown Township settlers arrived from being Galeys, Fullenwidiers, Canines, Deers, Durhams, McCormicks, Spencers, so many more and the Northwest portion of the county brought the Meharry's who actually had old settler get togethers on their beautiful property for many years.

My would it have been wonderful to have been there and hear the stories of the early settlers, who they were, where they were from, how many in the families, their homes (a few lived in tents or in wagons while building cabins), and the why mainly was good land, cheap; however, other reasons centered on family, friends or church members often moving together as was seen in Clark Township. So many wonderful folks settled our county! Bless 'em!



Nifty at Ninety - And Beyond

Joy Willett, Montgomery Memories

For the April edition of Nifty, we meet one of the first white settlers in Montgomery County, Christian John Loop. We are also introduced to his extended family.

Christian was born on November 17, 1788 in Rockingham County, Virginia. He was the son of Phillip and Maria Brintzi Loop. Phillip and Maria, who married on October 14, 1782, had four children. It is assumed that Marie died in ca. 1802. Phillip married again on October 14, 1805. He and his second wife, Catharina Minga, had five children. According to the 1810 Census for Augustus County, Virginia, six children were still living at home. That is the year that Christian married. He and Eva Airhart wed on May 11. They lived in Augusta County, Virginia where they had eight children.

Christian's paternal grandparents, Ludwig Lupp and Anna Marie Spadt/Spaeth, were born in Germany. Anna, at the age of 22, came to the colonies in 1752 with her parents and eight siblings (U.S. and Canada, Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500s-1900s). Ludwig immigrated in 1753 (Pennsylvania German Pioneers: A Publication of the Original Lists of Arrivals in the Port of Philadelphia from 1727 to 1808, Vol. I List of Pennsylvania German Pioneers, 1727-1775). Ludwig and Anna married in Berks County, Pennsylvania in 1756. He served as the first pastor of the Tabor First Reformed Church in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. The church's cornerstone was inscribed in German, with words provided by Rev. Lupp (A history of Tabor First Reformed Church, Lebanon, Penna). The Lupp/Loop family migrated to Virginia by the time of Christian's birth in 1788.

Christian and Eva left Virginia for Indiana in 1834 (Portrait and biographical record of Montgomery, Parke and Fountain Counties, Indiana). They settled in Boone County, where Christian farmed. Boone County was their home over the coming three decades. According to the U.S. General Land Office Records, Christian purchased land there on March 30, 1837. In November of 1837, their daughter Elizabeth passed at only 20 years old. Their other children, John, Sarah, Andrew, David, Catherine, Rebecca, and Mary, went on to marry, and most had children of their own:

- John, who married Margaret Spohr, had seven children who lived to adulthood. In ca. 1846, John migrated with his family to Texas. Two of his sons, who fought for the Confederacy, died during the Civil War. Margaret died in 1853 at the age of 46. John, aged 44, died in Henderson, Texas in 1855.
- Sarah married John Bowman, with whom she had seven children. After John's death in 1866, Sarah married Anthony Beck. Sarah and Anthony, who lived in Beckville, the town founded by Anthony's family, had no children. Anthony died in 1881. Sarah died in Page County, Iowa in 1892. She was 79 years old. Her body was returned to Montgomery County where she was interred in the Beckville Cemetery.
- Andrew married Elizabeth Airhart and they settled in Montgomery County. When Elizabeth died in 1841, Andrew married Harriet Farlow. She died in 1851. Andrew's last mar-

riage was to Lydia Wheat. In all, Andrew had six children who lived to adulthood. Five of his children made their home in Montgomery County. He lived to be 98 years old.

- David married and lived in Montgomery County. His first wife, with whom he had six children, was Margaret Airhart. His second wife, 26 years his junior, was Elizabeth Wright. They had one child. David died in 1889 at the age of 71.

- Catherine married John Airhart. They lived in Boone County and had one child, Eva. Eva, who made her home in Boone County with husband Frank Whitley, had nine children who lived to adulthood. Catherine died in 1902 at the age of 79.

- Rebecca married John Simmons. They lived in Montgomery and Boone County and had three children who lived to adulthood. Rebecca died in January 1854 from childbirth complications. She was 28 years old. Two of Rebecca's children, William and Hannah, lived to be 90 plus years old. Her youngest daughter, Rebecca, died in 1888 at age 35. Like her mother, Rebecca's death resulted from childbirth complications.

- Mary married Jacob Fall. They lived in Boone County and Walnut Township, Montgomery County. They only had one child, Emma, who died at the age of eight. Mary passed in 1896, just short of her 65th birthday.

Eva passed on September 28, 1866 and was interred in the Providence Cemetery in Beckville, Indiana. We find Christian in Montgomery County by 1870, living with his daughter Sarah and her husband Anthony Beck (Federal Census). Christian passed on September 20, 1879, two months shy of his 91st birthday. He was buried next to Eva.

Christian and Eva continued what was started by ancestors who bravely journeyed to the new world. May they each rest in peace.



Tombstone for Christian Loop

Photo courtesy of Adam Rice via findagrave.com



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Story & Graphics by Chuck Clore

Which workers are most likely to leave their hometowns?

What an interesting question! The LinkedIn editor asked my opinion on whether freelancers and contract workers were more apt to make bold career moves. What kind of catalyst is strong enough to vault away from all that is familiar and comfortable? Does some entrepreneurial spirit suddenly seize them and thrust them excitedly into the unpredictable territory? Not really.

It is more like a whisper of discontent that grows into the expectation of something more from myself. Call it introspection. It is where you locate your passion and your true vocation. What can I do beyond the here and now that is actually fulfilling? In my career, only a couple of paradigm shifts have jarred me enough to pick up stakes and move hundreds of miles from home.

But for Hans Michael Klaar, the first Clore to set foot in America, the motivation to leave his hometown was not that subtle. Baden-Württemberg had been ravaged by war for a century. There were poor harvests due to extreme cold weather. His beloved Gemmingen village was familiar but not that comfortable. French troops had plundered the region known today as Southern Germany. At the turn of the eighteenth century, it was part of the Holy Roman Empire. In 1709, thousands left the region and migrated across the channel to London, lured by vague promises made in Korcherthal's "Golden Book" of an easier life in the American Colonies

and, more especially, free land.

Most of the "Poor Palatines," as they were known, had spent their wealth escaping to England. This was not the case for Michael Clore and those on the same ship who had paid for passage to Pennsylvania. Michael found himself in London with his wife and three children, waiting to depart as the captain of the ship was imprisoned for debt. Eventually, the Clore family found themselves on a ship to the colonies. Far from home in 1717, the Germans were taken by the unscrupulous captain to Virginia rather than the agreed upon Pennsylvania. There, in spite of paying full passage, they were indentured to Lt. Gov. Alexander Spotswood becoming part of the Second Germanna Colony, along with the families Blankenbaker, Broyles, Cook, Fleshman, Harnsberger, Zimmerman, Weaver, Wilhoit, Barlow, Kaifer, Kerker, Moyer, Motz, Sheible, Smith, Snyder, Utz, Yager, Holt, Crigler, and Amberger.

The industrious Michael Clore served out his indenture and settled a suit brought against him by Spotswood – a mysterious suit in which Spotswood failed to provide documents and the Virginia House of Burgess provided a lawyer for the Germans. In 1725, Michael made his way to the Robison River Valley just north of the present town of Madison. There the influence of the Clore family remains strong to this day. There he was granted over 1000 acres which he divided among his children.

His son John blessed Michael with

nine grandchildren, not the least of which was his namesake known as "Big Mike." Big Mike was said to be large in stature. Plus he had a slightly younger cousin of the same name and also fathered a son named Michael. Big Mike was reported to be a cabinetmaker and a gunsmith as was my father, Austin Clore, two centuries later. I guess Dad inherited his craftsmanship honestly.

According to family lore, Big Mike Clore was cranking out weapons for the Revolutionary War when the British burned down his shop and ran him out of town. He then became a gunsmith for George Washington's troops.

Israel Clore, Big Mike's son, was one of the first Clores to move to Montgomery County, Indiana with his wife Frances Deer Clore. Do not confuse this Israel Clore with his grandson Israel Clore #2 who met an early demise at 41 years old in Wallace, (Jackville) Indiana. Israel #2 is my great, great-grandfather. He is shrouded in family mystery. Rumor has it he was a drinker, stinker, and downright cantankerous thinker. Oops, I almost left out, Urial Clore, his father and the man between two Israel Clores.

The second Israel Clore's son, Big Enoch, was my great-grandfather. Charles Enoch Clore, my namesake, was a large hard-working man. His stature towered over my grandfather, James W. Clore, who was not a short man himself.

Finally, there is Austin Clore, my father. He was a jack-of-all-trades and master of many. He did great work in metal and wood. He was a Technical Sergeant in the Armored Engineers Battalion during the Second World War. Stationed in Germany rebuilding bridges toward the end of the war, I wonder if he was even aware he was marching through the land of our ancestors.

Thank you, Hans Michael Clore (Klaar) for being brave enough to step away from the familiar into unimaginable uncertainty. Thank you for the tenacity you displayed amid unfathomable hardships. Thank you for purchasing our family's freedom. Settler is not a descriptor I would use for you and your unquenchable spirit of adventure. You have done the Clore family proud.

Another motivation for the Germanna Colonists to leave their home Baden-Württemberg was religious freedom. Most were strong people of faith during the Reformation. The people of the Holy Roman Empire were expected to conform to the religious doctrine followed by their governing nobility. Michael Clore was Lutheran and was active in the organization of the German Lutheran Church. Now known as Hebron Lutheran Church in Madison County, Virginia, the current church was constructed in 1740 and is the oldest Lutheran Church in continuous use in the United States.

Disclaimer: Wading through genealogies is counter-instinctive to my personality especially when some of the early Clores had ten, twelve, or even 19 children. Many shared the same or similar names. For a more thorough and accurate accounting of the early Clore settlers check with the organization below.

Thank you to The Memorial Foundation of the Germanna Colonies in Virginia, Incorporated (Historic Germanna), and thanks to Cathi Clore Frost for her work on The Germanna Record #16: The First Four Generations of the Michael Clore Family. Thank you to John Blankenbaker for his many contributions to the study of Germanna history.

<https://germanna.org/>

Back home in Indiana? Check out the Germanna in the Midwest Facebook group.

Poetry and Puzzles

Montgomery Memories

Early On

By Joy Willett

In 1813,
after decades of hostilities,
Tecumseh was killed.
His dream – a native confederacy,
not fulfilled.

That year,
Will Dunn, Major Whitlock,
and Henry Ristine
visited this area dense with trees,
blessed with a "sweet" stream.

In 1821,
William and Jennie
settled along a creek
that would bear their surname.
They never imagined
"Offield" would have fame.

William Miller
built a cabin
near the county's center.
Its round form, unusual,
was considered efficient.

In 1822,
John Loop,
the first to do so,
bought land
in Scott Township.

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Henry Ristine
erected a two-story pub
that served ale,
held court,
and was a meeting hub.

In 1823,
John Beard, a Virginian
and man of good nature,
was elected representative
to the state legislature.

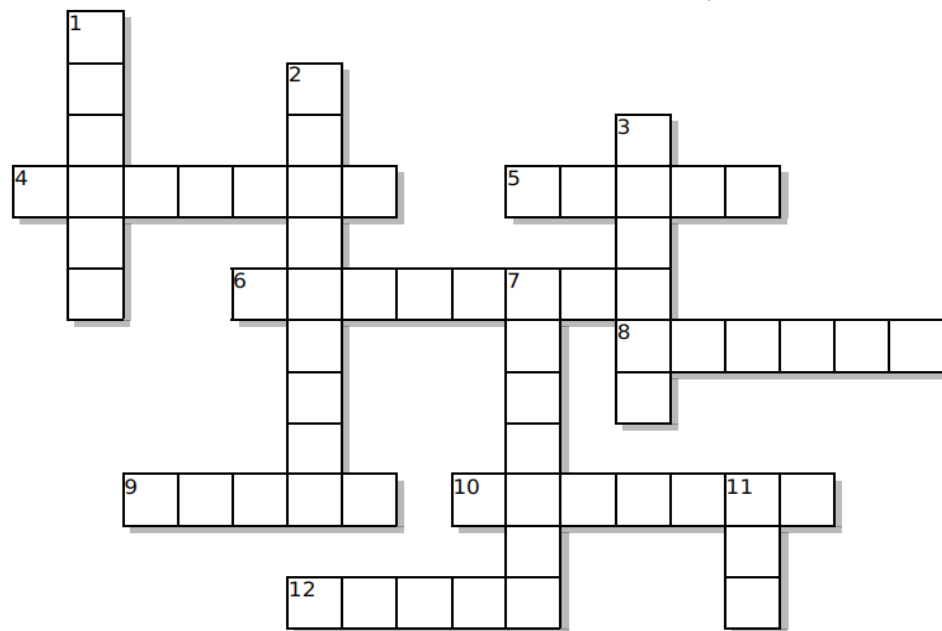
Crawfordsville,
based on Whitlock's plat,
was the only town
between Fort Wayne
and Terre Haute.

In 1824,
Whitlock ran the land office,
Powers had a grocery,
and Stanford Cox
was the school master.

Isaac Elston,
with his talent,
became financier, banker,
and a merchant.

The founders of our county -
undaunted and brave,
our thanks to them
for all they gave.
Marching Along

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ACROSS

- 4 Owned 1st MoCo pub
- 5 --- Burroughs, Franklin Twnshp
- 6 Built 1st cabin on Sugar Creek
- 8 Financier, banker, merchant
- 9 Origin country - Rice family
- 10 Early name-Coal Creek Twnshp
- 12 "Father of Indiana Education"

DOWN

- 1 Crane who came in 1827
- 2 Came to MoCo in 1825 at 15
- 3 William --- built a round cabin
- 7 Early county commissioner
- 11 Standford --- 1st School Master

Check out page 9 for the solution

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The Unsinkable Ship

By Cynthia Long

Went for a cruise on the maiden ship Titanic,
A wonderful ship everyone said would be epic
I was not scared because it was unsinkable
To be in fear would for me be unthinkable
Wanted to sail far away to another land
Where my life, I think could be quite grand
Unpacking my suitcase in a luxurious liner
This is the one yacht that could not be finer.

Passengers enjoyed dinner, dancing, and other entertainments.

All the days of the trip they would enjoy the embellishments
I heard that people like Astor, Guggenheim Straus, Thayer and Gordon
Would be on this ship including Stead, Fulrelle, Gibson and Morgan

On April 14, 1912 I was that evening returning to my room
Walking down the corridor I heard a deafening boom

Went to find an RMS crew member
When I was told on deck to assemble

He handed me a life jacket just in case

And to get in the lifeboat because there was space

Passengers were lowered down by the crew

The first little boat had just a few

A man started quickly paddling our tiny boat

Once far away he stopped and we would just float

Everyone watched as we heard screaming, crying and yelling

Amongst the chaos we heard music and saw the flares flying

In the early hours of April 15, the ship's lights flickered out
and then went straight up vertical

We all heard the moans of the iron and watched it break in
half and it sank uncontrollable

From quite a distance I saw an ocean of people
Out in the middle of the sea, no one felt hopeful

Soon there was no sound

As we all looked around

Shivering, crying and wondering

If we are going to live or die pondering

The Smell of Rain

By Cynthia Long

The sun is surrounded by puffy clouds
Wind is blowing leaves around
I smell rain in the air and feel
Tiny drops hit my skin
The rain falls slowly
and the wind picks up
and the rain is now heavy
with rumbles of thunder in the distance.

The heavy rain smacks the leaves as
it hurls to the ground.

It's falling fast and the water
plummets into pools of muddy
water making a splash that
smacks the ground.

Rain on the tin roof sounds like
pebbles hitting the metal.

The rain slows down and I
can hear the cars passing by
hitting the water that splashes their windshields.

April Showers

By Cynthia Long

It's time to start planning and thinking
About nature 'round the corner soon begin peaking
It rains so greatly with frequency off and on
Then spring will arrive quickly and rapidly dawn
Bringing many beautiful vividly colored blossoms
That at Shannon's Family farm, they will be awesome



Karen's Kitchen

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories

Well, we have an early year 1874 as the featured one this month and I thought I'd try to see if I could find something they'd have made in those times and although the title of this seems earlier they made it for years in the South. So, let me know if you try this – sounds great to me, but I'm allergic to Ginger so found two you might enjoy!

Civil War Gingerbread

Sift together and set aside

2 $\frac{3}{4}$ C Flour

2 tsp Baking Powder

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. cloves

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp Soda

1 tsp ginger

2 tsp cinnamon

Cream together:

$\frac{1}{2}$ C Sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$ C. Shortening

1 tsp. Salt



Blend in 1 Cup of molasses. Add 2 eggs and beat well. Add the flour mixture alternately with 1 cup hot water till all is used. Blend well. Bake in greased, floured 13 x 9 pan at 350 for 50 minutes.

I also found a blog with this on it (but couldn't find a name to give credit to) – anyway this sounds great too –

Pennsylvania Tea Cake 1870s +

Ingredients:

- 4 Egg Yolks

- 2 Whole Eggs

- 1 Tbs Vinegar

- 1 tsp Baking Soda

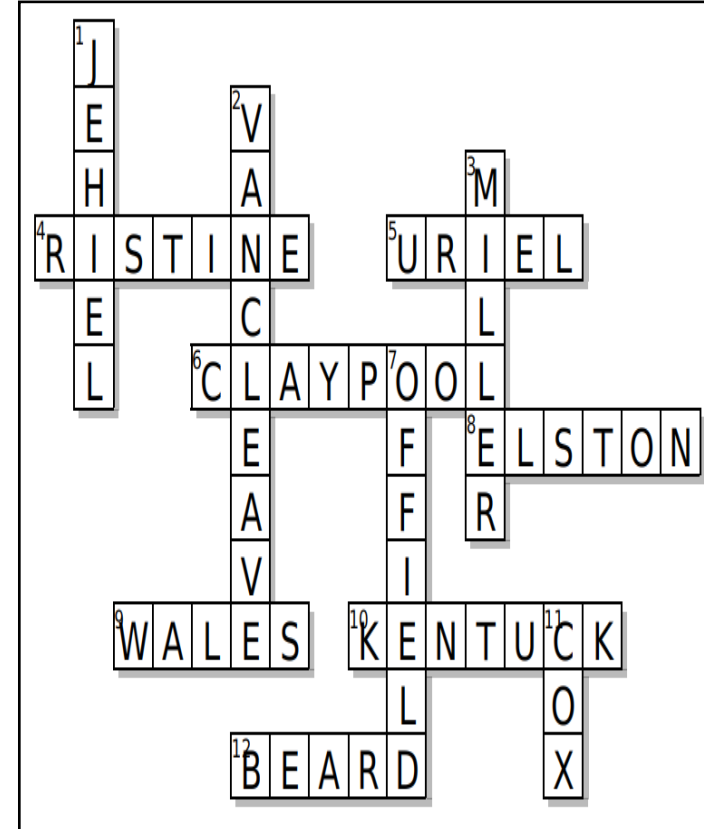
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups Sugar

- $\frac{1}{2}$ pound Butter, creamed

- Sifted Flour

Modern Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Break eggs into a small bowl and beat. Dissolve Baking Powder in the vinegar; add the vinegar mixture into the beaten eggs. Put Sugar into a medium-sized bowl; make a divot in the center of the sugar. Pour the Egg mixture into the sugar and stir with a wooden spoon until well blended. Soften the butter and cream into the batter. Stir in enough Sifted Flour until it forms a thick batter. Bake in a buttered 8-inch cake pan for 35- 40 minutes. (Alternatively, you can add enough flour to make dough, roll it out on a floured surface and cut out round biscuits with a cookie cutter to stay closer to the original recipe.)



We want to hear from YOU!

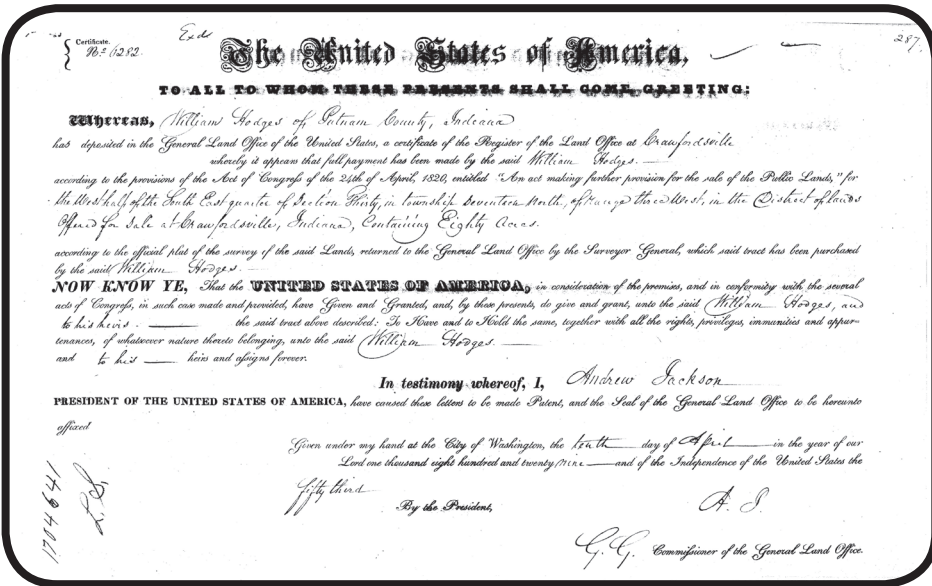
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County Connections:

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories



David listed in the 1850 Clark Township census I can't blame for leaving as they lost so many children here (Harrison Cemetery near Ladoga). This family went to Franklin County, KS where they are almost all buried.

Coal Creek – well, I chose Isaac H. (Herrod?) Montgomery born March 24, 1814 in Jefferson County, Indiana, where he learned the shoemaker trade, following that for the first part of his life; however in 1835, he entered 40 acres of land in Sec 24, Coal Creek which was the very last one in the township for sale. Not long thereafter he married Elizabeth Park, daughter of Elijah and Eveline, early settlers in our area. IH's parents were Alexander and Anna (Herrod), Alexander having fought in the battle of Tippecanoe and did range work in the area. He fell in love with Montgomery County and moved his family here in 1824 (HW Beckwith). Isaac and his new wife built a log cabin, "tilled their farm, raised and dealt in stock, added to their farm until it comprised 2,000 acres of beautifully rolling land with a very large dwelling." Isaac followed the Methodist Episcopal Church and was a republican. They were parents of several: William; Eveline (married John Boyd); Amanda (Capt. TW Durham); Samantha (Col. R. Hallowell); Mary (Capt. TP Anderson); Wallace who graduated from Wabash in 1879 and Dora F. My favorite tidbit I learned about IH Montgomery was that each year he went to the Journal and paid yearly subscriptions for his brother and six of his children! Love it! Feel free to do the same with The Paper of Montgomery County!!

Franklin – Uriel Burroughs was born (October 1798) likely in Fauquier County, Virginia, where his parents married the year before, but spent his growing-up years in Scott County, Kentucky. When his father, William passed there unexpectedly, the family (mother and at least two sisters) decided to come to Indiana. Uriel purchased 80 acres in Franklin Township on October 19, 1827 and added another 160 within a few short years. His mother, Elizabeth (Dews) married Henry Beck and lived a long life, passing 21 June 1862 (buried Shannondale as is Uriel and his beloved wife, Leanna Bramlett). Uriel was a well-loved man and his unique name, meaning "God is my life," presented many times over in his descendants.

Madison- Wm. H. Nicholson born in Chillicothe, Ohio 1808 came here in 1822 according to the 1874 People's Guide, listed as a Republican and a Methodist. His property was three miles east of Linden, edging Tippecanoe County. His parents, (Robert and Mary Dungan, the Nicholson family not going farther on any Ancestry tree, but the Dungans went to minister, Thomas Dungan born 1635 in London immigrating to Berks County, PA. There were many Nicholsons born to William and Mercy Williams: Francis; Zebina; Benjamin; Philander; Amelia; Dorcas; Amanda; Juliette; and Sarah but I may have missed a few!

Ripley – This was a hoot! I chose Wilson Claypool, quite a shrewd one, buying up property galore, selling it and off he'd go. Wilson built the first cabin on the Sugar Creek bank in Ripley. He had purchased several land grants in Parke County, then up our way, from here to Fountain then up to Warren, purchasing land, working it, then selling and profiting from it. Fun following him along. Fairly sure he is the Wilson Claypool, son of Abraham and Elizabeth, born 24 August 1798 in Randolph Co WVa and died 18 July 1876, buried Beulah Cemetery, Attica with a very nice stone! Ten children are listed with him and wife, Sarah on FindAGrave!

Most of ya' know I have written thousands of articles for the various papers, my fav is this one, the Montgomery Memories and I was determined for this County Connection to try something NEW with the settlers. Granted, there are few topics (people, places and things) I've not discovered and already shared, but then, as I was listing all the settlers in each township, I thought – that's it – I'll take a person (family) from each one that I have never featured. Since we have 11 townships, these will be brief bios, but perhaps it'll be someone you don't know! Article finishes in Grandcestors!

Alphabetically, let's start with Brown and the Rice family. This Rice family hailed from Wales to Fort Rice PA via Hagerstown, MD. Washington Rice born 24 Feb 1819 in Henry County, KY (d 25 June 1880 married Sept 1839 Permelia Deer) received the main land grant and fairly late, the others receiving grant lands were his sons, James, Simeon, Washington, Jonathan. Definitely, they were all tagged as early settlers. Washington was one of the sons of Jonathan B. and Rebecca (Reynolds) Rice, several from this family going to Kankakee, Illinois to the Aroma Park area. They lost three of their young children not long after arriving there so wondered if that was a healthy Aroma. Might be an interesting research project. Another Rice who came here early was Daniel, son of Jacob who established the fort in PA.

Clark – Perusing the local land grants, I found four Hodges land grants were gotten early in Clark Township, three to William and one to David. William's grant said he came from Putnam County, Indiana purchasing 80 acres on March 4, 1828. He purchased another 80 surrounding his original in December the next year and his last was October 1830. William was in the 1840 census here with three sons ranging from a toddler through age 15 and three daughters in the same range. He's likely the William who in 1824 married Sarah Powell in Putnam. Only other thing in MoCo was that he appraised (July 1835) an estrayed gray mare 15 ½ hands high about 14 years old for \$25. In Ancestry, he is followed to 1860 Daviess Co MO, wife Sarah children Lottie, Sarah, and David (born in Indiana). He then went to Green County, Wisconsin and passed there if in truth the same one. The above

In Mo Co, it was a very good year in 1874 . . .

At least 11 lawyers were available in the city of Crawfordsville as well as three dentists

Dr. William DeCaux Tilney was a specialist in Ozena, a condition where the bony ridges and mucous membranes of the nose waste away

78 teachers were in the city schools, including two females that came from Long Branch, NJ just to teach here!

At least 300 babies were born in Montgomery County that year (likely more) with 15 of those dying at birth (including two sets of twins) or quite young.

Our sheriff was Isaac Thomas Kelsey who had been in the Civil War, a member of Co B 10th Indiana Infantry. He also served as a Justice of the Peace for quite some time.

The most unusual name of those born in Montgomery in 1874 was Fessenden Lough born 21 May 1874 Waveland and died at Winona Lake, Indiana 6 June 1961. A member of the Friends Church, he was a lecturer for decades telling about living a clean life!

13 churches were listed in the 1874 People's Guide in Crawfordsville

Hotels were the Allen House, National House, Keller House, Leland House, Prewitt House, Richardson House, none of which were at least don't think so long-standing ones.

John Beard passed this year at age 79 and was one of our very best state Reps. He supported the bill making the surplus from the stocks of the State Bank of Indiana be appropriated for school funds. In the year it passed \$8,000,000 from it went to support public schools.

John R. Coons was Mayor of Crawfordsville.

Restaurants were owned by William L. Brown who was born in London – interesting; Mack & Johnson; and Zeller, he being born in Bavaria. Seems like there should have been more!

Divorces this year included Thomas and Lucinda Boyer; Elijah and Eliza Byers; Ezra and Mary Griffith; Taylor and Ellen Knox; Nathaniel and Christina Quick; Sanford and Elizabeth Skaggs.



Grandcestors

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories

For Scott, I found Presley Day Johnson, born in Mason County, Kentucky Feb 24, 1817 and passed April 7, 1898 at age 82. At age 14, he came with his parents, where they settled on a large farm on Indian Creek (CWJ 15 April 1898). Walking four miles to school, Presley was determined to get an education, having an exceptional memory and throughout life, subscribing to many of the best newspapers in the country. Oh, oh, and he was a history buff like me! Not only a farmer he was an expert mechanic. "He stacked more wheat than any man ever having lived in the county and had nary a stack to spoil!" Married at age 20 to Nancy Jane



Armstrong, they had two daughters and two sons as far as I found. His hand-made furniture was well purchased, matching how it was built. Always fair, kind and honorable in his dealings, his neighbors and friends loved him dearly. "At peace with God and the world, he closed his eyes on 7 April 1898, glad that his race was won!"

Sugar Creek – sadly, I didn't find a lot about this family but it was fun trying and it is a name with a twist! Thomas McStrain received three land grants in Sugar Creek, all saying he was from Montgomery County at purchase, most in Section 21 (1830-31). In January 1834, he and wife, plus James F. Boots sold property in Greene County, Ohio. In the 1830 census, he had a young son, and four more up to teenagers. He was between 40-49. One young lady 5-9 and his wife was 30-39, so he probably was about 40ish having been born sometime in the 1780s. Nothing else on him until 1860 when he left a will in Montgomery, only it was filed in Boone. In it, his wife was Phebe (gave her everything basically) and the children were: Amanda Breedlove; Margaret Simmons; Elizabeth Rogers; Phebe Conly; Martha Maddox, Rebecca Powers and sons: Andrew; Henry; James; Thomas (who married Annie Boots in Aug 1846 so check Boots connection) and William. In Nov 1846, a strange guardianship was with Thomas the guardian for Lydia, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Mary Jane, Samuel, Sarah, Jacob, Andrew Jackson, all named "Strain", having been heirs of Hugh Strain, deceased. His and these combined made one big batch of kiddos! Noticed that even when the fellows' middle names began with something else it more often had an M, thus I thought perhaps Strain vs. McStrain. YEP and his name was Thomas "Mc"Cartney Strain, born

in SC (age 65 in 1850 census Sug Cr Twp, wife Phebe 55 b KY) older children b. Ohio and rest born here. Note: he is buried (b 4 Dec 1783 died 2 Oct 1865 in the Old Thorntown Cem) – just had to share his stone via Marc Doty on FAGrave and let me tell ya' - what a relief to know I've not lost my fetchin' abilities!

Union -- Since I've written many more south articles, I chose William Bromley born 25 Oct 1818 (Brown County, Ohio) who came here to live on the farm of Hugh Meharry after his mother passed when he was three and his father when he was 12. He married Angeline Crane and they farmed for awhile in lower Tipp; the Pleasant Hill area. Nine children blessed their home with two living at his own death Mary Vansickle who passed the same year as her father and Julia Martin who took extremely good care of him in his last illness, confined to his bed for 16 months in great agony. He was much involved in the ME Church, in business, as postmaster of the city and according to his obituary, "was a favorite in every circle!"

Walnut- I've also written about several folks from Walnut, but had three ideas, yet particularly enjoyed finding info on the first, William A. Coddington who was born in Woodbridge, Middlesex Co, NJ passing here of course 19 Feb 1882. He married Sarah Chrisman in 1833 and they parented nine children, many of whom are buried right here in Walnut Township where he received a land grant. His parents were Moses, a Revolutionary soldier, and Amy (Girton). Several of William's children did not marry, two passed young but he and Sarah were blessed with at least six grands.

Happened to tell a long-time genealogy buddy about my idea to do one family I'd never researched (or very little on) for each township and write up a bleep. Well, she had a request for Coal Creek as she's always thought her parents were distant cousins through Andrew Crouch, so here we go – now, you've met our subject except he was in next door Wayne Township, actually! In fact, Andrew purchased 560 acres at 80 acres each in several sections of the township, beginning in November of 1822, one being for Andrew Crouch Jr. and Sr., which leads to believe this Andrew was the Junior as he was born 1800 in Owingsville, Bath County, Kentucky; however a very detailed Brown Genealogy on Ancestry says Jonathan 1748-1830 and Hannah Cassity were his parents (it'd be tight but perhaps grands?). He married Catherine (Swisher I believe) and they had Albert; Angeline; Jonathan; James; Rebecca; Catherine and Andrew. Andrew passed 14 May 1853 and Catherine with all that land raised all these children on her own, their guardianship not wrapped up until December 1877. They all went forth, prospered, and inhabited the Wayne and Coal Creek areas. My friend's ancestor was Cynthia Crouch who married Philip Ross in Ohio but now she thinks her father is James who lived in Tippecanoe County. Cynthia did have a brother Jonathan and Andrew so perhaps back in Virginia they connected up somewhere! Definitely more research coming up!

Thus, an overview of a few early settlers!



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