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TODAY'S VERSE

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.

Meet Teddy



Teddy is a 1 year old male shepherd that has been at The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL) since 4/10/24 (owner surrender). Teddy loves to frolic around in a fenced yard and play fetch. Teddy is looking for his best friend! Could that be you? Teddy is available for adoption, to foster, or just simply going out for walks. Come say hi!

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Ask Rusty – Widower's Retirement Stymied by Social Security's "WEP" and "GPO" Rules



ASK Rusty Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty:

My wife passed away 4 years ago. I want to retire so called SSA and was told I can collect my own SS at 62, reduced by WEP. My wife's SS was greater than mine, but they said I do not qualify for hers at age 60 because of the GPO. This seems odd that I get zero for her, however I can collect mine at the two thirds reduction at 62. Is this true? This zero dollar amount places my retirement on hold for now. I was counting on her SS.

Signed: Discouraged Widower

Dear Discouraged:

The Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) are two of the most confusing (and unpopular) of Social Security's myriad rules. From the way you describe your conversation with the Social Security Administration, it doesn't appear to have concluded with you fully understanding how these provisions work, so allow me to elaborate.

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5 Things to Know About Asthma and Summer Heat

(StatePoint)

Nearly 25 million people of all ages in the United States are living with asthma, a lifelong chronic disease that makes it harder to move air in and out of the lungs.

Here's what the American Lung Association wants everyone to know during summer, when extreme heat can make asthma harder to manage.

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Pneumococcal Pneumonia Vaccination Can Save Your Life

(StatePoint) Pneumococcal pneumonia is a potentially serious bacterial lung disease that can disrupt a person's life for weeks. When severe, it can result in hospitalization and even be life threatening. Each year, pneumococcal pneumonia results in an estimated

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Purple Heart Parkway Extension Under Way

The City of Crawfordsville and Montgomery County celebrated a significant milestone today with the official groundbreaking ceremony for the Purple Heart Parkway Extension project. The ceremony took place earlier this week between Crawfordsville Family Vet and Buffalo Wild Wings.

This extension project will connect US 231 South to Ladoga Road, serving as a critical component in a number of community development initiatives. This extension is anticipated to play a pivotal role in supporting ongoing and future expansion projects, including housing, retail, and grocery developments in our community.

"The extension of Purple Heart Parkway to Ladoga Road is a major step forward in preparing for logical, planned growth in Crawfordsville and Montgomery County," C'ville Mayor Todd Barton said. "This investment in infrastructure is

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Raymond Manly Hayes – what a name, what a man



KAREN ZACH Around The County

Raymond Manly Hayes was born in Montgomery County on May 16, 1907, son of Perrie Lee and Eva Campbell Hayes, attended school here, graduating from CHS in 1926

He was president of the Agriculture Club with a Raymond Russell as his vice and the secretary-treasurer being another Raymond (McCloud). A floor guard on the basketball team, the yearbook noted, "If ya' want to stay on your feet, don't bump into our floor guard. Don't even think he can't stop ya'!"

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Three-quarters of U.S. teens and adults don't get enough vitamin D in their diets.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com



THREE THINGS You Should Know

- Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is suing the U.S. Department of Education over a new rule that allows biological males to use bathrooms and locker rooms meant for females. The six-state lawsuit is being spearheaded alongside Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, and Virginia. The new DOE rule, in the guise of confronting "gender identity discrimination," essentially abolishes sex-based distinctions in educational activities and programs. It forces Indiana and other states to accept radical gender ideology in schools.
- Warm weather is helping farmers get in the field and with 94,000 Indiana farmers it's a good time to remind Hoosiers to be mindful of large slow-moving farm equipment traveling Indiana's rural roads and highways. In 2021, four occupants were involved in crashes with farm equipment in Indiana which resulted in two deaths, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Please remember that farmers will pull over when they are able but it may take time for them to get to a safe place to do so. Only pass in designated passing zones. Be patient and perhaps allow extra travel time if you are going to be on rural roads.
- Indiana's Natural Resources Commission has opened a second public comment period for proposed changes to Indiana's deer hunting rules before it votes on final adoption of the proposed changes. Comments can be submitted online at IN.gov/nrc/rules/rulemaking-docket or mailed to: NRC, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Ave., Room N103, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Deadline is May 20. For more information on the proposed rule changes, visit wildlife.IN.gov/rule-regulation-changes/

TODAY'S QUOTE

"When someone asks you where you come from, the answer is your mother." Anna Quindlen

TODAY'S JOKE

Where'd the sheep go on spring break?
The baaa-hamas!

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Waveland Strong will be hosting the Fifth Annual Progressive Dinner featuring Angela Riccio Comedienne from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday. Participants will make five local stops through Waveland enjoying food, drinks, and entertainment. This is a great opportunity to visit unique architectural and historic gems in our community. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased at the Waveland Library, (765) 435-2700. Tickets are limited and guests must be 21 or older.



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OBITUARIES

Brian J. Griggs

September 10, 1963 - April 30, 2024

On Tuesday, April 30, 2024, Brian Griggs, a loving son and father of 2 children and papaw, passed away at age 60.



Brian was born on September 10, 1963 in Crawfordsville, IN to Douglas and Nancy (Myers)

Griggs. He graduated from Southmont High School in 1982 and attended Indiana State University in Terre Haute, where he studied communications.

He loved spending time with his family and was guaranteed to be the most ornery one at any gathering. He loved all things sports. He was an avid fan of the Indiana Pacers, Fever, Notre Dame, and Dallas Cowboys. His passion was tracking each of the teams wins/losses and all major stats. In his spare time he would play video games and loved simulation/ civilization building games.

He was preceded in death by his father, Doug, and his aunt, Janet McKinney. He is survived by his mother, Nancy; uncle, Laren; brother, Jeff (Margaret); his two children, Alan and Courtney; his grandchildren, Liam and Asher; several cousins and nephews; and his niece.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 2pm until the time of the service at 4pm at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington Street in Crawfordsville. Cremation will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the funeral home to assist with funeral expenses. You may donate online on Brian's obituary page or envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

Lilly Mae Asbury

January 21, 1938 - April 29, 2024

Lilly Mae Asbury, 86, passed away on Monday, April 29, 2024 at Franciscan Health in Crawfordsville. She was born on January 21, 1938 to Herschel and Elizabeth (Webb) Turner in Danville, IL.



Lilly worked at Fleetwood, retiring after 25 years. She was a dedicated, longtime member of the Darlington Congregational Christian Church and part of their Ladies Auxiliary.

Lilly is survived by 2 daughters, Darla (Scott Robinson) Ratcliff and Connie (Terry) Whitlow; 3 grandchildren, Avery Davis, Brendan (Ashley) Gleason, Stacey (Darry Keller) Whitlow, Zachary Robinson, Chris Robinson; 9 great grandchildren; and 3 siblings, Loretta Stonebraker, Arletta Fleming, Tom Turner.

She was predeceased by her parents; a son, Carrel Asbury; 3 sisters; and 2 brothers.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024 from 2-3pm at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington Street in Crawfordsville. A graveside service will follow at 3:30 pm at Wesley Cemetery outside of Waynetown. Share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

Edwin D. Beck

February 27, 1937 - April 28, 2024

Edwin D. Beck, age 87, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 28, 2024 in his home in Crawfordsville. He was born on February 27, 1937 in Scranton, PA to the late Howard and Edith (Bryden) Beck.



He was a graduate of West Scranton High School, Class of 1955, where he was a three-sport athlete. Edwin married his childhood sweetheart, Barbara Ann Bailey, on August 23, 1958, spending 64 loving years together until her passing in 2023. In 1960, Edwin and Barbara moved to Milford, CT, where they raised their family. He worked at Borden Dairy in Stratford, CT for over 26 years, retiring in 1980 when the plant closed. After retirement, Edwin and Barbara moved to Spring Hill, Florida where he worked in real estate. In 2002, they moved to Crawfordsville to be close to family.

Edwin enjoyed golfing and tinkering around the house and garage. He attended First United Methodist Church in Crawfordsville. Edwin was wonderful father and grandfather and will be greatly missed by his family.

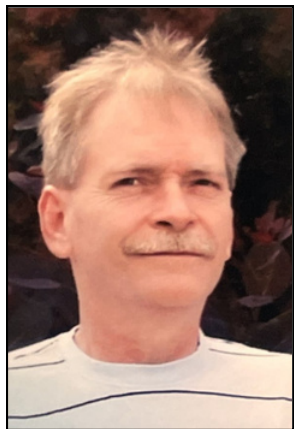
Edwin is survived by his three children, Richard (Juli) Beck, Brian Beck and Laurie-Ann Peck; six grandchildren, Daniel (Mille), Andrew (Ally), Brianna (Jason), Brandon (Katie), Zachary and Bryden; and three great-grandchildren, Peyton, Lowen and Silas. He will also be missed by his loyal friends, Milton Hartman and Jennifer Gardner.

Cremation was chosen with a private Celebration of Life to be held at Fort Trumbull Beach in Milford, CT. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

Dennis Forrest

April 27, 2024

Dennis "Tree" Ray Forrest, Jr. passed away peacefully, after a tough battle with cancer, on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at the home of James and Danielle Nolen, with his loving companion of 17 years, Peggy (Clore) Simpkins, by his side.

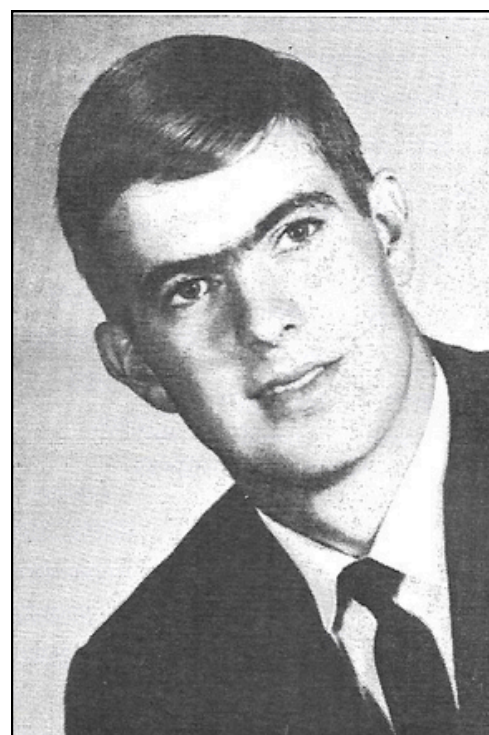


Dennis is also survived by his mother, Cora (Conkright) Forrest; sister, Pamela (Forrest) Cating; nephew, E.W. Cating and great niece, Essie Cating. His father, Dennis Ray Forrest, Sr. preceded him in death on September 18, 2017.

Dennis, AKA Tree, graduated from North Montgomery High School, Class of 1982. He worked in area factories for over 30 years. Tree enjoyed golfing, watching NASCAR, working on model kits and was an avid Miami Dolphins fan. He also loved camping and tending to the fire at the campsite. Tree will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Cremation was chosen with no services at this time. Sanders Funeral Care Waynetown is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This Person?

HINT:

This 1966 Darlington senior excelled in math and became a bank president.

Answer on Page A4

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WEP and GPO affect anyone who has a retirement pension from a federal, state, or local government agency which did not participate in Social Security, meaning neither the employee nor the employer paid into Social Security based on the employee's earnings. Obviously, you have such a pension, which means that WEP will reduce any Social Security retirement benefit you have earned from other employment where SS payroll taxes were withheld, and the GPO will affect any survivor benefit you are entitled to.

WEP affects only the SS retirement benefit you earned elsewhere; WEP does not affect any surviving spouse benefit you might be entitled to from your wife. Rather, it is the GPO which affects your survivor benefit, again because of your state retirement (called a "non-covered pension" - one earned without contributing to Social Security). The GPO will reduce any surviving spouse benefit you might be entitled to by 2/3rds of the amount of your "non-covered" state pension. Depending on the size of your state pension, that reduction may entirely eliminate your surviving spouse benefit from your wife.

Under normal SS rules, a surviving spouse does not become eligible for survivor benefits until they reach age 60 (age 50 if disabled). Normally, a surviving spouse benefit claimed at age 60 is reduced by 28.5% and it is the GPO (not WEP) that will affect your survivor benefit whenever you claim it. However, even without GPO, your age 60 survivor benefit amount would be only 71.5% of the amount your wife was receiving (or entitled to receive) at her death. If you are already collecting your non-covered state pension when you claim your SS survivor benefit from your wife, then that reduced age 60 survivor benefit would

be offset by 2/3rds of the amount of your state pension. And that (according to what Social Security told you) is what eliminated your age 60 eligibility for a surviving spouse benefit from your wife. If you don't claim it at 60 your survivor benefit will continue to grow until you reach your full retirement age (FRA) of 67, but if 2/3rds of your state pension is more than 100% of your SS survivor benefit, you still won't get any surviving spouse benefit from your wife's record.

A further consequence of your non-covered state pension is that the SS retirement benefit you earned elsewhere will be reduced by WEP. WEP will reduce, but cannot eliminate, your Social Security retirement benefit. The WEP formula is complex but, generally, your WEP-based Social Security retirement benefit will likely be roughly half of what you would get if you did not have a state "non-covered pension." You could claim your WEP-reduced SS retirement benefit as early as age 62 or, if financially feasible, delay longer to get a somewhat higher (but still reduced) amount.

Just FYI, your state employer had an obligation to fully inform you of the consequences of not contributing to Social Security while earning your state pension. It appears as though they may not have fulfilled that obligation.

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1. New challenges are emerging.

Beyond traditional asthma triggers like respiratory infections, secondhand smoke and pets, new challenges are emerging. The effects of climate change include extreme heat, poor air quality, increased allergens, extreme weather events, and more frequent and intense wildfires, all of which are making asthma more difficult to manage.

Excessive heat and humidity increase the risk of asthma exacerbations, asthma-related hospitalization and asthma-related death, especially for children and women. Patients should limit time outdoors during heat waves, seek access to air conditioning and take steps to improve indoor air quality, as humidity allows dust mites and mold to thrive.

2. City dwellers are particularly vulnerable.

Two-thirds of the average U.S. city is made up of roads, parking spaces, sidewalks and roofs. Since these surfaces are typically dark and non-porous, they contribute to flooding, increased air pollution, poor health and what is known as "urban heat," a phenomenon in which cities experience warmer temperatures than surrounding areas. Urban heat, combined with pollutants from power plants, motor vehicles and other pollution sources, creates ozone pollution, also known as smog. Those with asthma can experience symptoms like shortness of breath, wheezing and coughing from both ground-level ozone and particle pollution, as well as from the impacts of extreme weather and airborne allergens.

Sadly, these issues disproportionately impact certain communities. Due to a history of discriminatory practices like systematic denial of mortgages, insurance loans, and other financial services on the basis of race and ethnicity, Black and Indigenous people, and other people of color, are more likely to be living in areas impacted by urban heat and poor air quality.

3. Flooding can harm lung health.

Increased severe storms due to climate change results in more flooding, which can harm lung health. Chemicals, sewage, oil, gas and other dangerous substances found in floodwaters can pose health risks, and mold, associated with asthma attacks, can grow anywhere there is water or dampness.

4. Advocacy efforts are underway.

The Smart Surfaces Coalition is made up of 40 national and international organizations committed to making Smart Surfaces the global urban design standard. Smart Surfaces encompass a suite of cutting-edge technologies, including reflective (cool) roofs and pavements, green roofs, trees, solar panels and rain gardens. Designed to mitigate urban heat, enhance air quality and improve health, these transformative urban features can cool cities by 5 degrees F, reduce flooding, provide economic benefits and potentially advance environmental justice.

The American Lung Association, an active member of the Smart Surfaces Coalition, encourages cities to take these actions:

- Install light-colored roads, parking lots and driveways to reflect sunlight and reduce heat.
- Install solar panels to convert sunlight into electricity and provide shade for roofs.
- Plant trees to increase shade.
- Select porous surfaces to collect polluted stormwater, soak it into the ground, and filter out pollution.

Other strategies to reduce urban heat, air pollution and ozone levels include using public transportation carpooling, increasing green spaces and installing cooling centers in extreme conditions.

5. Resources are available.

Educational programming can help people better manage the disease in summer and year-round. Patients can check out the self-management education programs, information and tools available at Lung.org/asthma or call the American Lung Association's Lung Helpline at 1-800-LUNGUSA. Living with an illness, or being the caretaker to someone who is, can take a physical and emotional toll. Patients can get support and knowledge, and connect with others by joining the Lung Association's Patient & Caregiver Network.

For the 24.8 million Americans living with asthma, extreme summer temperatures and emerging environmental threats can make life more difficult. Fortunately, new educational resources and expanded programming can help patients navigate new and old challenges alike.

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150,000 hospitalizations in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). But it doesn't have to be this way.

The American Lung Association and Pfizer are partnering to raise awareness about pneumococcal pneumonia and encourage adults to get vaccinated if they are eligible, and are highlighting the collective action needed to reduce the burden of pneumococcal pneumonia.

Here are some fast facts about the disease, along with tips and actions you can take to help stay healthy:

What are the symptoms of pneumococcal pneumonia? Common symptoms of pneumococcal pneumonia include high fever, excessive sweating, shaking chills, coughing, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, and chest pain. Some symptoms can appear quickly and without warning.

Should I receive a pneumococcal pneumonia vaccination? Pneumococcal pneumonia vaccines are available to help prevent the disease and are recommended if you are at increased risk. The CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends pneumococcal vaccination for all adults aged 65 years or older and adults aged 19 to 64 with certain underlying medical conditions or other risk factors, including: chronic lung disease like asthma or COPD, chronic heart disease, diabetes, and smoking cigarettes.

What if I am healthy? Even healthy adults 65 years or older are at increased risk for pneumococcal pneumonia. Because the body's immune system naturally weakens with age, it can be more difficult for your body to defend against

pneumococcal disease. In fact, adults 65 years old and older are over 10 times more likely to be hospitalized with pneumococcal pneumonia than adults aged 18-49.

What if I've had pneumonia before? You can get pneumococcal pneumonia more than once and having pneumococcal disease does not protect you from future infection.

What if I've already been vaccinated? Even if you've been vaccinated against pneumococcal pneumonia in the past, it's important to speak to your healthcare provider, as they may recommend an additional vaccination.

How can I help protect myself and my community? Getting the word out about the importance of vaccination against preventable illness can help keep people healthier. Recent data from the National Health Interview Survey estimates that only 22.2% of adults 19-64 at increased risk of pneumococcal disease ever received a vaccination, and only 65.8% of adults 65 years or older received at least one dose. Unfortunately, rates of vaccination are lower among Black, Hispanic/Latino and Asian adults compared with their white counterparts, putting members of these communities at risk of infection.

To learn more about pneumococcal pneumonia and your risk for it, visit Lung.org/pneumococcal.

"It's always the right time to discuss pneumococcal pneumonia vaccination with a healthcare provider. While cold and flu season is behind us, this disease can strike anytime, in any season and you can be vaccinated any time of year, too," says Dr. Albert Rizzo, chief medical officer of the American Lung Association.



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↓ KAREN

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His senior picture was sent to the GenWeb site by Kathy L and Dean B and Ray played football, too!! By the way, there is an older picture of him on FAGrave and he didn't change an iota!

Perrie was born in Ladoga 15 April 1883 and passed 30 June 1924 of malignant endocarditis and the flu. His parents were William Washington Hayes, born in NC and Elizabeth Jane Grissom born Tenn. Perrie had five sisters and four brothers. Eva was the daughter of William and Mary Welliver Campbell and had two sisters and a brother. Ray was in the middle of two sisters, Helen, three years older who married Charles Evans and retired as a school teacher and Mildred, eight years younger who married William Kermit Rader and was the mother of the only Hayes grandchildren, Kim and Kay.

From high school, Ray went to Indiana State University where I assume he met Margaret Hawkins whom he married in the summer of 1930. They headed to Leesburg, Florida where they spent the rest of their lives both teaching school, she grade-school music and he in the vocational area. He also served as principal. These two seemed to be hard workers but took time off for good, clean fun. Example: likely at a Halloween party (Orlando Sentinel 11-17-1939) with 80 present they took top prize "for their interpretation of the Tin Man and Dorothy," during a Kiwanis club event.

Ray tallied his masters at Columbia University. Then the war came and Ray felt called to enlist. That he did, joining the Air Force (1st Sgt Sec A, 1076th AF Base Unit) signing up at Camp Blanding on 9 April 1942, and serving until 15 Feb 1945. He was principal at Leesburg HS when he went in. Ray was described as being 5'9", having ruddy complexion, blue eyes and black hair, and weighing 176# when he went into the service. Know he was stationed nearby as Margaret would go visit him. Margaret was born in Connersville, Indiana, an only child, and lost her father while young. Her mother (Ressie Tripper Hawkins) lived with them for several years. Ray was constantly in the newspapers, and Margaret was right behind him being involved with several educational organizations, helping with children's presentations and involved in the Rose Garden Club.

Kiwanis was very important to our featured fellow this week, plus he was active in the Masonic Lodge, American

Legion, Florida Educational Association, plus fun ones such as the Boating Club and Hunting and Skiing Club. They had no children of their own but loved each and all they taught (I feel that way only glad I have my two and 7 grands, as well). They also both were active in the church they attended (Methodist).

Ray was a real stickler (why I admired him so much) that students need recognition for their achievements and advancements in their work, as well. He must have been something as the city commissioners named a street after him in Leesburg as he served as superintendent. Loved this - in 1958 at the Leesburg Debutante Ball, a young gal without a father or uncle was escorted by Ray, as he didn't want her to be left out of the wonderful, fun exciting activities. In 1963 the school had an Honor Day ceremony for Ray, giving the school an oil painting of him to hang in the hall. Besides that, the newly built gymnasium was named for him, as well. In '65, he was elated that ten of his students scored in the top 10% nationwide on a National Education test. He enjoyed presenting them with a certificate for their amazing feat.

When Ray retired, after 40 years with Lake County, Florida's education system as a teacher, principal and Vocational Director, 78 attended in late May of 1970. The dinner was prepared by the students and the teachers heading the student center. The school bulletin board was full of clippings and pictures of his achievements. Well-known in the whole state of Florida, his vocational center was admired by all. The center was for adults to learn as well as training students in various occupations (auto mechanics, childcare, cosmetology, citrus horticulture, drafting, nursing, welding and much more.)

Retiring at just 65 only two years later, Ray passed away 28 September 1972 from heart troubles, a real problem in his family. Margaret remained in their long-time home at 1311 S. Ninth Street in Leesburg until her death 20 years later 5 Oct 1992. With a street and a gymnasium in his honor, after passing, the school also began two different scholarships.

Ray was the kind of man I admire as a teacher, community-minded servant and I surely do love his name - Raymond Manly Hayes - what a name, what a man!

Karen Zach is the editor of Montgomery Memories, our monthly magazine all about Montgomery County. Her column, Around the County, appears Fridays in The Paper of Montgomery County. You can reach her at karen.zach@sbcglobal.net.

Wabash Gets Standout Wrestler



Photo courtesy Jen Kauffman

From left, Calvin Fettig (brother), DeAndre Chandler (cousin), Karl Fettig (father), Carson Fettig, Geraldine Fettig (grandmother), Joe Fettig (grandfather), Heather Fettig (mother), and Keith Fettig (uncle).

Wabash College has a two-time state champion wrestler signed for next year. Carson Fettig of Hamilton Heights High School, signed a letter of intent to wrestle at Wabash. He is the son of Karl and Heather Fettig. "Wabash offers its students high-level, exceptional academics and athletic programs," Fettig said. "I look forward to being challenged academically and athletically. Graduates from Wabash have a reputation of being successful, disciplined, determined young men."

Fettig plans to study biology. "My dream is to pursue a career as a chiropractor and operate a holistic chiropractic practice to give back to members of the community."

Fettig, a multisport athlete (wrestling and football) earned four varsity letters in wrestling, served as team captain twice, is a two-time Academic All American, State Qualifier, two-time 1A/2A State Champion, Regional Champion, and two-time Conference Champion. He also holds the top four career wins (140) in Hamilton Heights history. He is a member of the National

Honor Society (treasurer), Student Athletic Trainer, volunteer for Meals on Wheels and Backpack Buddies, a youth wrestling coach, and peer tutor for Spanish.

Gary Myers, Hamilton Heights Varsity Head Wrestling Coach, said, "Carson has grown into the perfect collegiate wrestler, and he is a High School Academic All-American which translates to college success - the preparation has been done in his part. "I see a bright future for Carson!"

"Carson has put in countless hours in the sport he loves, earning over 100 career wins and just recently participated at the State Finals," added Hamilton Heights Athletic Director, Kurt Ogden. "He has also worked just as hard in the classroom earning several academic honors, the most notably being a two-time National All-Academic scholar athlete award. He is the true representation of what you want from a student/athlete and Wabash should feel honored to get such a quality individual to represent them."

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Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

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Where Does This Year's Purdue Team Fit In 10 Best?



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

A few weeks removed from Purdue's run to the NCAA championship game is as good a time as any to

determine where these Boilermakers belong among the best teams in school history.

The argument favoring the 2023-24 Boilermakers as Purdue's finest begins with two-time National Player of the Year Zach Edey. But any team with Rick Mount, Glenn Robinson and Joe Barry Carroll also deserves serious consideration.

Having watched Boilermaker basketball from Mount's senior year to the present, here's my Top 10 ranking. As you'll see, two teams on this list precede my existence by about 30 years but Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame members are a rare sight in West Lafayette.

2023-24

Record-setting seasons by Edey and first-team All-Big Ten guard Braden Smith paced national runner-up Purdue to its best finish since 1969.

Coach Matt Painter wasn't born when Mount, Billy Keller and Co. lost to UCLA and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (then Lew Alcindor) in the 1969 title game. Painter hadn't turned 10 years old when Purdue last reached the Final Four in 1980.

Edey led the nation in scoring at 25.2 points per game and broke Mount's 54-year-old career scoring mark of 2,323 to finish with 2,516 points. Edey also shattered All-American center Joe Barry Carroll's 44-year-old career rebounding record of 1,148 with 1,321.

Smith became the Big Ten's all-time single-season assists leader with 292. Bruce Parkinson had set the Purdue record of 207 in 1975.

Among the team records that fell were most victories (34), points (3,211), rebound margin (plus 11.2), assists (720), assist/turnover rational (1.63), field goals made (1,109), free throws made (675) and free throw attempts (938). The Boilermakers won their second consecutive Big Ten championship by

three games.

1968-69

The Boilermakers won their first Big Ten championship since 1940, topping Illinois and Ohio State by four games, and went all the way to the championship game in their first NCAA tournament appearance. Rick Mount set six Big Ten and seven Purdue records during his junior season, including scoring average (33.4) and points in a season (810). Backcourt mate Billy Keller and forward Herman Gilliam, future professionals like Mount, combined to set four free throw records.

Purdue led the nation in scoring average (94.8 points per game) and free throw percentage (.784) under head coach George King.

A record that still stands is the 120 points Purdue scored on Indiana in the regular season finale, a 44-point victory. Mount scored 40 and Keller 31 in his final home game. The 71 combined points also are still a Purdue record.

Mount became the Purdue and Big Ten career scoring leader during the game.

Imagine the outrage today if any team was 40 of 49 from the free throw line, which the Boilermakers were against the Hoosiers. For the record, Indiana was 18 of 29 at the line.

Mount sent Purdue to the Final Four with a last-second shot against Marquette. But the Boilermakers lost 7-foot center Chuck Bavis to a shoulder injury in the NCAA opener against Miami (Ohio). His absence wasn't felt in a 92-65 national semifinal victory against North Carolina but UCLA and Lew Alcindor took advantage for a 92-72 victory in the title game. Alcindor put up 37 points and 20 rebounds

1979-80

These Boilermakers allowed Lee Rose to pull off the rare feat of coaching two schools to the Final Four in a three-year period. Rose came to Purdue after guiding North Carolina Charlotte to the 1978 Final Four.

At Purdue he inherited Joe Barry Carroll, who blossomed into a 7-1 All-American center in 1980. Another future NBA first-round draft pick, guard Keith Edmonson, paired up with Brian Walker to form one of the Big Ten's best backcourts. Athletic forwards Arnette Hallman and Drake Morris rounded out the starting lineup.

Victories against LaSalle and St. John's in Mackey Arena began Purdue's tournament path. One of the season's sweetest victories came in Lexington when the Boilermakers avenged their NIT final loss the year before to Indiana. Duke, which upset host Kentucky in the other regional semifinal, fell to Purdue 68-60 with Carroll outplaying fellow All-American Mike Gminski.

A bitter 67-62 loss to UCLA, which had its runner-up finish voided by the NCAA for recruiting violations, denied Purdue a shot at eventual champion Louisville. Purdue won the next-to-last third-place tournament game in NCAA history, routing Iowa 75-58 behind Carroll's 35 points and 12 rebounds.

Rose left for South Florida after the season and was replaced by Gene Keady.

1931-32

John Wooden was a national champion long before coaching UCLA to 10 NCAA titles. In the days before The Associated Press rankings and the NCAA tournament, a national champion was determined by a panel of experts called together by the Helms Athletic Foundation at the conclusion of each and every season from 1901 to 1938.

Purdue was tabbed the 1932 champion when Wooden, a three-time All-American guard, led the Boilermakers to a 17-1 record and the Big Ten championship. Purdue's only loss was at Illinois, a game that Wooden played at less than 100 percent following a car accident also involving coach Ward "Piggy" Lambert.

Between West Lafayette and Champaign, Lambert lost control of his car on a patch of ice and overturned. The wreck shattered the windows and Wooden suffered a cut hand. Purdue then went on an 11-game winning streak, including a 34-19 victory against the Fighting Illini in West Lafayette.

Wooden would go on to win the Big Ten scoring title, outscoring Chicago 21-18 in the 53-18 Big Ten finale at Memorial Gymnasium. Wooden was selected the national player of the year by the All-America Board of Basketball.

Future Purdue coach Ray Eddy, guard Harry Kellar and center Ralph Parmenter excelled in Lambert's pressing defense and fast break offense.

1993-94

For years, if it weren't for bad luck Purdue would have no luck at all. Such was the story of Glenn Robinson and the hotel wrestling horseplay hours before playing Duke in the NCAA regional final at Knoxville, Tenn. Former Purdue beat writer Nathan Baird of the Lafayette Journal and Courier wrote in 2019 of the incident, which saw Robinson's back "slammed on a headboard." Robinson was not himself against the Blue Devils, who went to the Final Four with a 69-60 victory.

Frustrating to Purdue fans was the impressive performance by Robinson and Cuonzo Martin in an 83-78 victory against Kansas two days earlier that raised hopes of a Final Four trip. Robinson scored a Purdue tournament record 44 points and Martin had 29 on a then-school record eight 3-pointers.

Robinson led the nation in scoring and was the unanimous National Player of the Year.

1987-88

Climbing as high as No. 2 in The Associated Press rankings, Purdue seemed destined for the Final Four and maybe a national championship behind the senior trio of Troy Lewis, Todd Mitchell

and Everette Stephens. "The Three Amigos" carried Purdue to back-to-back Big Ten championships and a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Midwest Regional. The journey to the Final Four, much like this year's tournament path, would start in South Bend and continue in Pontiac, Mich.

Fairleigh Dickenson (94-79) and Memphis State (100-73) were road kill for Purdue, which would face Kansas State in the regional semifinals. Confidence was high since the Boilermakers had won the regular season matchup in December, 101-72.

Purdue jumped out to a 10-0 lead on the Wildcats but future NBA All-Star Mitch Richmond rallied Kansas State to a 73-70 victory.

2009-10

More than a decade before Purdue earned its first No. 1 ranking in The Associated Press poll, another Boilermaker squad seemed destined to climb to the paper mountaintop.

Ranked third with a 23-3 record, the Boilermakers went into Minnesota looking to maintain its hold on first place in the Big Ten and making a case for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

What might have been had not junior forward Robbie Hummel tore his ACL that February night? A stunned Purdue team held on for a 59-58 win but was emotionally flat days later in a 53-44 home loss to Michigan State. Victories over Indiana and at Penn State allowed Purdue to share the Big Ten crown. Chris Kramer's game-winning basket in overtime sent Purdue to the Sweet 16, where it was no match for No. 3 Duke.

2017-18

The first Purdue team to win 30 games in a season looked like a Final Four contender with Carsen Edwards, Vincent Edwards, Isaac Haas and Dakota Mathias all career 1,000-point scorers and a veteran point guard in P.J. Thompson.

Then Haas suffered a broken elbow in the NCAA tournament

opener against Cal State Fullerton. Purdue managed to defeat Butler in the second round and reach the Sweet 16. Despite Carsen Edwards' 39 points, third-seeded Texas Tech pulled away for a 78-65 victory.

2018-19

A different kind of gut punch took place a year later. A historic scoring run by Carsen Edwards carried co-Big Ten champion Purdue within a second of the Final Four.

Edwards scored 139 points in four NCAA tournament games, including 42 against Virginia in the regional final at Louisville. Mamadi Diakite's jumper as time expired forced overtime, and Virginia would go on to win 80-75 and capture the national championship a week later.

The loss overshadowed a classic confrontation with Tennessee in the regional semifinal. With the lead changing 17 times, Purdue reached its first Elite Eight in nearly 20 years with a 99-94 overtime victory. Edwards had 29 points and Ryan Cline put up a career-high 27 on 7 of 10 shooting from 3-point range.

1929-30

With one of college basketball's first true big men, aptly nicknamed "Stretch," and the "Indiana Rubber Man," Purdue enjoyed one of its greatest seasons. Hall of Fame coach Ward "Piggy" Lambert coached the Boilermakers to a 10-0 Big Ten record and 13-2 overall thanks to his two All-Americans: 6-6 Charles "Stretch" Murphy and 5-10 John Wooden, who earned the "Indiana Rubber Man" nickname for his hard-nosed play and frequent head-first dives for loose balls.

Murphy won two consecutive Big Ten scoring titles in 1929 and 1930 and helped Purdue claim three straight league championships. Murphy, Wooden and Lambert were inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1960.

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From left, Mayor Todd Barton, City Council member Stan Hamilton, City Council member Ethan Hollander, County Council President David Hunt, Commissioner Jim Fulwider, Commissioner Dan Guard, County Council member Joyce Grimble, County Council member Brett Cating and Commissioner President John Frey.

serving as a catalyst for many other projects that will enhance our community and illustrates the collective ability of the city and county working closely together to position us well in today's competitive environment."

County Commissioner President John Frey agreed.

"This project is a joint effort between the City of Crawfordsville and Montgomery County, demonstrating our commitment to enhancing our community's infrastructure," Frey said. "We extend our gratitude to the city for their collaboration and support throughout this process."

County Commissioner Jim Fulwider emphasized the importance of infrastructure improvements stating, "The extension of Purple Heart Parkway is part of our comprehensive strategy to enhance the infrastructure for both businesses and residents within our community."

Highlighting the economic potential of the project, County Commissioner Dan Guard said, "The extension will unlock a thousand acres for economic development and housing opportunities, benefiting both Montgomery County and the City of Crawfordsville."

The Purple Heart Parkway Extension project comes with a total estimated cost of \$5,344,598. The City and County are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a \$2,300,000 grant from the state's READI funds program, which significantly contributed to funding the project. The remaining balance will be evenly split between the City and County. Construction work has already commenced, with Crider & Crider serving as the contractor for the project. The project is scheduled to be substantially complete by this Fall, paving the way for enhanced connectivity and economic growth in the community.

Annual Plant Sale & Garden Show Saturday

Plants, Plants, Plants and much, much more! The Master Gardeners of Montgomery County Plant Sale & Garden Show will be held in the 4-H Building on the 4-H grounds at 400 Parke, Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. rain or shine. You will not be disappointed. There will be hundreds of plants to choose from to beautify your landscape, patio and home. All which have been locally grown by the Master Gardeners and local wholesale nursery suppliers.

Indiana grown, sweet strawberries and a large variety of patio type tomatoes will be available along with sweet and hot peppers and eggplants. We will also have a large selection of herbs for your culinary needs.

For your landscape and flower beds, we will have Native, perennial, and annual plants which grow best in our area. There will be such a large assortment of house plants and succulents, too many to list, you will have to come see for yourself. The plant sale is the main and sometimes only fundraiser the organization has each year. With monies raised, it helps fund projects and educational opportunities for all of Montgomery County in the horticultural area such as gardens at local schools. In addition, we award a scholarship yearly to a high school senior who is going into

the Agriculture or Horticulture field of study. We are currently working on a Monarch Waystation along with the ongoing Seed Library at Crawfordsville District Public Library and several preschool garden projects. Thru out the year, we will be presenting programs for the public to attend in the gardening/ horticulture arena.

Our Master Gardeners will be there to answer your gardening questions. This year eleven (11) vendor booths will be on premise to accentuate your plant buying. Those attending are Abby's Garden Parties, Bit of Wild, Booth Machinery, Wildflower books by Dan, Harry's Microgreens, Margie's Glass Creations, ProGreen Garden Center, The Homestead Bakery (food truck), The Plant Pub, Walnut Fork Crafts, and Yund Outdoor. The vendors will have available homemade bakery items, specialty plants, plant crafts, microgreen kits, terrarium kits and outdoor landscaping and machinery. Five (5) non-profit organizations serving Montgomery County and surrounding areas will be present, Crawfordsville District Public Library (library information), Friends of Sugar Creek (information on Sugar Creek and a kayak raffle), HHSB (fresh popped corn for all), Indiana Lyme Connect (information on Lyme



Disease and ticks), and Montgomery County Soil & Water District/Community Gardeners (information on soil & water conservation). Nucor Steel will be giving away free trees in the 4-H barn.

So, come prepared to spend time browsing all our plants and shopping with our vendors. Future events the Master Gardeners will be hosting are June 8 Native Plant

Jamboree and October 4 our annual Plant Exchange/Swap.

To learn more about Master Gardeners of Montgomery County please visit our Facebook page on our Facebook Page Master Gardeners of Montgomery County (Indiana) at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1057241328869063> or email montcoinemg@gmail.com.

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Home Food Preservation: Canning



MONICA NAGELE
Guest Columnist

Are you planning to put out a garden this year? I do and I will be spending some time

dusting off the canner to pickle my favorite, beets, this summer! Home food preservation is a fantastic way to preserve it now and enjoy it later. But, before I start, I must stop and ask myself, "What methods are safe?"

If you have never preserved food before, and want to learn how, I would encourage you to join me for my home food preservation workshops on Thursday June 20th, I will be sharing step by step instructions for pressure canning and boiling water bath. You can register for this series, by contacting the extension office. Class if from noon to 4:00 PM at the 4-H Building and cost is \$30. Participants will practice the guidelines and take-home preserved foods.

If you're looking to "can" produce from your garden, there are only two safe methods: boiling water bath canning and pressure canning. Boiling water bath canning is safe to use when canning high-acid foods, which are the majority of your fruits and pickled foods. Pressure canning is required when canning low-acid foods, which includes most vegetables and meats.

Low acid home canned foods are

associated with Clostridium Botulinum. It has an 8% fatality rate and patients require hospitalization. Botulism toxin is a neurotoxin; it attacks nerve cells and paralyzes them. Symptoms appear 4 to 8 hours after eating contaminated food and begin at the head and work slowly downward. The danger of Clostridium Botulinum is the number one risk to our home canned foods, and why we must ensure proper canning techniques are being used.

In order to create a vacuum seal, you must submerge jars in a boiling water bath or pressure canner. Canned foods should also only be made using USDA approved recipes. You can find these recipes from the National Center for Home Food Preservation, So Easy to Preserve and the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning.

Reminder: pressure canner dial gauges should be tested for accuracy each year. This can be done at the Montgomery County Extension office. Contact me at 765-364-6363 to ensure I am here when you bring your canner lid in for testing. Do not hesitate to call at any time with canning questions. It is better to be safe than sick.

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Mental Health Awareness Month at CDPL



TONI RIDGWAY-WOODALL
Guest Columnist

Mental Health Awareness Month was started in the United States in 1949 by Mental Health America (MHA). MHA is the leading national nonprofit dedicated to promoting mental health, well-being, and illness prevention. They offer a self-guided "Mental Health America Screening" that takes less than 10 minutes at screening.mhanational.org.

There are an estimated 60 million adults aged 18 or older in the United States living with mental, behavioral, or emotional disorders. Approximately 5% of these cases are severe and women have a slightly higher chance of experiencing symptoms according to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) (nimh.nih.gov). Wear green this May for Mental Health Awareness Month and show your support for the mental well-being of your family, friends, and neighbors.

Showing compassion and taking the time to understand the everyday struggles of your community can be the first step to encouraging others to seek the help they need. In "Spiritual Matter: From Grief to Light and Light to Life" by Martine Bachelart (155.937 Bachelart) you will discover how one mother found a positive path to healing after the loss of her beloved son. Also, consider how racism has affected the availability of equal care in "The Unapologetic Guide to Black Mental Health: Navigate an Unequal System, Learn Tools for Emotional Wellness, and Get the Help You Deserve" by Dr. Rheeda Walker (616.89 Wal).

You may find your inner peace as you adjust your habits and add simple steps to your daily routine. Linnea Dunne's book encourages you to have "Good Mornings: Morning Rituals for Wellness, Peace, and Purpose" (158.1 Dun). Also, learn how to lessen the negative effects of anxiety and enjoy greater focusing skills with Mary and Rick NurrieStearns' book "Yoga Mind, Peaceful Mind: Simple Meditations for Overcoming Anxiety" (616.85 Nur).

Adjusting your diet can improve your physical health as well as benefit your mental health. Drew Ramsey's "Eat to Beat Depression and Anxiety: Nourish Your Way to Better Mental Health in Six Weeks" (616.852 Ram) focuses

on specific healthcare needs. Or you can learn and experiment with ancient medicinal ways with "The Five Elements Cookbook: A Guide to Traditional Chinese Medicine with Recipes for Everyday Healing" by Zoey Xinyi Gong (Chef) (641.5951 Gon).

Is your job pushing you to the edge? Take control of your workspace with "Well at Work: Creating Wellbeing in Any Workspace" by Esther M. Sternberg (658.38 Sternberg), or consider ways to lighten the burden with "The Cure for Burnout" by Emily Ballesteros (158.723 Ballesteros).

Expand your knowledge about the brain by checking out one of our Great Courses, "Optimizing Brain Fitness" (Great Courses 612.8 Opt) or "Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: Techniques for Retraining your Brain" (Great Courses 616.8914 Cog). If you don't have the time to invest in coursework, consider watching a DVD to learn new insights into the human mind, such as "The Mysteries of Mental Illness" (DVD TV 362.2 Mysteries) or "Breathing Meditations" (DVD 158.1 Love). We have materials for all interests, ages, and levels.

If you are experiencing symptoms and need guidance, please call the NIH at 1-866-615-6464 to access information about professional care and other mental health resources. If you are having a mental health crisis and need immediate assistance, call or text 988 or live chat at 988lifeline.org (SAMHSA). In Indiana, you may call the "Be Well Crisis Helpline" at 211 to speak with a trained counselor available 24/7 about stress, anxiety, loneliness, or mental health strains. Or, you may text HOME to 741741 for the "Crisis Text Line." All these services are free and confidential.

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Kiwanis Club Welcomes Director from Nature Conservancy



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Kiwanian Gary Behling thanks Matt Williams for the interesting presentation.

The Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club recently hosted Matt Williams, the Director of Conservation Programs for The Nature Conservancy's Indiana Chapter, in a compelling session highlighting the organization's extensive conservation efforts.

Founded in 1951, The Nature Conservancy has grown to serve 70 countries, covering a remarkable 125 million acres of forest and grassland. With a mission focused on land and water conservation, climate change mitigation, and preservation of native wildlife and plant species, the organization faces a monumental challenge that it tackles with unwavering determination.

The Indiana Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, established in 1961, currently oversees the protection of over 100,000 acres of land. Their ambitious target is to safeguard an additional 40,000 acres by 2030, demonstrating their steadfast commitment to preserving Indiana's natural heritage.

Among the prominent projects undertaken by The Nature Conservancy in Indiana is the Kankakee Sands

restoration initiative. Situated just north of Morocco, Indiana, this project encompasses nearly 8,400 acres undergoing transformation into grassland prairies that support a rich diversity of native wildlife. Notable species include over 240 types of birds, 70 species of butterflies, 900 varieties of moths, and nearly 100 American Bison, emblematic of America's National Mammal.

From the picturesque shores of Lake Michigan to the rolling hills of Brown County, The Nature Conservancy's Indiana Chapter actively manages and owns properties, ensuring their development aligns with natural processes for the benefit of all.

The Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club extends its gratitude to The Nature Conservancy's Indiana Chapter for their dedicated efforts in conserving and enhancing Indiana's natural landscapes.

For more information about The Nature Conservancy's conservation initiatives in Indiana, visit their website at www.nature.org/indiana.



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