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TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Meet Dodger



Dodger is a 1 year old male Labrador retriever mix that has been at AWL since 11/13/23 (stray). Dodger loves playing fetch, going out for walks, and will gladly sit for treats. Dodger is very food motivated. Dodger is looking for his best friend! Could that be you? Dodger is available for adoption, to foster, or just simply going out for walks. Dodger is neutered, microchipped, dewormed, and up to date on his shots. AWL is open Monday-Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 9:30a-3p. Come say hi!!

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Ask Rusty – Retirement Stymied by Social Security 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.

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

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What You Need to Know About Cholesterol

(Family Features) Understanding and improving cholesterol is important for people of all ages, including children and teens. Maintaining healthy cholesterol levels can help keep your heart healthy and lower your chances of getting heart disease or having a stroke.

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4 Tips to Get High Cholesterol Under Control

(Family Features) Heart disease is the nation's leading cause of death for men and women, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but many people aren't aware they may be at elevated risk. More than 71 million adults in the United States have high low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol and nearly 50 million don't have it under control, which puts them at higher risk for cardiovascular events, such as heart attack and stroke.

What's more, nearly one-third (31%) of U.S. adults are

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John and Bertha Holland – no happy ever after for them



KAREN ZACH Around The County

This photo is the wedding picture of John David and Bertha Mae (Purcell) Holland from the Montgomery County GenWeb page (sorry, not sure who sent it in –

usually pretty good about it, but I not this time) who were married on Halloween in 1900. I was particularly invited into the photo because of her gorgeous wedding dress. Do believe it is the prettiest one I have ever seen. She is so beautiful in it and he is quite dapper too with his high collar, bow tie and perfectly trimmed moustache. They just look like they were meant for a long, happy life together, but alas, that was not the case. Bertha was born in Parke County 28 September 1879 to Civil War soldier, William Purcell and his wife, Margaret Faith. She was the youngest of their nine children, having four brothers and four sisters. When she was about 12, her father first passed at the end of May in 1891, followed by her mother the 2nd of February a few months later. Some of the siblings just married but she was too young; however, she was blessed to be able to live with George and Mary Josephine (Glover) Hanna. They had been married more than a dozen years and had no children. Elated to get her, they all came to love each other and were a happy family. I'm sure this dress was given with great glee to their "adopted daughter!" Imagine they were married in the Presbyterian church in Waveland where she and the Hannas went.

John was born in Montgomery County, a few years prior to Bertha (10 April 1870) and farmed early on, later blacksmithing, then huckstering, plus having a poultry business (after working for Havens Brothers as a trusted employee). The last two brought him into his final business, a grocery and notion store. Likely within the store, he also had the post office, serving as postmaster of Waveland from 1917-1922. He was the oldest of four children, the first to pass, son of Joseph and Nancy (Smith) Holland, and grew up in Brown Township where he received a

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Kids need a minimum of 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily.

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

"When one flower blooms, spring awakens."
John O'Donohue

TODAY'S JOKE

Why did the superhero flush the toilet?
Because it was his doody

THREE THINGS You Should Know

- PAW & Order, a food and donation drive that is a cooperative effort between the good folks at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, the Crawfordsville Police Department and the Animal Welfare League, is scheduled for Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parking lot of Kroger. The event, which is also sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police (Lodge #90) and Kroger, is looking for pet food and / or other donations. You can help support a great cause just by showing up and donating. See you Saturday.
- Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is co-leading a 25-state lawsuit that seeks to overturn an invasive new EPA rule that threatens the reliability of our power grid and will jack up utility costs for regular, everyday Hoosiers. "Hardworking Hoosiers and businesses depend on reliable energy at affordable prices," Rokita said. "They understand these draconian measures are chasing unrealistic goals and will do nothing to actually improve our already good air quality. They also know the importance of protecting the authority of state and local government against power-hungry unelected federal bureaucrats. This lawsuit is all about standing up for Hoosiers on all these counts."
- The 2024 Chevrolet Corvette E-Ray 3LZ coupe – the quickest production Corvette in history – will lead the field to the green flag for the 108th Indianapolis 500 on May 26 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The Corvette E-Ray is the only sports car pairing two separate propulsion systems to provide naturally aspirated V-8 power with electrified responsiveness powered by eAWD, making it one like none. Arctic white exterior paint and two-tone jet black and natural interior accents, inspired by fighter jets, pair nicely with the Indianapolis 500 logos on the Pace Car

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The Alliance for Aviation Across America commended Crawfordsville Mayor Todd D. Barton for proclaiming May "General Aviation Appreciation Month." In Indiana, general aviation airports support an economic impact of \$1.4 billion annually. The proclamation not only cites the economic impact of general aviation and local airports like the Crawfordsville Regional Airport but also the importance of investing in this infrastructure to encourage enthusiasm in flying and grow the next generation of pilots and aviation professionals, as well as to encourage future growth through investments in sustainability.



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Update From Sen. Deery



SPENCER DEERY
Guest Columnist

The previous legislative session may not be that far behind us, but my attention has turned to the next one. One of the ways I prepare is by spending as much time in each of the six counties of the district as I can. I find that attending as many fairs, parades and festivals as possible leads to invaluable conversations that help me know what's on your mind and what you expect of me. I hope these interactions also create opportunities for you to hear from me and what I've learned about our state's challenges and opportunities.

No matter where you live or what you do for a living, I encourage you to visit another county in the district this summer. Not only does it help the small businesses in these communities, but at a time when there is so much division in our country, I believe these summer opportunities can help us to understand and appreciate our neighbors from other parts of the state.

You can find many of these events listed in the 2024 Indiana Festival Guide, which showcase fairs and festivals for residents and visitors to enjoy. Some events also take place at our state parks, which host many recreational opportunities like hiking, boating and camping.

If you miss your chance to talk to me at any of these events or you want to make sure I know about an event that's important to you, please reach out to me.

SENATE DISTRICT 23 INDOT UPDATE

State Road 55 between

Attica and Pine Village will close as early as Wednesday, May 15, to allow crews to replace a small structure in the area.

Work is expected to last through early September and the official detour is State Road 26 and U.S. Highway 41.

During the closure, I encourage motorists to drive carefully along the detour and watch for an increase in traffic.

VOLUNTEER Opportunities with DNR

Volunteering can be a fun and worthwhile way to give back to your community, and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is always looking for people who want to help.

Volunteer opportunities at DNR sites include serving as campground hosts, keeping waterways clean, monitoring birdhouses and more.

To learn more about volunteering within the DNR, email dnrvolunteer@dnr.IN.gov.

Free Admission Day at Indiana State Parks

Indiana State Parks will host a free admission day on Sunday, May 19.

This day will give all guests a chance to enjoy our beautiful state parks free of charge.

State Sen. Spencer Deery (R-West Lafayette) represents Senate District 23, which includes Fountain, Parke, Vermillion and Warren counties, and portions of Montgomery and Tippecanoe counties.

Women's Legacy Fund Grants Awarded



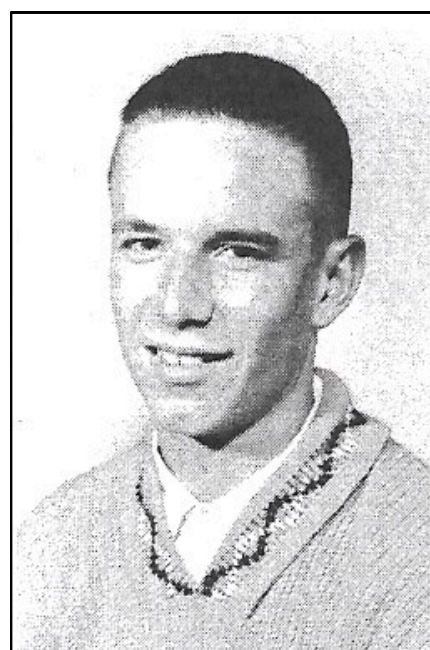
Women's Legacy Fund awarded grants to eight local nonprofit organizations last week. Each year WLF invites local nonprofits to submit proposals that support the needs of women and children in Montgomery County. Pictured are WLF members along with representatives from each organization that received a grant. This year's recipients were:

- CARA (Crawfordsville Adult Resource Academy), \$4,000 – Provides support to women to overcome barriers to furthering their education.
- Hand in Hand Creative Learning, \$2,314 – Books and toys for the classrooms and professional development for staff.
- Montgomery County Extension Homemakers, \$450 – to support their First Books Program for Head Start. Members visit, read, and leave books for the children each month.
- Montgomery County Family Recovery Court, \$3,000 – support for this incentive based program that strives to help families progress through the Department of Child Services system with support, guidance, and encouragement.
- New Hope Christian Church, \$1,982 – support for field trips and supplies for Hope Camp, a summer camp for school age children.

- Putnam County Family Support Services, \$1,500 – support for the Operation Brain Building program for mothers and their young children enrolled in Healthy Families here in Montgomery County.
- United Way in Montgomery County, \$2,354 – support to start the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program here in Montgomery County.
- Volunteers for Mental Health in Montgomery County, \$450 – “See you in the Summer: Taking more steps toward Student Empowerment,” a secondary youth summit to build on the work of the earlier Youth Summits.

WLF is an endowed fund at MCCF. WLF members contribute \$300; \$100 is placed in the endowment fund to assure long-term funding while \$200 is used as a one-time expenditure during the current grantmaking year. Applicants submit written proposals which are reviewed by the steering committee. The steering committee selects those that best align with the group's grantmaking goals. Those finalists make an in-person presentation to the membership and the membership votes for the winning proposals. To learn more about WLF membership or grantmaking visit www.mccf-in.org

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This Person?

HINT:

This 1964 Linden graduate became a race car driver and drove in the Indy 500.

Answer on Page A3



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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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not aware that having high cholesterol puts them at greater risk for heart attack and stroke, according to the findings of a recent study conducted by The Harris Poll commissioned by Esperion Therapeutics, Inc. The poll also revealed some inconsistent understanding about treatment options available for those with uncontrolled cholesterol. Fully 3 in 10 (30%) of those taking statins believe statins are the only LDL lowering treatment available for those with high LDL cholesterol.

“In auto racing, the red flag means danger on the track, stopping the race immediately,” said Dr. JoAnne Foody, chief medical officer at Esperion. “We are launching a patient education program, ‘Wave the Red Flag,’ to encourage people with uncontrolled high cholesterol to have their levels checked right away and discuss appropriate treatment options with their health care provider.”

If your high cholesterol is uncontrolled, understanding how you can achieve greater control can reduce your risk for serious health conditions, including potentially life-threatening cardiovascular events.

Consider these tips to get high cholesterol under control.

Talk with your doctor. Speaking with your physician is an important first step to managing any health condition. Your doctor can help you understand the severity of your condition and whether a treatment plan should be moderate or aggressive.

Check your progress. Keeping tabs on your cholesterol can help you and your health care team gauge whether your treatment plan is working. If you don't have heart disease,

you may not need to check as frequently, but your doctor can recommend the appropriate intervals to help manage your cholesterol most effectively.

Take medications as prescribed. Statins are the medications most often recommended by treatment guidelines for the management of blood cholesterol, and nearly one-third (30%) of those taking statins believe they are the only cholesterol-lowering treatment available, according to the survey. However, even with maximal statin therapy, some patients with chronic disease do not meet recommended LDL cholesterol levels. Taking your medications regularly and as instructed helps your doctor determine whether additional therapies – including non-statin treatments – could be useful to help manage your blood cholesterol.

Make lifestyle adjustments. Your diet plays a major role in lowering LDL cholesterol. Limiting fatty foods, especially those that are high in saturated and trans fats, is key. Monitoring your overall diet and exercising can also help reduce your risk of high cholesterol. Even if you don't have high cholesterol, adopting more cholesterol-friendly habits can help prevent your levels from rising to unhealthy levels in the future.

To find additional information about managing your high cholesterol, talk to your health care provider and visit WaveTheRedFlag.info.

Fast Facts About Cholesterol

What is cholesterol? The liver creates a fat-like waxy substance called cholesterol. It serves useful purposes for the body, including producing hormones and helping digest food.

How do you get high cholesterol?

The human body makes all the cholesterol it needs naturally, so any cholesterol you eat is cholesterol you don't need. However, it can be difficult to avoid because you can find dietary cholesterol in many common foods, including meat, seafood, poultry, eggs and dairy. Other non-dietary contributing factors include health conditions like obesity and diabetes, as well as family history and advancing age.

What is a normal cholesterol level?

An average optimal level of LDL cholesterol is about 100 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dL). An average optimal level of high-density lipoprotein, or HDL, cholesterol is at least 40 mg/dL for men and 50 mg/dL for women. HDL cholesterol can actually lower your risk of heart disease and stroke.

Are there symptoms of high cholesterol? Unlike many health conditions, there are rarely any symptoms that your cholesterol is high. That's what makes regular screening so important.

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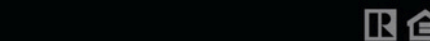
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Rep. Genda Provides Update



MARK GENDA
Guest Columnist

Do you know a Hoosier senior who devotes a lot of time to service in their community? Consider nominating them for a 2024 Golden Hoosier Award.

To be eligible, nominees must be an Indiana resident, age 65 or older, and have volunteered in their community for the past three years.

Nominations are due by July 14 and applications are available here. For questions, email goldenhoosier@fssa.in.gov or call (317) 232-8915. Awardees will be honored during a ceremony on Sept. 24 at the Statehouse in Indianapolis.

Rep. Mark Genda represents House District 41 which includes portions of Montgomery, Clinton, Boone and Tippecanoe counties.

The Indiana Lieutenant Governor's Office and the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Aging established the program in 2008 to honor Hoosier seniors who go above and beyond to help others. It is the highest honor the state bestows on its seniors. Now in its 17th year, more than 200 Hoosiers have received the award.

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High cholesterol usually has no symptoms. In fact, about 38% of adults in the United States are diagnosed with high cholesterol, according to the American Heart Association. Understanding what cholesterol is, the role it plays, when to get screened and how to manage it are important aspects of protecting your overall health and prevent a heart attack or stroke.

Understanding Cholesterol

A waxy, fat-like substance created by the liver and consumed from meat, poultry and dairy products, cholesterol isn't inherently bad for you. In fact, your body needs it to build cells and make vitamins and other hormones. However, too much cholesterol circulating in the blood can pose a problem.

The two types of cholesterol are low-density lipoprotein (LDL), which is considered "bad," and high-density lipoprotein (HDL), which can be thought of as "good" cholesterol. Too much of the "bad" kind, or not enough of the "good," increases the risk of cholesterol slowly building up in the inner walls of the arteries that feed the heart and brain.

Cholesterol can join with other substances to form a thick, hard deposit on the inside of the arteries called plaque. This can narrow the arteries and make them less flexible – a condition known as atherosclerosis. If a blood clot forms, it may be more likely to get stuck in one of these narrowed arteries, resulting in a heart attack or stroke.

Understanding Risk
Your body naturally produces all the LDL it needs. An unhealthy lifestyle can make your body produce more LDL than required. Behaviors that may negatively affect your cholesterol levels include lack of physical activity, obesity, eating an unhealthy diet and smoking or exposure to tobacco smoke.

In addition to unhealthy habits, which are the cause of high LDL cholesterol for most people, some people inherit genes from their parents or grandparents – called familial hypercholesterolemia (FH) – that cause them to have too much cholesterol and can lead to premature atherosclerotic heart

disease. If you have a family history of FH or problems related to high cholesterol, it's important to get your levels checked.

Getting Cholesterol Checked

Adults age 20 and older should have their cholesterol and other traditional risk factors checked every 4-6 years as long as their risk remains low. After age 40, your health care professional will use an equation to calculate your 10-year risk of heart attack or stroke. People with cardiovascular disease, and those at elevated risk, may need their cholesterol and other risk factors assessed more often.

Managing Cholesterol

If you have high cholesterol, understanding your risk for heart disease and stroke is one of the most important things you can do, along with taking steps to lower your cholesterol.

Often, simply changing certain behaviors can help bring your numbers into line. Eating a heart-healthy diet that emphasizes fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean or plant-based protein, fish and nuts while limiting red and processed meats, sodium and sugar-sweetened foods and beverages is one of the best ways to lower your cholesterol. While grocery shopping, look for the American Heart Association's Heart-Check mark to help identify foods that can be part of an overall healthy eating pattern.

Other lifestyle changes include losing weight, quitting smoking and becoming more physically active, as a sedentary lifestyle can lower HDL. To help lower both cholesterol and high blood pressure, experts recommend at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic exercise a week, such as walking, biking or swimming.

For some people, lifestyle changes may prevent or manage unhealthy cholesterol levels. For others, medication may also be needed. Work with your doctor to develop a treatment plan that's right for you. If medication is required, be sure to take it as prescribed.

Controlling your cholesterol may be easier than you think. Learn more about managing your cholesterol at heart.org/cholesterol.

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good education. His father was born in New York City and mother here in Indiana. Interesting to note from the Bowen's History (p1099) that John's grandfather by the same name came to the US from England as a stowaway at age 12. He was a sailor with his base home in NY City. He followed his occupation until in 1860 a bale of cotton fell on him and he passed a few months later.

The happy life of John and Bertha began with the birth of their first son, George on 18 December 1901. Not long after his birth, they began going to the Baptist Church since that is the one John was raised in and Bertha wanted them to go as a family. James Eldred, their second was born 22 April 1904 and John Albert "Bert" born almost exactly one year later on 20 April 1905. Sadly, this couple didn't even make one census record together, as she was sick several months passing just four months after Bert was born with tb and heart failure, just 25 years 10 months 8 days old. Don't believe John ever remarried and died just 20 years later while at the Masonic home in Franklin passing after a year or more of suffering from "creeping paralysis." (obit).

George Holland married Dorothy Duvall, lived for some time in Elmhurst, Illinois but went on to Texas where he passed in Plano in 1980 at age 79. He and Dorothy I believe had two children, Donna and John D. I assume named for his father.

James Eldred was hard to find, but finally nabbed him. After graduating, he went to Chicago to stay with his mother's sister, Lizzie and her husband, Wes Aicher who had no children. When registering for WWII, his description was quite different from his brothers, although they both had scars on their fingers. He was listed as 5'11", 170#, blue eyes (same) and blonde hair.

He married Pat Duffy (had a German immigrant mother and "an Irish pugilist" for a father according to her obit) and they retired to Bartey's Harbor in Wisconsin where they enjoyed being near their daughter, Judy, her husband and their four children.

John Albert "Bert" graduated as did the other two from Waveland HS and he went out to Pasadena, California where he stayed with his mother's adopted mother, Mary Josephine Glover Hanna. Described as 5'8 1/2", light complexion, brown hair and blue eyes. He worked at the Market Basket but not sure what that was. He did return to Waveland and at the age of 36 in Las Vegas, Nevada married a cousin of mine, Rachel Geraldine "Gerry" Barker. No children, but they enjoyed life in the little town, he working as janitor at the school for many years, and Gerry having a beauty shop in their home.

John was a well-admired man in the Waveland community and was active in the Masons, Modern Woodmen and both he and Bertha involved in their church. Both were highly respected and admired. John served as the Sunday School Superintendent as well as taught SS and was elected a deacon in 1918. The above article noted that "his earnestness of purpose and intense desire to live in accord with his highest ideals of right," impressed anyone who knew him! RIP (together in the Maple Ridge Cemetery at Waveland under beautiful stones saying Mother and Father), John David Holland as well as that beautiful, sweet wife of yours!

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Zach Edey Improved His Chances in NBA Draft; Could Go Lottery



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Naysayers bleated time and again that the two-time National Player of the Year in college basketball, Purdue's Zach Edey, was "just tall," as if his height automatically made Edey a better player.

At the NBA Combine this week in Chicago, it was proven that Edey is tall. In shoes he stands 7-foot-5 with a nearly 7-11 wingspan.

It was also proven to many observers that Edey is quite nimble for a 299-pound athlete. While NBA scouts won't tip their hands as to who and what they liked about Edey and a handful of other prospects, several writers who cover the NBA came away believing the now Boilermaker legend confirmed he is a first round prospect when the draft takes place June 27.

ESPN draft analyst Jonathan Givony has Edey ranked 14th in the top 100 NBA prospects list for 2024. Givony notes that returning to Purdue for the 2023-24 season turned out to be a wise decision for Edey.

"Edey measured exceptionally well," Givony writes, noting that Edey also has a 9-foot, seven and a half inch standing reach. "But he also tested better than last year, shaving off time from last year's pro lane agility drill and measuring a solid vertical leap (26 inches) and three-quarter-court sprint time, showing the significant improvement he has made with his conditioning and mobility since electing to return to Purdue for his senior season

"He also put on a pretty impressive showing in shooting drills, hitting 3s off movement, spotting up and pulling up off the dribble, showing some real potential in that area as he has long insisted he possesses. Edey has quite a few fans around the NBA at this point, and there are plenty of executives who say they have him ranked as a lottery pick, or even as a top-10 prospect because of how well he rates in their analytics models." Sam Vecenie of The Athletic forecasts the New Orleans Pelicans to draft Edey 21st overall.

"He establishes position anywhere and everywhere on the court because of his size and strength, yet possesses remarkable touch around the rim," Vecenie writes. "He's somehow underrated in ball-screen actions. One could make the case that he's the best screen-setter in the country with the way he consistently crushes guards trying to get through and rolls to the rim for deep post-ups or easy buckets. Edey has improved defensively over his time in college. He's become a good, impactful drop-coverage pick-and-roll defender and takes up enough space to dissuade guard from driving and finishing around the basket.

"The issue with his fit in the NBA are obvious: He's a 7-4 supergiant who doesn't move particularly well laterally. Can he stop ballhandlers from turning the corner on him defensively? Can he get back in transition in the up-and-down NBA?" Vecenie's projection for Edey is based partially on the expected loss of Pelicans center Jonas Valanciunas to free agency. Oddly, Vecenie had Edey's hometown Toronto Raptors passing on him at No. 19 in favor of, quoting Vecenie, a "project."

If indeed Toronto chooses Baylor 6-11 center Yves Missi, who averaged 15 points less per game than Edey this season, I would not want to be the receptionist at Raptors headquarters the next morning answering angry phone calls.

Vecenie forecasts Indiana 7-footer Kel'el Ware to Milwaukee in the second round with pick No. 33 overall. Like Edey, that slot seems a bit low.

A second projection of Edey to the Pelicans comes from Kyle Irvin of sportingnews.com. "Just when you thought Edey's potential as an NBA prospect hit a ceiling, the two-time National Player of the Year proved everyone wrong during the NCAA Tournament," Irvin writes.

"Edey was even more dominant than usual on Purdue's run to the national championship, averaging 29.5 points, 14.5 rebounds and 1.8 blocks per game. He showed that

his conditioning and mobility improved tremendously, playing all but two minutes and 50 seconds from the Sweet 16 through the title game.

"With Pelicans center Jonas Valanciunas in the latter stage of his career, Edey could provide a similar dominant interior presence in relief."

Irvin also has Indiana center Kel'el Ware going 26th to the Washington Wizards.

"Ware is a rim-protecting center with a high ceiling who came on strong late in the season for Indiana," Irvin states. "He is a long, athletic and mobile lob-catcher who has a developing offensive game as a scorer."

Fit is also an important part of any NFL or NBA Draft. Garry Parrish of CBSSports.com, who was bullish on Edey and Purdue throughout its run to the national championship game, may have found the perfect NBA home for Edey. Parrish likes the New York Knicks to take Edey at No. 24.

"As incredible as Edey was at Purdue over the past two years, he remains a divisive NBA prospect with what appears to be a pretty big range," Parrish writes. "He could go in the lottery or slip into the 20s. Either way, Edey would be a sensible option for the Knicks if he's still available at this point in the draft considering they could be on the verge of losing Isaiah Hartenstein in free agency."

Kevin Sweeney of SI.com didn't make team selections, preferring to rank the 25 best players in the NBA Draft class. Edey fell in at No. 17.

"Is Edey the most natural fit in the modern NBA? Perhaps not. But you'd be hard-pressed to watch the film and not see someone capable of helping an NBA team in a defined role," Sweeney writes. "Edey has great hands, rebounds out of area at a high level, has proven to be very effective in drop coverage defensively and punishes almost everyone in one-on-one matchups down low.

"A popular comparison tossed around has been Boban Marjanović, but I think there are reasons to

believe Edey can have an even bigger impact. Remember, Edey has been playing organized basketball for just seven years and has continued to get better."

Ware was rated 22nd by Sweeney, who writes "in a weak draft, it becomes harder and harder to ignore Ware's immense physical gifts . . . especially after a productive sophomore season at Indiana.

"The 7-footer can run like a gazelle, is an effective shot blocker and has shown the ability to stretch the floor. His motor has come into question at times, and physicality-wise, Ware may struggle against NBA bigs. But at this point in the draft, it's worth the risk."

Big Ten football schedules

To the surprise of just about no one who has followed Indiana football scheduling for the past several years, the Hoosiers' 2024 non-conference slate is ranked the easiest in the new 18-team Big Ten by Athlon Sports' Dan Lyons.

A 3-0 start is almost assured for first-year coach Curt Cignetti, who makes his debut Aug. 31 against FIU. Home games against FCS member Western Illinois and Charlotte look like gimmes. The Hoosiers were originally slated to play Jeff Brohm's Louisville squad but chose to buy out the remaining two games in the contract.

Thanks largely to Notre Dame's return to the schedule, Purdue's non-conference slate is ranked fourth behind USC, Michigan and UCLA. Indiana State is coming off a 1-10 season and Purdue will have a bye week before hosting the Fighting Irish on Sept. 14. A trip to Oregon State on paper seems daunting but the Beavers were gutted in the transfer portal following coach Jonathan Smith's departure for Michigan State. For now, this appears to be the pivotal game for second-year coach Ryan Walters. Go 2-1 and there appears to be a path to six wins and a bowl game after last season's 4-8 disappointment.

CBS announced this week it will come to West Lafayette for the Notre Dame game with a 3:30 kickoff time. Purdue has lost eight in a row to Notre Dame since a 33-19 victory in 2007.

The Oregon State game will be an 8:30 p.m.

Lafayette time kickoff on the CW network. It will be a surprise if the Indiana State opener is not a noon kickoff on the Big Ten Network.

When Notre Dame heads to Purdue it will be the first matchup against the Boilers for head coach Marcus Freeman as the team's head coach. Freeman was the defensive coordinator for Notre Dame in 2021 when the Irish beat Purdue by a 27-13 score. The return of Freeman and special teams coordinator Marty Biagi to West Lafayette is one of the few early highlights of what is becoming a typical weak Notre Dame schedule.

The season opener Aug. 31 at Texas A&M will get a lot of attention but the Fighting Irish won't be tested again until a home game against Florida State on Nov. 9. The "Notre Dame is back" hype will be at 10 on the 1-10 scale when it faces the Seminoles with an 8-0 record built on home games with Northern Illinois, Miami (Ohio), Louisville, Stanford and less than rugged away games with Georgia Tech and Navy.

A home game with Virginia and a trip to Yankee Stadium to play Army almost ensures Freeman and Notre Dame at least 10 wins before traveling to USC for the regular season finale.

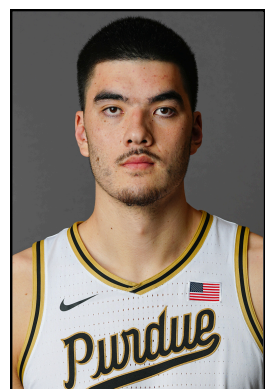
Big Ten basketball scheduling

The price of remaining at 20 games in a now-18 team league became evident recently when the Big Ten announced its home-away, single home and single road game assignments for men's basketball.

Purdue's rivalry with Indiana is protected but only two other matchups will be played home and away, Michigan and Rutgers. Coming to Mackey Arena for single play home games are Maryland, Nebraska, Northwestern, Ohio State, UCLA, USC and Wisconsin. Trips to Illinois, Iowa, Michigan State, Minnesota, Oregon, Penn State and Washington complete the Big Ten schedule for Purdue.

The Boilermakers will host UCLA for the first time since Dec. 30, 2000. USC hasn't been to West Lafayette for a basketball game since 1939. I was in first grade the last time the Boilermakers went to Washington, Dec. 9, 1967.

Indiana's other home-and-away games will be



against Ohio State and Penn State. Coming to Assembly Hall this winter will be Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Rutgers, UCLA and USC. Indiana must travel to Iowa, Michigan State, Nebraska, Northwestern, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin.

Noteworthy

A five-star cornerback in the class of 2025 has arrived at Purdue early after reclassifying to the 2024 class.

Tarrion Grant of Murfreesboro, Tenn., committed to the Boilermakers in January after cutting his list to Purdue, Virginia Tech, LSU, Oregon and Louisville. Tennessee, Alabama, Auburn, Florida and Texas A&M were among those to offer Grant. The 6-3, 175-pound Grant was rated the No. 1 player in Tennessee and the No. 10 cornerback nationally after being reassigned to the class of 2024 by 247Sports Composite. In the 2025 rankings, Grant was 36th overall in the 247Sports Composite. Grant becomes Purdue's third top 100 recruit in the 21st century, joining two-time Super Bowl champion George Karlaftis (27th) of the Kansas City Chiefs in 2019 and wide receiver Selwyn Lymon (49th) of Fort Wayne in 2005 . . .

Former Purdue running back Tyrone Tracy is one of 10 offensive players who could have an immediate impact as a rookie, according to ESPN.com writer Field Yates.

"Tracy was one of the more unique prospects in the class; after four seasons as a wide receiver at Iowa, he transferred to Purdue for two seasons and became a running back," Yates writes. "That versatility gives him a chance to be on the field and deployed early and often, especially amid a thin Giants backfield led by Devin Singletary. Tracy scored eight times last season and averaged 6.3 yards per carry."

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

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FOR THE RECORD

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Meeting Summary
MAY 13, 2024

CONSENT AGENDA Approved.
Approval of Claims: AP & Payroll
Minutes: April 22, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING - Petition to Vacate Jackson Street & Unimproved Alley - Parkersburg, IN
No comments were received during the public hearing. Next step will be the introduction of an ordinance to vacate the street and alley.

OLD BUSINESS
Health Department - Truck Quotes
Awarded quote to York Automotive.

Quotes were from:
D Patrick Truck- 2024 Ford F-250XL - \$48,141.25;
York Automotive Group - 2024 Dodge Ram 2500 - \$48,127.25;
Lafayette Ford Lincoln - 2024 Ford F-250 - \$51,820;
The department will use the current 2009 truck as a trade-in.

NEW BUSINESS
Open Proposals - 4.77 acres orchard/timothy/alfalfa mix
Awarded lease of County owned farmland at the southwest corner of Nucor Road and US 136 to Mark Roberts for 2024 and 2025 in the amount of \$1,908.00.

Pay App #4 - 2022 Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds (IAW/CSX Project) –
Approved the final bond payment of \$1,314,015.37 to Indiana American Water for the extension of water infrastructure to Tempur Sealy.

Statement of Work - Resilient Strategies, Inc.
Proposal for Facilitation of Tabletop Exercise for the Montgomery County LEPC - \$5,495
Approved contract with Resilient Strategies for a tabletop exercise. The services cover the planning, preparation, conduct, and summary of the planned exercise at a fixed cost of \$5,495.

INDOT Unofficial Detour Letter of Understanding - US136 4.2 over Raccoon Creek
Approved unofficial local detour of CR600 S to CR1050 E for the 14 day closure of 136 closure. The unofficial local detour designation will hold INDOT responsible for any damages to roads while the closure exists.

ORDINANCES
2nd Reading Ordinance 2024-11 Adopting a Policy for Disposal of Lost or Abandoned Personal Property by Sheriff
Approved ordinances that establishes a policy for the Sheriff for the disposal of lost or abandoned personal property if the rightful owner cannot be located and/or the property remains unclaimed. In such circumstances, the Sheriff is authorized to release the property to its owner or, if the owner cannot be located, then the Sheriff is authorized to dispose of the property as surplus property.

RESOLUTION
Resolution 2024 - 11 - Resolution Determining Need for Project
Approved resolution that determined a need for the renovation of the Montgomery County Courthouse. In order for the Commissioners to move forward with the Project, the Board of Commissioners intends to approve funding needed for the Project. A leasing entity is required to own the real estate on which the Courthouse will be renovated. The property will be leased to the County and the County is required to have the value of the Property determined by two independent appraisers. The Commissioners have received one independent appraisal from Sedgwick Valuation Services Division and accepts and ratifies the appraisal. The resolution ratifies and approves the appointment of an additional independent appraiser in order to determine the fair market value of the Property. The resolution authorizes the circulation of proposed petition of taxpayers requesting the lease of the Project.

Next meeting Tuesday, May 28, 2024 @ 8am

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Ascension Gives Update on Cyber Attack

As most Hoosiers know, Ascension St. Vincent was hit with a ransomware cybersecurity attack. This week, an Ascension spokesperson released the following information. They also said that additional information can be found at <https://about.ascension.org/cyber-security-event>

From Ascension:
All Ascension St. Vincent hospitals, physician offices, and care sites across Indiana remain open and operational. Despite the challenges posed by the recent ransomware incident, patient safety continues to be our utmost priority. Our dedicated doctors, nurses, and care teams are demonstrating incredible thoughtfulness and resilience as we use manual and paper-based systems during the ongoing disruption to normal systems.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this unexpected situation. Rest assured, our commitment to the health and safety of our community remains our highest priority.

Can I go to my doctor's appointment?

Ascension St. Vincent Medical Group doctor's offices and care sites are operating with normal business hours, and all scheduled appointments are proceeding as planned.

Due to the transition to manual systems for patient documentation, patients may encounter longer than usual wait times and some delays. To help with delays, patients should bring notes on symptoms and a list of current medications, including prescription numbers or bottles. In the event that appointments need to be rescheduled, an Ascension associate will contact patients directly.

Can I get my prescription filled?

Ascension Rx retail pharmacies in Indiana cannot fill prescriptions at this time. Patients are being asked to bring their prescription list and prescription bottles to their appointment. We will work with patients to find an alternative pathway to get a fill at another pharmacy if ours is not an option. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Are Ascension's urgent care centers open?

At this time, Ascension's urgent care centers are fully operating. Due to the transition to manual systems for patient documentation and care at certain centers, patients may encounter longer than usual wait times and some delays.

Are Ascension's emergency rooms open?

All Ascension St. Vincent emergency rooms remain open and accepting walk-in patients. Certain hospitals are currently implementing a diversion process for ambulance services for specific medical cases to ensure they are triaged most effectively. Diversion is the practice of an ambulance potentially bypassing an Ascension location to another facility. It is a normal course of operation, a fluid practice, and is dependent on a number of factors, including case severity, service lines, and availability. We are in constant communication with Emergency Medical Services providers to ensure real-time updates on facility availability.

If you are experiencing a medical emergency, please dial 911, and local emergency services will transport you to the most appropriate hospital emergency room.

Can I still have my elective surgery?

Patients with upcoming scheduled elective surgeries should plan to arrive as planned unless otherwise notified. Should any rescheduling be necessary, a member of our care team will contact you directly. Due to the transition to manual systems for patient documentation, patients may encounter longer than usual wait times and some delays. To help with delays, patients should bring notes on symptoms and a list of current medications, including prescription numbers or bottles.

Can I still have my non-elective surgery?

Patients with upcoming scheduled non-elective surgeries should plan to arrive as planned unless otherwise notified. Should any rescheduling be necessary, a member of our care team will contact you directly. Due to the transition to manual systems for patient documentation, patients may encounter longer than usual wait times and some delays. To help with delays, patients should bring notes on symptoms and a list of current medications, including prescription numbers or bottles.

Will I be able to get my diagnostic imaging, other tests, and treatments?

Imaging, testing, and treatment are being offered at this time. Patients may experience delays, we are grateful for your patience. Should any rescheduling be necessary, a member of our care team will contact you directly.



THE PAPER

City of Crawfordsville, Indiana
Notice of Adoption
Cumulative Capital Fire Fund under I.C. 36-8-14
To the taxpayers of the City of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, state of Indiana. You are hereby notified that on the 13th day of May, 2024, the City of Crawfordsville Common Council, City of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, state of Indiana, under notice heretofore given, and under and by virtue of IC 6-1.1-41 et seq., duly adopted a plan whereby a Cumulative Fire Fund was re-established to provide the following: for all uses as set out in IC. 36-8-14. This fund will be provided for by a property tax rate of three cents (\$0.0333) on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of taxable real and personal property with the taxing units beginning in 2024 payable 2025 and thereafter, continuing until reduced or rescinded.
Ten or more taxpayers in the taxing unit who will be affected by the tax rate and corresponding levy may file a petition with the Montgomery County Auditor not later than noon 30 days after the publication of the Notice setting forth their objections to the proposed cumulative fund. Upon the filing of the petition, the County Auditor shall immediately certify the same to the Department of Local Government Finance, at which point the Department will fix a date for and conduct a public hearing on the proposed cumulative fund before issuing its approval, disapproval, or modification thereof.
Dated this 14th day of May, 2024
Adopting Body: City of Crawfordsville Common Council
Fiscal Officer: Karyn Douglas, Clerk-Treasurer
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City of Crawfordsville, Indiana
Notice of Adoption
Cumulative Capital Development Fund under I.C. 36-9-15.5
To the taxpayers of the City of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, state of Indiana. You are hereby notified that on the 13th day of May, 2024, the City of Crawfordsville Common Council, City of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, state of Indiana, under notice heretofore given, and under and by virtue of IC 6-1.1-41 et seq., duly adopted a plan whereby a Cumulative Capital Development Fund was re-established to provide the following: for all uses as set out in IC. 36-9-15.5, including relevant changes to Public Law 148-2008. This fund will be provided for by a property tax rate of five cents (\$0.05) on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of taxable real and personal property with the taxing units beginning in 2024 payable 2025 and thereafter, continuing until reduced or rescinded.
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MONTGOMERY MEMORIES

1923 AHS Graduates

Back Row (left to right): Vernet Carlile, Loren Smith;

Front Row (left to right): Ida Fruits, Nellie Kellar, Katherine Truax, Bessie Peacock.

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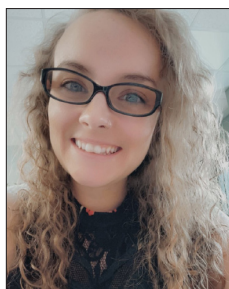
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CHUCK CLORE After a lifelong career in visual communications, Eureka! Chuck discovered that noodling the nuances of the written word can be just as much fun as tweaking a font into an iconic logo. Montgomery Memories is the perfect venue to explore his treasured C-ville’s east-end recollections. An Athenian boomer from the class of 65, he delights in graphic design, cartooning, and story telling. Chuck’s articles reveal how a CHS senior cordurcy artist eventually evolved into an award winning designer and aspiring writer.



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MONTEGOMERY 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
- Wayne - Andrew Crouch

May Feature: 1855 women graduates

Karen Bazzani Zach



One of the very first articles in regards to a graduation I found featured the Crawfordsville Female Seminary. Although the article in the CWJ (26 July 1855 p 2) gave a lot of excuses for not seeing all the exercises, it did an impressive hoorah for some: "We noticed particularly an advanced class in Algebra which acquitted itself with a very high degree of credit."

"Miss Julia Willson's essay on Isms was racy and sarcastic." Miss Ketchum's, "A Young Lady's Education" possessed a good deal of wit and we have to say of her that "with care and ambition, she will soon rank high as a young writer." In Sarah Mills' "The Use of Temptations," the thought "was sparkling and the style easy and graceful, a good theme well treated and elicited." This one I would love to have heard and again in 40 more years plus 40 more, "Miss Martha Binford's ideas of Indiana Women 40 years ago and now pleased us very much. It was a right lusty slap in the face to Old Fogyism!"

The writer didn't know the names of the young ladies who performed from the Musical Department but it was "well represented." It was noted that Miss Barbee's rendition of The Carnival of Venice was highly satisfactory. At the actual Commencement on Tuesday morning, the CWJ noted that

Miss Susan Jennison gave an instructive Audubon Ornithology essay called "Waters of America." Mary Newton talked on Labor which was "a good common sense view of the best subject of the day!" Anna Willson's "Gift of Tongues" may have been good but the weakness of her voice and her natural timidity didn't bring enough tongues out loud to know if it was a good or bad speech. Caroline Wolfe's "Blessed is he that soweth beside all Waters," was presented as fruit of a noble heart, chastened and regulated by the virtues of the Christian Religion. "Long may she live to exemplify what on her graduation day she has so beautifully taught." The reading of the essays concluded, Rev. James H. Johnston, Principal of the Academy, gave out the Diplomas and sent them off with a "touching and kind farewell to the class."

Sadly, nothing was mentioned as to the number of graduates, but about a dozen with the next class beginning in a few weeks. The Willson girls were daughters of Col. Samuel and Laura (Maddox) Willson, he a mentor of Lew Wallace. Julia married Volney Quintillian Irwin and passed in October 1890. Julia put her education to work aiding the children of our community who were orphaned, helping to establish the Orphans Home. She was well loved by the community but especially her little ones. A devout Christian, her tender heart was "faithfully ministered to the needy!" (CWJ 11-8-1890). Volney died 13 years later, leaving his estate that had been at one point quite large but dwindled much to his sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews as he and Julia had no children of their own, except Samuel Willson who died of consumption at age 26 without having been married. Anna married Dr. Henry Bird Marsh, and parented three, Laura, Lucy and Harmon. They are buried in Crown Hill, Indianapolis. The large brick home of the Willson family would later become Willson school (six grades) about the turn into the 1900s.

Mary Newton grew-up in a large family and married John L. Knight, a judge and editor of Wabash, Indiana's Plain Dealer. Their son, Edgar Newton Knight (died age 17) was born 8 Feb 1862 his mother passing just four days thereafter. She is buried at Oak Hill and John and Edgar in Wabash County. Mary was the daughter of William Newton, a baker from Delaware who lived in Farmington,

Iowa where Mary, her sister, Jane and brothers Horace (Hod) and Thomas were born but grew-up here.

Susan Jennison daughter of Ozro and Margaret, Ozro an Engineer. Susan married John Maynard Butler, a Civil War Sgt. and a well-known Indianapolis lawyer. He died on a vacation with their son and daughter at the 5th Avenue Hotel in New York in 1895 and was described as "a noble intellect, a noble conscience, a noble faith in conjunction these were his rich endowment." (obit Evansville Courier). Their only son, said to have had one of the most amazing powerful deep bass voices ever heard in Indianapolis passed away just a few months after his father. They were very active in the Presbyterian Church here and in Indianapolis and her obit was one of the few mentioning her graduation, plus he was the president at the girls' seminary right afterward. She died in Nice while on vacation with their daughter and her husband after just five days of having the flu in 1899.

Martha Binford was the daughter of local merchant Samuel Binford. Martha married Charles Lambert Thomas a major and surgeon in the Civil War. She was just 31 at her death in 1871. Her father died in 1890, leaving his \$200,000 estate to her two children, Sam and Mattie Thomas.

Fairly sure Sarah Mills was the daughter of Caleb Mills, a name that should ring a bell with any local historian. Three years later, she graduated from Mt. Holyoke Seminary and held a professorship of Latin in the Western Female Seminary in Oxford, Ohio from 1859-1861 (FindAGrave - photo from Wabash Valley Genealogy buried Terre Haute with husband, Blackford Condit). She was mother of nine children and active in local religious and charitable movements in TH.

The only Ketcham family in Crawfordsville at the time was Andrew, a Black laborer and his daughter Catharine may have been the one graduating as the "Miss." Possibly the same with "Miss Barbee." Someone may have paid their way, perhaps because of high intelligence or possibly allowed to take classes while working there?

For sure, it was amazing we had an advanced woman's academy with quite a curriculum and some interesting, smart ladies graduating from there in 1855 plus!

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

My grandfather had an 8th grade education but he was one of the best read and smartest men I ever have known. When I read about the 8th grade graduates in 1892 having to write THREE essays and deliver them to the County Superintendent as part of their graduation exercises I about flipped. Maybe the topics did me in they being Girls Who Become Famous; Ethics for Young People and the third Starland.” These were based upon books they had all used in reading circles. They were to be between 500 and 800 words and certified by their teacher that it was original work. Know my Pap had an amazing concept of advanced math from his 8th grade, aiding a surveyor when he was in his early 20s who told everyone that Carl was much smarter and better at the job than he was!

In 1891, there were 18 pupils in Union Township examined for their graduation from the public schools but didn’t find out how many passed or whether they were 8th grade or 12th grade graduates.

My gpa’ told me about a very tough exam he had when he graduated and in March 1892, the Daily Journal on the 11th listed the places students would have to go to take their exams (Union Twp in Crawfordsville City School building; Linden for all Madison Township; Wingate for Coal Creek; Darlington for Franklin and Sugar Creek; Waveland for Brown; Alamo for Ripley and Ladoga for Scott and Clark). The applicant isn’t confined to a particular township but can take it in the town most convenient. At least that was good!

Many announcements in the papers could be found announcing where and when graduations would occur such as the CDJ 31 May 1893 p 4 with their “Graduation Exercises,” notation that “those who passed a successful examination for graduation from the Union Township schools will speak their finals and receive their diplomas at YMCA hall on Thursday evening, June 8. Exercises begin at 8 p.m. The best speaker will represent the township at the fair!”

The 1894 Union Township graduation had 30 graduates (16 females, 14 males) which was so many, it was at the YMCA building. Eight of the graduates spoke (Ella Eschelman; Bessie Alexander; Pearl Long; Ursula Banks; Mary Casey; Lulu Stout; Willard Shanklin; Marguerite Pennfeather and WT Whittington which later said to give the class address but he wasn’t in the list of graduates). Under this was a short piece of the Wayne graduates (didn’t give a number or a list but eight were mentioned: John Utterback; Jackson Bunnell; Alice Baldwin; Ota Decker; Hattie Follick; Laura Smith; Pearl Biddle; Lida Larkin, again female oriented. That surprised me! Also, St. Charles Academy had a short piece on their graduation but it was mainly just a program of their drama that was given. That year for C’ville (CDJ 8 June 1894) quite a few citizens were miffed as there were only a couple of hundred reserved seats at the Music Hall with 400 lined up to grab what general seats they could. The class gave a presentation but didn’t catch a name. It was in regards to a university and its pupils, however, with the program giving characters and who played them. A few were specifically mentioned in attaboys (girls): Bess Nicholson, Verda Bell, Joan Elston, Maud Bonnell, Gertrude Munhall, Harriet Hauser, Etta Crabbs, Edith McLane, Fred Dennis, and Robert Goben. A quick overview of the graduation followed and at the very end Fred Dennis announced that the class would repeat “The Princess” again for those who could not get tickets, so there we finally had the play name, but probably more graduated than were

named in the attakids!

It is hard in this time frame to know whether the “graduation” was for 8th graders or senior graduates, this one I would guess 8th but with no names to check, don’t know but under the New Ross news 23 Feb 1894 CDJ it notes kind of humorously but my gpa’ would likely agree, “Seven applicants for graduation are preparing for the affray in the near future!”

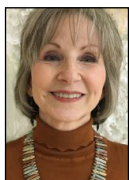
Wabash graduations were often mentioned in other newspapers as with the Lafayette Call in 1891 announcing that “Rev. and Mrs. SA Mowers and Wm. L. Ward went to Crawfordsville today to attend the Wabash College Commencement and witness the graduation of Mr. Saxe Mowers, the former gentleman’s eldest son.”

Speaking of Wabash graduates of the 48 staff members at Crawfordsville in the 1924 yearbook, there were many Wabash grads teaching there, as well as an impressive number from DePauw, Butler, and the norm, ISU, IU. There were 124 graduates that year with 22 having made a 90% + GPA throughout. The most popular girl was Dorothy Hack and Harry Bowe the most popular fellow. The most athletic was Robert Dinwiddie. My hubs, Jim Zach, graduated from CHS and I from Waveland and we were always comparing, especially the size. Didn’t have a 1924 WHS yearbook but the smallest school, Alamo, I did have and did a comparison with it. There were only six on the faculty, including the principal and seven graduating (Lucille Reath who was president of the Athenian Literary Society – by the way, they had two literary groups and a huge Glee Club; Edna Thompson, Class President Moreland Hudson; Dorothy Davis; Eldora Weir, Russell Alward and Darrell Hamm. If I didn’t have a huge research list already, it’d be fun to do more of these type comparisons of graduations and the like!

Enjoy the 1924 Alamo senior pictures – thanks to Charlie Arvin – Moreland Hudson; Dorothy Davis; Eldora Weir; Darrell Hamm, (right side) Lucille Reath; Russell Alward and Edna Thompson.



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Nifty at Ninety - And Beyond

Joy Willett, Montgomery Memories

For the May edition of Nifty, we meet Nellie Ward Graybill. Nellie was born on October 5, 1888. She was the middle of three children born to Samuel Cline Graybill (born 1850) and Clara Belle Ward (born 1859). Clara and Samuel C. married on December 7, 1881. They lived in Scott Township, Montgomery County, Indiana, where Samuel farmed.

The “Krayebiel” family immigrated from Germany in 1727 (The Graybill Family in America). As many Quakers did, they settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. After 60 years, Nellie’s branch moved to Botetourt County, Virginia. This is where Nellie’s grandfather, Samuel senior was born. He and his wife Lydia (Arnold) came to Montgomery County, Indiana in ca. 1837. This is where their five children were born. Nellie’s father, Samuel C., was their youngest.

The Ward family immigrated from England as early as 1620. The Ward’s lived for a time in Connecticut and then migrated to New Jersey (North America, Family Histories, 1500-2000 for John Ward). They came west, first to Ohio in ca. 1796, and then to Indiana by 1850. Nellie’s maternal great-grandfather, Stephen, who died in 1858, was buried in the Richland Cemetery in Union County, Indiana. Her grandfather, David (who lived to be 90), moved to Boone County, while her father Amazon and his wife Phoebe (Montgomery) came to Montgomery County by 1860.

We find Clara and Samuel C., along with their three children Grace, Nellie, and Harold in the 1900 Census. Nellie was attending Ladoga High School. In 1906, she graduated from Ladoga.

Nellie continued her education at Indiana University. She studied English, was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa sorority, and was a committee and cabinet member of the Y.M.C.A. (U.S. Yearbooks, 1900-2016).

Nellie married Wallace William Ashby on September 3, 1913. Wallace, born in 1884, was the son of Robert and Alice (Fordice) Ashby, natives of the Hoosier state. Wallace graduated from Wabash College in 1906 (The Indianapolis Star, June 3, 1906). Nellie and Wallace made their home in Ladoga. Wallace worked with his father as a grain dealer at the local elevator, which the Ashby family owned (1920 U.S. Census). Nellie and Wallace had three children, Robert (b. 1916), Grace (b. 1918), and Marianna (b. 1922). In addition to her work as a public-school teacher, Nellie was involved

in civic and social activities. She was a member of the Ladoga Presbyterian Church and the Woman’s Literacy Circle (The Indianapolis Star, December 7, 1913). She served as president of the Literacy Circle (Indianapolis News, September 15, 1917). She became a grand matron of the Eastern Star, and was a charter member of the Ladoga chapter of Tri Kappa, a woman’s philanthropic organization.

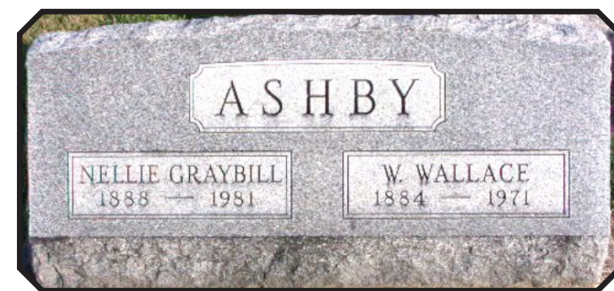
In 1930, Nellie and Wallace lived as neighbors of Nellie’s parents. Wallace’s worth that year, in modern day value, was \$175,000 (<https://www.aier.org/cost-of-living-calculator/>). Wallace was an officer of the Ladoga Building and Loan Association and served as a chairman of the Montgomery County Council (U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995). As early as 1935, the family was living on West Main Street in Ladoga. This is where Nellie and Wallace continued to live in 1950, after their children had left home.

Nellie and Wallace enjoyed their retirement. They traveled to Honolulu, Hawaii in 1946 where they spent the winter (Arriving and Departing Passenger and Crew Lists, 1900-1959). I am certain they were very proud of their children. Robert graduated from IU and the Harvard Law School where he was the editor of the law review. He was an attorney and served as chairman of the board of governors of the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Grace, a graduate from Indiana University and Case Western Reserve University, married Glenn Burgett. Grace worked as a school librarian and served as a consultant of the Michigan state library. She was active in several community groups including the YWCA Board of Directors, Zona Club, Mayflower Circle, and member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Marianna, also an IU grad, married Glenn Irwin. Glenn, a graduate of the IU School of Medicine, became the Dean of the IU School of Medicine and was second chancellor of IUPUI’s School of Medicine (The Indianapolis Star, April 19, 2010). Marianna was involved in many Indianapolis-based organizations and supported her husband in his career.

Wallace died, at 87 years old, in March of 1971 (The Indianapolis News, April 1, 1971).

In her final years, Nellie lived with her daughter Grace in Lansing, Michigan. She died on October 15, 1981 at the Westminster Village Health Care in Greenwood, Indiana. As were so many of her family members, Grace was buried in the Ladoga Cemetery.

This Graybill-Ashby family celebrated so many graduations! May they each rest in peace.



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Graduation Day highlights both expectation and achievement. It doesn't matter if you are celebrating your trajectory beyond grade school or high school. Great memories are made. The focus is on you. The entire family is geared up to boost your self-image. Best guard your ego.

"Lord, it is hard to be humble!"

Upon graduating from Crawfordsville High School, my Mom, Georgia Clore, projected I would become a great leader, maybe even President of the USA. Although, that aspiration seems a bit tarnished recently. Dad, being a realist, was just relieved I made it through high school. Pappy remembered a time or two that I had to reach up to touch average at East Union Elementary. When you don't excel on an aptitude test you get thrown into the General category.

"Potential? We are not certain."

Thank God and Crawfordsville First Assemblies of God Church for their vision beyond that uncertainty. The Blast-Off Banquet at the AG Church followed a space theme. Well, everything in 1965 had a space theme. The brothers and sisters at the Assembly rallied an all-out effort to thrust us graduates into a new orbit with out-of-this-world

high hopes. The menu read Space Bird (Fried Chicken), Moon Glows (Baked Potatoes), Super Boosters (Buttered Rolls), etc.

The encouraging banquet was the culmination of weeks of preparation. Way beyond that fleeting moment, the people of the church had invested years of effort to bolster us grads with the tools and values for life. I may be a slow learner. However, I eventually discovered that uncertainty is where faith and character are built. Thank you to my Crawfordsville church family for nurturing this snot-nosed East-End kid.

Every month in May, the C-Ville and Montgomery County communities brace for a fresh batch of eager young grads. Recently, I found this Class of 1965 necklace while thumbing through an old scrapbook. In a genius stroke of marketing, Winchell Jewelers had each senior trek into their store on N Washington Street to pick up their class key token of achievement.

As a reminder that we seniors ruled in 1965, everyone wanted a class ring and an Athenian yearbook. Jostens cornered the market on those moments. They still do. Just this week, I got an internet ad encouraging me to

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purchase a 1965 Athenian yearbook. The price? \$100! Wow! Memories get more expensive with age. Fortunately, I kept mine. The book is filled with good wishes for the future and the signatures of my classmates.

Six decades later, the future is now! Next year our class reunion will share how we have weathered sixty years of challenges and come out victorious. But more importantly, we will share the teenage crushes we had but were too bashful to ask them out. Reminisce the antics of the classroom mischievous and embellish close calls. We'll lament selling our first vehicle that was the best that Detroit ever produced. We will celebrate the teachers and coaches who invested their lives in building our character. All of us will wear a lanyard with our 1965 senior

photo attached. Because let's face it, Father Time and Mother Nature are cruel caricature artists. No one will recognize us.

Do you still have your class ring? Are the ring's beautiful angular design and sharp edges rounded and smooth from years of wear? Remember the Angora wool that wrapped it when you first went steady? Did the ring get melted down during lean times when the price of gold was high and income was low?

The rings may melt but the memories linger. Do you remember where you went to celebrate after the CHS graduation ceremony? Was it the Red Wood Inn? Ask me about the Apple Grove restaurant double date at next spring's Class of 1965 reunion.

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Education

By Joy Willett

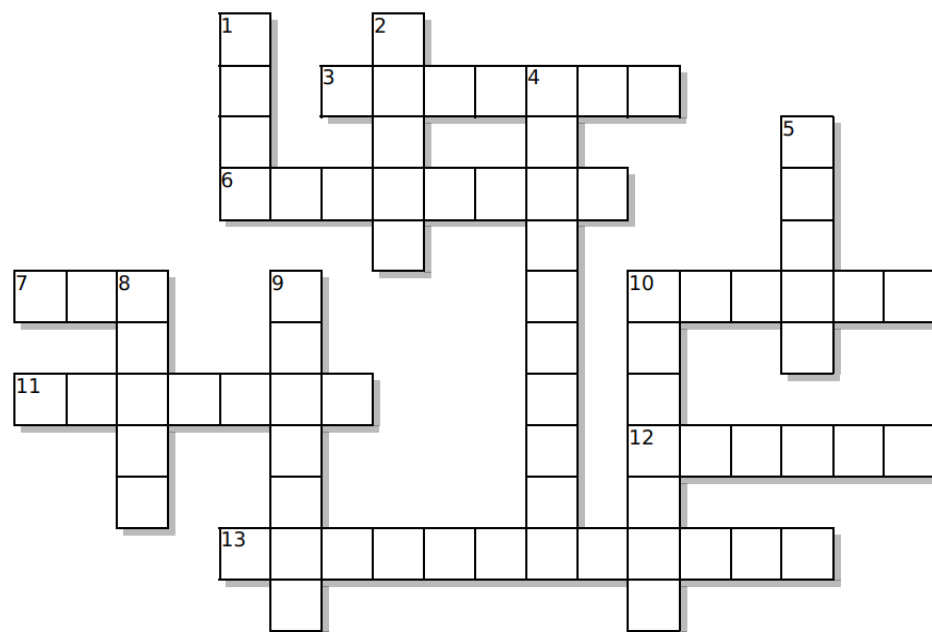
Reading, writing,
math, science,
learning to be
self-reliant.

Up early,
late to bed,
hours of study
fill your head.

Whether
twelve years
or it takes more,
education opens
many doors.

It will take time,
it will be hard,
a diploma will be
your just reward.

What's most important
when you're done
is that you had
a little fun.



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Graduation

By Cynthia Long

*May, It's quite an eventful thrilling time
 For many it's planning for the prom,
 Choosing fashionable attire,
 and getting that new hair style
 Receiving your graduation gown, class rings,
 and signing year books
 Exchanging pictures and addresses of your college.
 Clearing out your locker, some for the very last time
 As you look back with pride and forward with ambition
 It's the end of an era, and start of a new journey
 Congratulations to all the 2024 graduates!*



Dark and Stormy

By Cynthia Long

*Sitting on my grandparent's porch in a swing,
 I see the pretty blue sky and the puffy clouds are mixing with gray,
 making it slate blue, and I begin to see the trees slowly sway
 I hear the pounding of thunder,
 sounds like it's echoing through a steel tube
 and then ... I see a streak of blue lightening flash across the sky.
 The rain starts coming down in buckets
 and hits the Tin roof making it sound like marbles are being tossed all
 about, and overflowing the gutter making deep puddles in the mud.*

 By Quentin Zach

*I needed reminded when my mind was distraught.
 So God sent me you.
 But it didn't take long before the lesson was taught.
 God giveth. But God taketh too.
 Steady as she goes. Just keep staying the course
 As sure as I arose. For you there is more in store.*

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Karen's Kitchen

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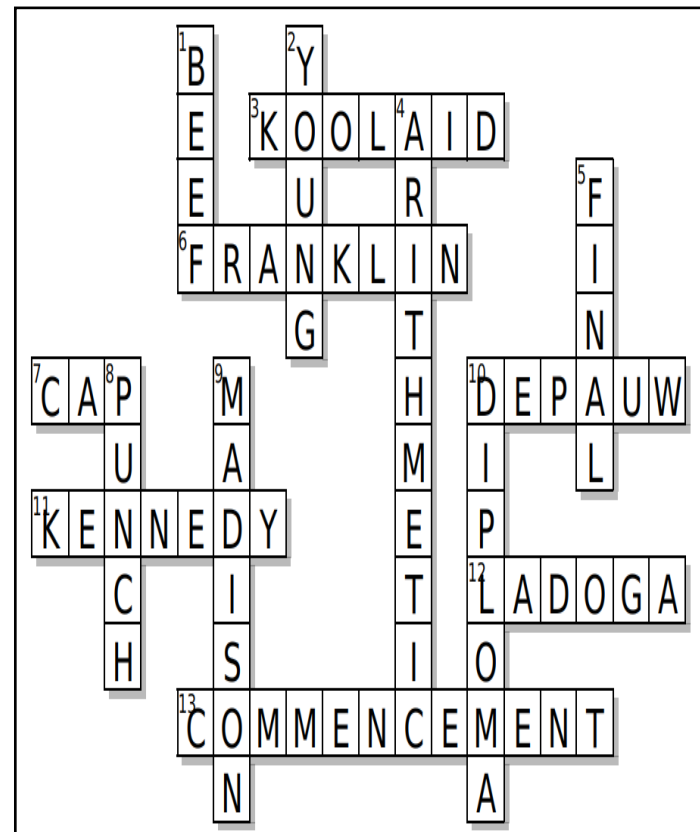
Back in the old days when I graduated in 1967 we didn't have the huge receptions as they do today where people go and stay for a long time (which I love by the way – not complaining, just comparing) and you can eat until your heart's content all types of things. So, we just had a delicious cake, white with white icing my favorite until I went to 11 graduations one year at Turkey Run and ate cake or something at each one AND slept for the next three days, checked and diabetes had set in – still fighting it today but would still have a piece of white cake with white icing if anyone offered – lol). So, I won't give you a cake recipe but do want to share the best-ever punch recipe with you (given to me by Janet Mitchell Fruits)!

“Best Ever Punch”

Haven't made this for so long, assuming they still have Raspberry KoolAid which I always use although sure you could use whatever kind – strawberry would be good! One thing about this recipe, you can't get enough of it.

- 1 pkg. unsweetened KoolAid
- 2 C. Sugar
- 1 Gallon Water
- 1, 6-oz frozen Lemonade
- 1 can unsweetened Pineapple Juice

Mix and freeze. Stir in 1-qt Ginger Ale just before serving. Oh my this is truly amazing and pretty easy to make !! Make lots as they'll go back for more and more! As a side piece, made this for Frank and Nancy Powers' 25th anniversary – hot that day and people kept coming back and coming back – sent daughter to the store and she bought out about everything they had – think I made it six times and each time it was a different color but always tasted delicious (didn't get it frozen obviously but put ice in it and that was good as well – it is still a laugh of ours)!



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County Connections: those Corner Extras

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories



Well, certainly in our county anyway we had a county connection with several children and several counties. Using my own class of 1967 when we were in grade school, we began first grade with 28 students in 1956. Nine of those lived across the border into Parke County but closer to Waveland versus where they'd have gone to school in their own community. Actually, Waveland was their community as their parents shopped here, came to church here, had relatives in town as well as many friends. The next year, we had seven, in third grade, we were down to five and the next year, they were all gone, fairly sure because of a state law indicating anyone from a township touching then had to pay a tuition. We were all devastated when our friends' left and so were they, but it was always fun to see them when Turkey Run (where they all went) played Waveland and when I taught at TR many years later. I was blessed to have some of their children, even! As an example of the love we all had for our extra buddies was in the 1956 year-book which was dedicated to John Richard McCampbell who was killed in a car accident a few weeks (July 1955) before their senior year began. The article said he had a fun-loving personality and was such a leader, especially in class activities and 4-H. He is buried in Marshall, but would have graduated with his friends at WHS. An occasional Putnam County (Russellville area) student would be found in Waveland, as well.

Now, the other lower portion of MoCo (as per Bill B, one of the best

known local school historians) said that he was sure that Ladoga had only Scott and Clark graduates. Now, this practice wasn't just in the 50s of my school days, as in the 1928-29 basketball team pictures on the GenWeb page there are two players from just over into Boone County, Wilbur Timmons and Walter Wells. Know Wilbur graduated from there and assume Walter did as well. My Wayne township buddy (JF) wasn't sure of any details but thinking there were some from the Hillsboro area who came to school there. Pretty sure that was true from my typing old obituaries!

Earlier Ladoga, Waveland, Wesley, Alamo and possibly other towns had their Academies (pre county school system). These schools often brought young ones from other places (Newton Spencer from Parke County who was long-time editor of the Greenfield Weekly Globe was proud of his education at Waveland) but just as often local ones as well (James B. Elmore, the Bard of Alamo graduating from that place). Most often these schools were religious related, as was Waveland's Academy under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church in Crawfordsville thus several from C'ville in that religion came to study there (Lydia Herron). Also, Waveland's minister's children almost always attended there even the Methodist and Baptist. These were especially important as the curriculum was always challenging, many opportunities for competitions and presentations were available to the students, and most allowed the gals.

All over the county, in our days of graduation (50s+), there were but two usual speakers (although in my brothers' class, there were six extremely bright boys and they all gave one plus the class president would often give an introduction, another officer possibly a prayer, just depending on the customs) the top two (Valedictorian and Salutatorian) but as you've read in this MM, back in the late 1800s and early 1900s you gave one if you graduated. Can you imagine listening (and trying to hear) to a dozen lengthy, detailed speeches and not even any microphone? Wild! Reading the old newspapers, the topics were indeed interesting. Glad I wasn't one of the top two as I'd have been way too nervous. Decided speaking (or singing ...) in front of people just takes practice. After having sang and played my accordion in front of people for ten years or so as a teen, being the president of many groups, coach, and on and on, it was probably not until my second year of teaching at age 40 something that I finally felt comfortable in front of a group.

Also, at Waveland, anyway and think at New Market, too in the 40s-60s, at least, there was a baccalaureate which was a pre-graduation exercise. I remember my brothers' fairly well. It was at the church beside our house and mom had refreshments for them afterwards, so kind of a graduation party, I guess, although don't think graduation parties were real big at that time. Mainly just family-get togethers. I did have one with I think mainly adults and a few friends who stopped by (Jess, Elaine, Carol) and remember my sweet sister-in-law, Linda helping Mom get ready for it. Oh, those were the days, weren't they when your next worry was reading chapter five for Health class!! Then, graduation and off into the world!

Thank you for reading Montgomery Memories!

In Mo Co, it was a very good year in 1926 . . .

Charles Lacey was School Board President – there were nine city schools
Merle F. Coons was County School Superintendent

Louis Otto was Post Master – 7 walking carriers and 10 rural carriers

2 main newspapers (Journal and Review) with four others, including Ben Hur Insurance's The Chariot

Mayor Dumont Kennedy
Clerk: Laurel Kirtley
Fire Chief: Charles W. Williams
Police Chief: Vernona Shields
Circuit Court Judge: Jere West
County Sheriff: Thomas W. Rice

Kind of surprising, there were six jewelers

There were 5 banks in Crawfordsville alone plus more savings and loans places with one in most of the small towns

19 churches were listed in the city directory with 9 different denominations

37 "secret societies" were listed so perhaps not too secret plus several other societies and clubs – ex: Rotary Club; Tuberculosis Society

Oh, yeah, two ice cream manufacturers were here – Ward's and Fosdick's. Yum!

Many, many insurance agents existed so many hard to count but definitely more than a couple dozen and almost that many lawyers

Two hotels were still going strong (Crawford and Ramsey)

Three movies (Arc and Joy just a block away from each other on E. Main and Strand close at 112 S. Green)

The restaurants in 1926 (15 in C'ville proper) are outnumbered by a great deal today

Crawfordsville won the basketball sectional that year having been played at Wabash College.

Theodora Larsh Chase, miniature painter who lived here for awhile, received the Giffith Prize this year and for some time was the New York director of the League of Business and Professional Women.

Sources used: CWJ 1 Jan 1874. Medlineplus.gov. ingenweb.org/inmontgomery. Death Records; FindAGrave; Marriage records. 1874 People's Guide

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Grandcestors

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories



One of the most fun and rewarding parts of being a school teacher was involvement in the graduations. The last few years at Turkey Run, I was blessed to be co-senior sponsor. Loved it! We got to be out of school (they played outside and went for ice cream at Up the Creek) while the underclassmen were taking their ISTEP tests. The Friday we practiced for Saturday's graduation, we took them to lunch at The Beef House. Oh, yeah! I remember very few kids who weren't well behaved and excited about their upcoming lives. Seeing them walk down both sides of the weight room stairways and around to their seats to await a short time until graduation began just made my heart jump! Some of the kids I had had in four or five classes, worked with in year-book or watched being inducted into National Honor Society.

Their happiness as they tossed their hats upon graduation exercise being over was wonderful to see. Just made me laugh (okay, and cry)!

Probably the neatest part of it all is that I am still buddies with so many of the ones I taught, especially those who took several classes under me (I was basically the extra English teacher and I was lucky or unlucky, depending on how ya' look at it; I consider it the first but oh my the extra work, with the no-money no-curriculum figure it out plan, I was blessed to be able to create and teach so many extra courses such as Indiana Literature; Children's Literature; Creative Writing; Film Lit. Sometimes the kids helped me plan them. Very excited when I see one of them with their name on a book (at least nine professional writers, half of those having made pretty good names for themselves) but it's not just the writers, my fav of course. Oh, my I taught students who became teachers (many of those actually), some policemen (several), factory workers, but also doctors, lawyers, excellent farmers, fabulous mothers, restaurant managers, just on and on, with very few duds in the group. I loved teaching and loved my kids.

So, let me tell you about my own couple of graduations, one expected, one barely dreamed of. My first would of course be high school. Graduated with 10 boys and 9 girls in our class, the majority of us together

since starting school, some of us like brothers and sisters. Not that my education was perfect, but I did love going to school as much as teaching it! I got excellent grades in elementary, good grades in junior high and by the time I graduated exceptional ones, being number five out of our very smart class, and I was happy with that! Involved in everything, I'll say sports but in my day (1967 graduate) we had NO girls' sports, but I was cheerleader, in marching band and played baseball and basketball at the park and behind the school almost every day plus walked back and forth to school and to my grandparents tallying probably two miles a day. I was usually a class officer, but never hurt my feelings if I wasn't – less to do – heehee. My junior year, I was co-sponsor of the school store where we sold paper and the like, plus the ever-popular candy bar. Also had the largest magazine sale, \$300 (okay, my brother probably bought half of 'em from me, but I also walked the streets, hit up the grands and mom and dad – I remember it was the first time I read Reader's Digest and still love that magazine) – these were money makers so our class could go on our senior trip and we had one of the best ever at WHS, going not only to NY but to Washington, as well and were gone 5 days I think. So much fun but I missed my Jimmy boy!

Graduation itself was memorable. I walked down the aisle with Don Kincaid but don't remember who I sat by on the stage in the gym. Before we went up, we met in the Home Ec room and one of the boys who had been in our class for three or four years in high school but had moved to the Chicago area came down for it. He came into that room and got me cornered, begging me (yep I had dated him) to go away with him. I was afraid of him, and very much in love with the soon to be hubs. Two of our guys "escorted" him out of the room and away from me. Appreciated that! Remember playing in the band that day for the very last time, and that was one of the saddest things. Certainly, graduation was a day full of laughter, sadness, frustration, and glee for me!

Briefly, my college graduation didn't happen until I was 35. Got my degree (with honors) in three years and was blessed to be asked as a returning older student to work for the Women's Education Department and they paid for my degree. All I had to do was talk to a couple of womens' groups each semester that they set up. I also received the Library Science scholarship (head of the department was gone a bunch for my second/third semesters and I taught his classes so I think it was kind of a thank you) that helped pay for a new car as I had worn ours out driving back and forth to ISU. Loved my undergrad degree and had fun at graduation (huge compared to little WHS) wearing a big red strawberry on my hat so Jim, my folks and my aunt could tell who I was in the sea of blue gowns. Didn't go through graduation at IU with my grad degree, though, but sure appreciated having that paid for as well (CDPL).

Graduations are fun, meaningful and something to remember but oddly, I don't remember but bits and pieces of mine. How about you?



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