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Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Meet Bronco



Bronco is a 4 year old black mixed breed male dog that has been at AWL since 4/10/24. Bronco loves to play fetch, go for walks, get brushed, and frolic around when playing outside in a fenced yard. Bronco is looking for his best friend! Could that be you? Bronco is available for adoption, to foster, or just simply going out for walks. AWL is open Monday-Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 9:30a-3p. Come say hi!!

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Ask Rusty – Work After 65? Medicare Part B Premium?



ASK Rusty Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty:

Why, as I continue to work after age 65 and have FICA taxes taken from my check, am I - or anyone - also compelled under the threat of penalties, rate increases, etc. to immediately take Medicare Part B? Am I not then effectively paying into the system twice? As more and more people over 65 continue to work, isn't that a consideration that should be evaluated by Congress - if one is working past 65, above a specific level of income and paying FICA taxes, the Medicare Part B premium is waived?

Signed: Working Senior

Dear Working Senior:

FYI, 6.2 percent of the FICA payroll taxes you pay while working goes to Social Security, and another 1.45 percent goes to fund Medicare Part A (hospitalization coverage, which is free to you). None

of the FICA payroll tax you pay from your work earnings goes to fund Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), which is the part of Medicare for which you must pay a premium.

Said another way, your FICA payroll taxes do fund Medicare Part A, which is free to you, but do not provide any funding for Medicare Part B. Part B is funded from two primary sources - the premiums paid by beneficiaries, and the federal government from the general Treasury. Premiums from enrollees pay for about 25 percent of Part B healthcare expenses and the remaining 75 percent of Part B operating expenses are paid from the general U.S. Treasury (not from Social Security money).

So, it's necessary to

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Boomers Going to Race? Info to Know

With the massive crowd expected for the 108th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Sunday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, fans should plan ahead and arrive early.

To ensure a smooth entry into the facility, fans are encouraged to arrive earlier than usual, even as early as 6 a.m. when gates open. This is the best way to ensure a smooth and quicker entry into the facility with time to visit activations and be in seats for the green flag.

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Nearly 2 in 5 Seniors Fallen for Scams

Story courtesy of MedicareFAQ

Thanks in part to modern technology, scams are becoming more commonplace in America every day. When it comes to falling for scams, senior citizens often fall victim, especially when it comes to internet crimes. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Internet Crime Report, there were 101,068 internet crime complaints by

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Claude Sloan – he could have stuck around here!



KAREN ZACH Around The County

When I began researching this handsome man, Claude Albert Sloan, I assumed he'd stay put in the area or at least in the United States, but no, he wound-up in British Columbia, Canada but first he spent part of his life in his birthplace, Waynetown.

Born here on August 15th in 1876, ten months after his parents, William Franklin and Mary (Mollie) Musser Sloan were married, he was the oldest of just two children, with his sister Blanche joining the family three years later. He attended school at Waynetown but not sure if he graduated 8th, 12th or just what! Certainly, the whole family could read and write as could his wife, Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" Huckery who did go through 8th grade. She was the daughter of Henry and Amanda (Schaff) Huckery, Henry's father coming from Germany. Claude and Lizzie married in MoCo three days before Christmas in 1898.

Claude farmed in the Waynetown area and he and Lizzie parented their three children there. Mary Adelaide was born the 22nd day of 1901. Their son, Harry Oliver, was born June 13 in 1905 and the youngest, Olive Evelyn, arrived the 28th of October in 1908. Dr. H.M. Bounnell was attending physician. The 1910 census lists them yet in Wayne Township but by 1916 they were in Manitoba, Canada where he farmed. They were both at that point, Canadian citizens but nothing I found gave a specific date of when (I would guess about 1913) or why they moved so far away and out of the country, even!

As far as I know only once did they return which was in 1924 when they came and spent the summer visiting with his father, other relatives and friends. At that point, believe Claude was working on the railroad as a foreman in Seaton. In July 1936, he had a heart attack in unbelievable heat while working, and immediately passed at just 59 years old. There was a large funeral with his IOOF friends burying him in the Smither's Church cemetery in Seaton,

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Start exercising regularly early in life, continue, and reduce your risk of getting a middle aged spare tire. 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

"And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me." Lee Greenwood

TODAY'S JOKE

At the end of the march, the drill sergeant barked, "That's a day - all you idiots fall out!" Everyone left but one soldier stood at attention. The drill sergeant walked over and the soldier snapped off a salute - "There sure were a lot of idiots, huh Sergeant!"

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Fore! Have you signed up for the Chamber's annual golf scramble? It's June 26 at noon at the Crawfordsville Country Club. Entry fees are \$160 for supertickets, \$400 per team. And there are still sponsorship opportunities available, as well as opportunities to be included in the golf scramble swag bag. To register or find out more, go to https://www.crawfordsvillechamber.com/

THREE THINGS You Should Know

- The official launch of the Larry Bird Museum website took place recently. It's, now live at https://www.larrybirdmuseum.com/. Fans, enthusiasts, and history buffs alike can immerse themselves in the legendary journey of one of basketball's most iconic figures. Admission to the museum is complimentary. However, to enhance the experience, reservations are required and can be conveniently made online through the website. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the life and achievements of a true basketball legend. Visit the Larry Bird Museum website today!
- Going north? Then you might want to know about temporary nighttime lane closures on I-65 between State Road 25 and S.R. 26 in Lafayette. Beginning on or after Monday, crews will be closing single lanes and the shoulders of this stretch of roadway to do sound wall rehabilitation work. Work is expected to last until the end of June but is weather permitting and subject to change. INDOT encourages all drivers to use caution in this area and keep worker safety top-of-mind.
- The good folks at DatingNews.com aimed to uncover how many people envision a traditional 'white picket fence' lifestyle. They surveyed 3K singles and found that in Indiana Carmel, Fishers and Zionsville best fit that picturesque map of America's most beloved towns where old-fashioned dreams flourish amidst modern life. Across the country, Greenville, S.C., Waimea, Hawaii and Safety Harbor, Fla., were the top three.



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Commissioners Invite Public for Comp Plan Update

After almost a year of public meetings and input, the final step for the update to the County's Comprehensive Plan (Plan) will occur at the May 28, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting where the Commissioners will hold a public hearing and consider a Resolution approving the plan. The final step follows the County Plan Commission's action in April where they held a public hearing and voted to send a favorable recommendation to the Commissioners.

The Commissioners meeting will start at 8 a.m. on Tuesday and will be held in the Community Meeting Room of the County Government Center, located at 1580 Constitution Row in Crawfordsville.

The Comprehensive Plan is available for review at the Commissioners Office, 1580 Constitution Row in Crawfordsville, the Crawfordsville Public Library and www.montgomerycounty.in.gov.

The Comprehensive Plan acts as the guiding document for decisions related to growth and development. The plan states: "Montgomery County aims to position itself as a thriving resilient community with a focus on economic prosperity, residential growth and quality of life."

The Plan identifies five focus areas for the plan. They include business retention/expansion, business attraction, talent attraction/development, community marketing/messaging, and community development/economic growth.

The Plan embraces smart growth principles to ensure sustainable development, focusing on efficient land use, development around existing infrastructure, transportation connectivity and technological integration.

The Plan also recognizes the importance of preserving the County's agricultural heritage and natural landscapes. A unique aspect of the update is the integration of health and wellness in to the plan which reflects a proactive and community-centric approach to building a healthier and more resilient future.

Fifty-six community representatives of small business, industry, education, agriculture & land owners, and real estate participated in focus group meetings to provide input in to the update of the Comprehensive Plan. A community input session was also held at the County Government Center.

3-Year-Old Drowns in Crawfordsville

Tragically, a 3-year-old girl drowned earlier this week in Crawfordsville.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office said that they got a call Monday afternoon about a little girl who was found in an above-ground pool in the 4000 block west of County Road 600

South.

Deputies and Crawfordsville Fire Department rescue workers found that the 3-year-old had been pulled from the pool. She was rushed to Franciscan Health in Crawfordsville, and despite efforts from medical personnel, did not survive.

Athens Arts Gallery Closing After 14 Years

Athens Arts Gallery, a Montgomery County nonprofit showcasing artists and supporting art programs, is closing July 1 after 14 years.

Athens' dual mission of art-related outreach programs and a physical gallery space was initiated in 2010 by a group of local artists. In 2020, the gallery moved from the first location on Washington Street to the current location at 216 Main Street.

During the 14 years of operation, the gallery hosted nationally recognized fine art exhibitions, featured local artists, and even showcased the work of preschool aged artists through a partnership with local schools.

Recently, the board of directors and member artists made a collective decision to close Athens Arts due to financial challenges.

Current board president, Ellie Dieckmeyer, stated, "Athens Arts has been successful in fulfilling the

mission of enriching our community through educational programs, classes, exhibitions, and a gallery space. The board and artists are grateful for the generous support of volunteers and donors who have contributed to Athens Arts over the years. And we are all especially thankful for the tireless dedication of our long-standing executive director, Diana McCormick."

Saturday, June 15, is the final day the gallery will be open to the public. Until then, the community is invited to visit and shop for art, furnishings, and equipment available for purchase. Operating hours are Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.

Between June 16 and July 1, the gallery will be closed to the public.

Please direct inquiries to the Executive Director at director@athensartsgallery.com or (765) 362-7455.

Mayor's Community Forum Tuesday

For the 131st time since taking office, Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton will hold his Community Forum.

This one is scheduled for Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Pike Place.

Barton has been holding these Community Forums every month with the only exception

being during the pandemic. Barton said his goal has been to give the community the opportunity to sit down and talk with the mayor, ask questions, air concerns and learn more about what's going on in the city.

If the weather is bad, the forum will take place Inside Fusion 54.

Summer Library Programs Kick Off With Bang Tuesday

The good folks at the Crawfordsville District Public Library are having a Summer Programs Kick Off event Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. This is the first event of its kind and the staff at the Library has hopes that it will become an annual event to promote summer programs for children, teens and adults

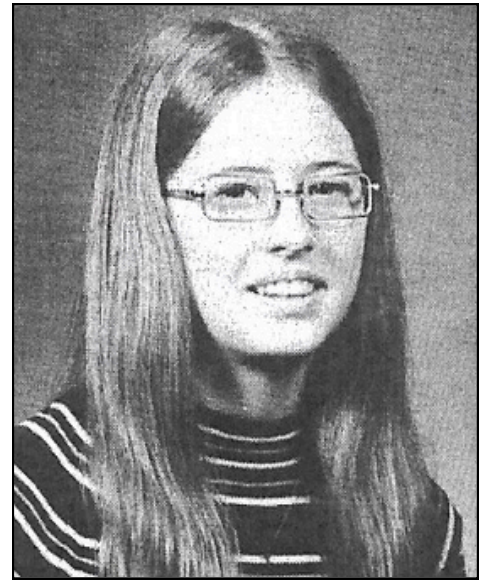
Festivities will take place in the CDPL parking lot (or meeting rooms in the lower level if it rains). For this first one, the Library

is exploring an adventure theme with a focus on summer activities.

There will be a DJ (Bill Douglas), fun games and a chance to spin the prize wheel. Also, bring your appetites because food trucks have been invited.

Do you love to read? Know someone who does? Want to learn? No matter what your answer is, this is a great opportunity to take a good step in the right direction. See you there!

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This 1973 CHS grad?

HINT:
 You can find her at work on Market Street in Crawfordsville

Answer on Page A3

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separate Part B from your thinking about the payroll taxes you pay while working – you’re not paying anything to fund Part B through your FICA taxes. You aren’t compelled to enroll in Part B (it’s optional), but if you don’t enroll during your initial enrollment period (3 months on either side of the month you turn 65) and don’t have other equivalent “creditable” coverage from an employer, and you enroll in Part B later, a late enrollment penalty will apply (10 percent additional premium for each full year after age 65 you go without creditable healthcare coverage).

So, your premise in suggesting that Part B be free (the premium waived) if you’re working over a certain age or after an amount of time contributing to the program isn’t valid, because no one contributes to Medicare Part B through FICA payroll taxes – Part B beneficiary contributions are only made through premiums paid by those enrolled in it. And you don’t need

to enroll in Part B if you have “creditable” healthcare coverage from an employer. The Part B non-enrollment penalty only applies if you enroll after your initial enrollment period has expired and didn’t have “creditable” healthcare coverage after you turned 65. “Creditable” is a group plan with more than 20 participants.

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Race fans are encouraged to “Plan Ahead” through IMS.com/PlanAhead, an interactive web page that serves as a home base for fans headed to the track this weekend. The “Plan Ahead” page features detailed information about the entire fan experience at IMS, including directions, parking, schedule, gate regulations, digital ticket guide, ADA accessibility and much more.

Race fans are encouraged to download the IMS App and use technology from NTT INDYCAR SERIES title sponsor NTT and its Smart Solutions platform, which will update the IMS App every 30 seconds with wait time information at each gate to allow race fans smoother entry into the facility.

MS is offering a whole morning of thrills and entertainment for ticketholders looking to beat traffic and avoid longer lines by coming to the track early. Gates open at 6 a.m. following the traditional infield blast.

Many enjoyable opportunities are available to fans right as the gates open or shortly after, including:

Enhanced Rule the Road Fan Midway Experience Open at 6 a.m.

This year’s Rule the Road Fan Midway features several exciting, fan-friendly activities. The Midway will open at 6 a.m. and be available for enjoyment until the green flag flies to start “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.”

Shopping and Food

Exclusive and commemorative 108th Running attire will go fast, so don’t miss out! Grab breakfast at one of the many concession stands open throughout the facility, and then shop for family and friends while supplies last.

Retail and food options are available at 6 a.m.

Epic Pre-Race, Be in Your Seat for It!

This year’s pre-race festivities for the Indianapolis 500 are a carefully organized and choreographed show that will entertain race fans at any moment they are in their seats. It will feature a fantastic flyover by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, military tributes, former Indy 500 winner and historic race car laps around the famed 2.5-mile oval, the heartfelt singing of “Back Home Again in Indiana” by Jim Cornelison, the national anthem sung by Grammy-nominated and multi-platinum singer-songwriter and actress Jordin Sparks, “God Bless America” performed by former “American Idol” winner Phillip Phillips and so much more.

Cashless Operations

IMS is a cashless facility. Please be prepared to complete ticket, credentials, parking, concession and merchandise purchases with ease via debit or credit card.

Tap-to-pay phone payments will be accepted, as will credit and debit transactions. Cash-to-Card machines, which convert paper money onto a temporary debit card, will be located in Pagoda Plaza and outside Turn 1 by concessions stand 7. These funds can be spent inside the venue, outside the venue, online or anywhere in the world where Mastercard/ Visa debit cards are accepted.

Cooling/Water Stations

With temperatures expected to approach 80 on Race Day, IMS will have cooling buses located in the infield on the corner of Fifth Street and Hulman Boulevard, Seventh Street and Hulman Boulevard, B Stand near Gate 1 and Northwest Vista in Turn 4. Misting stations will be located in the Midway, Pagoda Plaza, concert area inside Turn 3, west of the IU Emergency Medical Center in the infield, outside Turn 1 and outside Turn 4 between the Northwest Vista and J Stand. There will also be six water bottle filling stations located throughout the facility on Race Day in each of the four turns, as well as behind Tower Terrace and in the Garage Area.

Public Parking

Parking for the Indianapolis 500 is sold out, including ADA and motorcycle parking. All IMS exterior parking lots open at 5 a.m. on Race Morning, while interior lots open at 6 a.m.

Bike to the 500 and Bike Parking

IMS and Bike Indianapolis have collaborated to

offer race fans a safe and healthy way to commute to the track on Race Day. The commute starts at the AMP at 16 Tech and follows a police escort to the racetrack, where cyclists will then park outside the famed Gate 1. Bike parking is available for all cyclists at Gates 1, 6 and 9.

Rideshare Location

Race fans who are not planning to park at the racetrack should consider using a rideshare program, such as Uber or Lyft, when traveling to or from the facility on Indianapolis 500 Race Day. Guests using rideshare services like Uber, Lyft or taxis will be dropped off at the corner of 10th and Polco Streets. Guests also will be picked up at this location after the race.

The Race Day IMS shuttle program is sold out. Shuttle services pick up and drop off from Indianapolis International Airport or at Gate Ten Events and Parking, located across the street from Lucas Oil Stadium. Guests who already purchased shuttle passes will be dropped off and picked up from the Main Gate parking lot on Race Day.

Pedestrian Gate Entry

Public pedestrian gates open are: Gate 1, Gate 1B.1, Gate 1C, Gate 2, Gate 3, Gate 4, Gate 5N, Gate 5B, Gate 6N, Gate 6S, Gate 6B, Gate 7S, Gate 7 Vehicle, Gate 7N, Gate 9, Gate 10, Gate 10A, Gate 11A, Gate 11B, Gate 11C, Gate 12.

Security screening detection devices are installed at all pedestrian gates.

As fans pass through one of the pedestrian entrances, they will walk through a CEIA OPENGATE® security device. Fans won’t need to empty their pockets or remove items of clothing, simply walk through the gate and enter the facility.

Digital Tickets

Race fans who order tickets in advance may select their delivery method at checkout. Digital tickets can be accessed on their smart phone’s web browser or by saving the digital ticket to their mobile device’s wallet. Fans are encouraged to ensure the brightness on their smart phone is turned up before approaching the gate for a seamless scanning of their digital ticket. Race fans are also encouraged to visit the IMS Digital Ticket guide to manage their digital tickets and enhance their at-track experience.

Weekend Street Parking

Race Weekend event parking restrictions in the Town of Speedway will be enforced during the Indianapolis 500. No parking will be allowed on the south and east sides of any street bound by 25th Street on the north, Georgetown Road on the east, Lynhurst Drive on the west and Crawfordsville

Road on the south from 6 p.m. Thursday through 8 p.m. Sunday. Additionally, race fans will not be able to park on Main Street in Speedway between 10th Street and 16th Street on Race Day starting at midnight.

Parking will also be restricted in other areas of the Town of Speedway on Indianapolis 500 Race Weekend from 6 p.m. Thursday through 8 p.m. Sunday along several neighborhood streets.

Road Closures

Race fans should be aware of multiple road closures before making their way to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Race Day. Those include:

- Speedway Police Department will close Georgetown Road south of 25th Street at 5 a.m. on Race Day to all vehicular traffic. Guests accustomed to driving a vehicle through Gate 7 should enter through Gate 2 or Gate 10. Local residents are encouraged to make provisions for the temporary traffic restriction. Georgetown Road will remain closed until approximately one hour after conclusion of the race.
- Speedway Police Department will also close 16th Street between Olin Avenue and the roundabout from approximately noon until the end of the race. Additionally, 16th Street will not be accessible from Polco Street, as it will be blocked at 10th Street.
- Traffic traveling east on Crawfordsville Road from the west will be turned around at the 16th Street roundabout. Traffic traveling west on 16th Street from downtown will be diverted south on Olin Avenue.

Additional Resources and Information
Drivers can learn the locations of work zones and highway restrictions by calling INDOT’s TrafficWise at 1-800-261-ROAD (7623) or visiting @TrafficWise on X.

No coolers larger than 18 inches by 15 inches by 15 inches can be brought into the facility, which will be strictly enforced. Fans will be allowed to bring one cooler and one standard backpack or book bag per person. Coolers are allowed inside the Snake Pit gates.

For more information regarding access to IMS, visit IMS.com. For additional information, follow on Twitter the Indiana State Police @IndStatePolice, the Speedway Police Department @SpeedwayPD or listen to radio stations WFNI-FM 107.5/WFNI-AM 1070 or WIBC-FM 93.1. The Speedway Police Department can be reached for non-emergency services by dialing 311 on a cell phone. The goal of 311 is to provide an easy-to-remember number for non-emergency services while freeing up 911 lines for timely emergency response.



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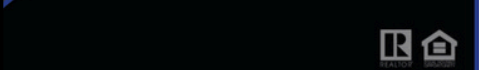
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Americans 60 and older in 2023. These complaints were warranted, as internet crime resulted in a \$3.4 billion loss in 2023 for this age group.

Our new study surveyed more than 680 senior citizens to understand their experience with internet crimes, specifically scams.

While the majority (73%) of senior citizens know someone who has fallen for a scam, 37% admit to having fallen for a scam themselves. In fact, more than 1 in 6 victims have fallen for a scam in 2024. As the FBI's Internet Crime Report found, seniors are more susceptible to falling for a scam and losing money, and almost half (49%) of scam victims surveyed say they lost money when they were scammed. On average, losses totaled \$3,590. Despite this loss, 59% did not report the scam to authorities. Three reasons why seniors don't report the scam include not knowing how to report the scam (42%), not losing too much money to the scam (36%), or feeling embarrassed about falling victim (22%).

What scams are seniors falling for? The top scams where senior citizens have fallen victim include online shopping scams (30%), tech support scams (21%), phishing scams (17%), internet fraud (14%), and identity theft (9%). Not all senior citizens have fallen for a scam, but they've all encountered them. On average, seniors have encountered 90 scams, with the most common attempts coming from phishing scams (59%), tech support scams (52%), and telemarketing scams (48%).

Scammers will do anything to try and get your money or your information, and they'll reach out through a variety of mediums. Primarily, scammers are emailing (80%) or calling (79%), with text messages as another popular method (60%). 2 in 5 seniors say they've reported the scam attempts.

In 2024, more than half of senior citizens (54%) have already encountered a scam attempt. So far in 2024, they've encountered an average of 21 scam attempts.

Chances are, senior citizens have encountered a phishing or internet scam. While 83% of seniors feel confident that they could identify a suspicious link in an email or text, 44% admit to having clicked on an unfamiliar link.

Nearly 3 in 4 have received an unwanted phone call, text message, or email from a source claiming to be legitimate that was asking for personal information. The majority (90%) have also received an email from a suspicious email address. Over half (58%) have received a robocall scam attempt, usually from a source claiming to be from a legitimate company. When it comes to Medicare scams, 1 in 4 say they've been contacted by someone claiming to be Medicare who asks for personal information, and 32% were pressured to sign up for a plan or service over the phone. 1 in 10 say Medicare contacted them to buy medical equipment or at-home healthcare services, which would not truly happen from a legitimate Medicare source.

Senior citizens largely agree that seniors are more likely to fall victim to scams than other age groups. This may be due to a lack of experience and familiarity with the internet and technology, where many scams take place. This can impact their confidence, and most senior citizens (83%) are not confident in their abilities to spot a scam.

However, there are ways to prevent scams, or at least prevent yourself from falling victim. The main ways seniors protect themselves include ignoring unsolicited or suspicious emails and messages (97%), regularly monitoring their finances (85%), and avoiding sharing personal information online (81%).

1 in 10 seniors participate in scam awareness programs or seminars, while 69% feel most comfortable turning to online resources for information about scams. Seniors also rely on their banks, law enforcement agencies, or family and friends for information about scams and scam prevention. If you suspect you've encountered or fallen victim to a scam, or you know someone who has, please contact the National Elder Fraud Hotline at 1-833-FRAUD-11(1-833-372-8311). MedicareFAQ is an educational resource for seniors who are new to Medicare or who wish to make a change to their coverage. At MedicareFAQ, we can help determine your options by comparing Medicare Supplement plans, reviewing Medicare Advantage plans, and helping you understand how each plan type can affect your coverage.

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British Columbia, Canada. Harry passed the next December, having never married and is buried beside his father. He owned a paneling company but not exactly sure what that is.

With her husband and son buried and both daughters married and gone, Lizzie remarried. She and her new husband, George Dougherty moved to Victoria, she being a double widow at her own passing May 10, 1953. She grew-up in the Waynetown area as well with a couple of brothers and a couple of sisters, too.

Daughter, Mary Adelaide married Al"bert" Hemstreet and lived in Victoria. They had four (Evelyn, Maurice, Gordon and Myrtle) of the five Sloan grandchildren. Bert passed in 1972 and was a staunch supporter of Social Credit (oh my). His efforts were continued by her nephew, Claude Richmond, son of Olive. So, Claude and Lizzie had five grandchildren and a large amount of greats!

William Franklin (Frank) Sloan, Claude's father was born in Martinsburg, Indiana August 29, 1847 but came to Waynetown at age 16 marrying Mary Musser a couple of years later and farming his whole life. He passed away lacking one day of being 85, buried in Waynetown. Odd Fellows was in

Fun Sno-Cones and More at Darlington Library

The Darlington Library is sponsoring a summer reading contest for children ages 12 and under from June 4 through July 5. Children can sign up at the library or call 794-4813 to sign up over the phone.

Kids will keep a log of the books they read and turn this in to win craft kits, along with gift cards to the Dari-Licious, Wal-Mart and Barnes and Noble bookstore. Everyone

Katherine Baird Named to Dean's Honor List

Katherine Baird of Crawfordsville, was named to the Dean's Honor List at Cedarville University for Spring 2024. This recognition

Claude's blood as Frank was a member for 54 years of the Waynetown Lodge and 34 of those years was its secretary. Claude's sister Blanche married Burton D. Rusk and mainly lived in the Waynetown area but for some time living in Wellsboro (LaPorte County). Their son, Merle joined the SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) on Blanche's family through William Franklin Sloan; John Sloan (born 7 September 1806 in Tennessee, died Washington County, Indiana) whose wife was Elizabeth Denny whose father was Samuel Denny, Samuel's father being Robert Denny a Lt. in the Frederick Co VA militia during the Revolutionary War (Denny Genealogy; Merle Rusk's application for SAR) born Lancaster PA 1753 and died/buried in Washington Co IN April 17, 1826 but sadly, has no stone!

As you can see, the Sloans and allied families were interesting but do wish Claude would have stuck around here!

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Purdue Extension: Table for 1



MONICA NAGELE
Guest Columnist

In a world that often emphasizes communal dining and family gatherings, navigating the world of solo cooking and dining can be challenging. Join Quest for Balance Wellness Grief Education Series and Monica Nagele from Purdue Extension on a culinary adventure that not only equips individuals with practical meal planning and storage skills but also aids in the healing process after experiencing grief and adjusting to cooking for one.

The class will be held at Fusion 54 on Thursday, May 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please register in advance at qfbwellness.com so we can plan the meal accordingly.

Participants will learn the art of efficient meal planning, creating a balanced menu that caters to their individual tastes and nutritional needs. They will explore smart grocery shopping, proper portion sizing, and innovative storage techniques to minimize

food waste and maximize freshness. Participants will discover the secrets to preparing and storing a variety of dishes that can be easily reheated, allowing for stress-free dining on busy days.

Cooking has the power to be therapeutic, participants will delve into the emotional aspect of preparing meals for oneself. Individuals will explore how the act of cooking can aid in the healing process after experiencing grief and loss. Participants will learn to embrace solo meals as an opportunity for self-discovery and empowerment. Techniques for creating visually appealing and nourishing dishes will be covered, enhancing the overall dining experience.

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City Pleased With EPA Announcement

The City of Crawfordsville shared a statement about a recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announcement that \$5,400,000 in grants from President Biden's Investing in America agenda will help expedite the assessment and cleanup of brownfield sites in Indiana, including a \$400,000 commitment to Crawfordsville. These investments through EPA's Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup and Revolving Loan Fund grant programs will help transform once-polluted, vacant, and abandoned properties into community assets, while helping to create good jobs and spur economic revitalization in overburdened communities.

"We are very excited to learn that the City of Crawfordsville has been awarded another Brownfields Community-wide Assessment Grant Funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency," Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton said. "After recently finishing a round of assessments, we have found that once we are able to assess these sites, and obtain accurate information, the uncertainty is mitigated and we are able to create viable plans for remediation, and

ultimately, return these areas to productive use, while reducing threats to public health and safety. This funding will allow us to continue to focus on key areas within our city, that have stood idle for far too long, and we are very appreciative that the U.S. EPA has chosen to invest in Crawfordsville again."

Crawfordsville's \$400,000 Brownfields assessment grant will be used to conduct 11 Phase I and up to 10 Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to identify and prioritize additional brownfield sites, prepare cleanup and support community engagement activities. The target area for this grant is the city of Crawfordsville's Southeast Side Neighborhood. Priority sites include a former automotive manufacturer, former industrial sites, a former auto repair facility, and a recycling center.

The other three Indiana sites are in DeKalb County, Fort Wayne and the Michiana Area Council of Governments.

Luke Patten Earns Dean's List

Luke Patten of Hillsboro, was named to the Dean's List at Cedarville University for Spring 2024. This recognition

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Ranking Boiler, Hoosier Returning Players for 2024-25 Season



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Now that college basketball's version of "Let's Make A Deal" is over for the spring/summer, let's take a look at the Purdue and Indiana basketball rosters for the 2024-25 season.

The Boilermakers and Matt Painter passed on participating in the marketplace of America. With the class of six high school recruits ranked 11th nationally and second in the Big Ten by the 247Sports Composite, Purdue currently has 14 scholarship players. That's one above the NCAA limit of 13.

Time will tell whether Indiana and Mike Woodson won the big deal or got zonked, trading in hundreds of thousands in cash for five transfers it hopes can make last season's sixth-place finish in the Big Ten and 19-14 record a fluke.

Here are my rankings for the current Purdue and Indiana rosters.

Boilermakers

1. Braden Smith – First-team All-Big Ten as a sophomore. Finalist for Cousy Award given to nation's best point guard. Set the Purdue and Big Ten single season assists record of 292. Averaged 12.0 points, 7.5 assists, 5.8 rebounds and 1.6 steals per game.

2. Trey Kaufman-Renn – Expect a big jump in offense from the 6-9 former Indiana Gatorade Player of the Year now that Zach Edey is off to the NBA. Averaged 6.4 points as the No. 5 offensive option.

3. Fletcher Loyer – Led the Big Ten in 3-point shooting (conference games only) at 48.5 percent (33 of 68). Shot 86.1 percent at the free throw line and averaged 10.3 points a game as a sophomore. Was at his best against No. 7 Tennessee in the Maui Invitational and No. 1 Arizona in Indianapolis, scoring 27 points in both games.

4. Myles Colvin – After a slow start to his freshman season, the 6-5 Colvin became one of Purdue's first options off the bench down the stretch because of his athletic ability and his confident 3-point shooting (24 of 58, 41.4

percent). If he continues to develop defensively, Colvin could step into the Lance Jones role.

5. Camden Heide – Another athletic forward who became part of the eight-man rotation in the NCAA tournament. The 6-7 Heide also can shoot the 3 (18 of 40, 45 percent) and gives Purdue the option to play faster this season.

6. Caleb Furst – The former Indiana Mr. Basketball fell out of the rotation as Purdue made its run to the national championship game. The team's lone senior in 2024-25 may step into the center role if Purdue chooses a more athletic lineup.

7. Kanon Catchings – The nephew of Indiana Fever great Tamika Catchings, daughter of Illinois standout Tauja Catchings and grandson of Harvey Catchings, a 12-year NBA veteran. Rated the No. 22 prospect by 247Sports, only the late Caleb Swanigan was a higher-ranked recruit in the Painter era. At 6-9, Catchings is "an elite shot-maker" according to Painter.

8. Gicarrri Harris – A four-star recruit, the son of Purdue legend Glenn Robinson is a tough, physical 6-4 guard. Teamed up with Jacob Wilkins, son of NBA great Dominique Wilkins, to lead Grayson High School to its first Georgia Class 7A state championship. Able to play both guard positions and is a strong defender.

9. Matt Waddell – The former Carmel standout seemingly has been trying to fill a role since a serious knee injury set him back as a freshman.

10. Will Berg – The 7-2 Swede showed flashes of scoring ability in limited action behind Zach Edey as a redshirt freshman. Will he force Matt Painter to again play a bigger lineup?

11. Daniel Jacobsen – Not your typical 7-3 player, the top 100 recruit from Chicago via Brewster Academy can shoot from long range.

12. Raleigh Burgess – The 6-10 forward from Cincinnati is an inside/outside shooting threat. His versatility made Burgess a priority for Matt Painter.

13. Jack Benter – The runner-up in this year's Indiana Mr. Basketball voting, Benter leaves Brownstown Central as the school's career scoring leader. Benter led Brownstown to the Class 2A state championship. Matt Painter compares Benter's skills and basketball knowledge to former Boilermakers Dakota Mathias and Sasha Stefanovic.

14. C.J. Cox – "C.J. was an absolute steal for us," Painter declared on signing day back in November. A 6-2 guard from Milton Academy, Cox seems to be a likely redshirt candidate unless his shooting ability forces him into the rotation.

Hoosiers

1. Malik Reneau – After making a major jump from his freshman to sophomore year (15.4 points and 6 rebounds a game), the 6-9 forward is a likely preseason first-team All-Big Ten selection.

2. Trey Galloway – One of two four-year seniors in the IU program, it could be argued that Galloway is the Hoosiers' most valuable player. Galloway is coming off a junior season that saw him reach career bests in points (10.6 avg.) and assists (4.6). Not a reliable 3-point shooter (26 percent in 2023-24), which remains Indiana's biggest weakness.

3. Mackenzie Mgbako – The Big Ten Co-Freshman of the Year lived up to his McDonald's All-American credentials after the 6-8 forward backed out of his commitment to Duke. One of only two freshmen in major college basketball to score more than 400 points, sink at least 50 3-pointers, make at least 90 free throws and pull down 125 rebounds.

4. Oumar Ballo – The good: the 7-foot center has been a two-time All-Pac-12 first-team selection, averaging 12.9 points and 10.1 rebounds last season. The bad: a terrible free throw shooter (49.5 percent at Arizona on 95 of 192 attempts in 2023-24). Can the Hoosiers have Ballo on the floor in critical moments?

5. Luke Goode – Easily the best 3-point shooter

in the transfer class (nearly 39 percent in three seasons at Illinois). Problem is, where is the 6-7 forward going to play? He's not going to beat out Reneau or Mgbako, and Galloway needs to be on the floor for 35 minutes.

6. Bryson Tucker – The only incoming high school recruit was a McDonald's All-American and a consensus top 30, five-star recruit. The 6-6 forward's father, Byron, played at North Carolina State and George Mason.

7. Myles Rice – Comes to Indiana after earning freshman All-American and All-Pac-12 honors at Washington State. The 6-3 guard is a scorer (14.8 ppg.) and a solid playmaker (134 assists) but woeful from 3-point range (27.5 percent, 36 of 131).

8. Kanaan Carlyle – The 6-3 guard was an All-Pac-12 Freshman Team selection at Stanford after averaging 11.5 points. His 32 percent shooting from 3-point range will need to improve.

9. Anthony Leal – The former Indiana Mr. Basketball prospered as a role player a year ago. The 6-5 fifth-year senior guard didn't shoot much but managed to make 47 percent from 3-point range (9 of 19).

10. Jakai Newton – Strictly a guess after his redshirt season. The 6-3 guard was ranked by recruiting services as high as No. 64 coming out of high school in Georgia.

11. Gabe Cupps – Expectations were high for the former Ohio Mr. Basketball, and they weren't met with a scoring average of 2.6 points a game in 22 starts as a freshman. The offseason addition of Rice and Carlyle is a message.

12. Langdon Hatton – A serviceable 6-10 backup center who didn't distinguish himself in three seasons at Bellarmine and William & Mary. Played high school ball in Indiana at North Harrison.

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May Minutes for Retired Teachers

The Montgomery County Retired Teachers Association met at the Crawfordsville Public Library on May 13, 2024. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation by Karen Thada. President Kim Nixon welcomed Area 4 Coordinator Branda Walls. Vice President Steve Frees introduced the speaker for the meeting, Justin Shumaker, from Indiana Estate and Elder Law. Mr. Shumaker taught high school English for 12 years before deciding to study law at Indiana University Law School. He opened his law office in 2020 and specializes in estate law and elder care law. Mr. Shumaker gave the most important information about estate planning in a comprehensive and entertaining way. His most important tip for us is to not believe everything you read on the internet. The documents that are necessary to formulate are those related to Living Wills, Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxy, Last Will and Testament, and for many families establishing a trust to protect assets. In doing these things he talked about choosing the correct family members to carry out each of the responsibilities. It is important to choose the family member that has the right temperament and skill set to do each task. If you do not designate a specific person, the state may decide it for you; and it may not be the right person for the task. Trust planning can help to avoid probate and customize the distribution of assets. It can also help to protect assets needed for long term care. More information can be found at www.IndianaEstateElderLaw.com.

In the business meeting President Kim Nixon asked the membership to approve the minutes as read. They were approved. Treasurer Larry Manlove gave a report and his report was approved as read. Community Service

member Janet Armbruster read a thank you from FISH for a donation and reminded members to log their volunteer hours. President Kim Nixon asked that we think about how to award money from our foundation fund for a non-profit. Member Concerns chair Mary Lefebvre reported that get well cards had been sent out to a couple members and to family members who had lost loved ones. Necrology chair Barb Foster reported on the five members who had passed this year and that they would be remembered at a memorial service in June. Vice President Steve Frees reported that the officers for next year would be President- Steve Frees, Vice President-Kathy Steele, Secretary-Jerlyn Yerkes, and Treasurer- Barb Foster.

Members were reminded that the Representative Assembly would take place in Indianapolis in June and that Steve and Kim would receive awards. Larry Manlove asked if the members would like to contribute to the Lew Wallace Study Archicamp. Karen Patton made a motion and Cherlyn Hunter seconded that we send \$75 for the camp. The motion was passed.

Area 4 Coordinator Brenda Walls told the group that the General Assembly passed a bill awarding a 13th check which will arrive in September. Details of Senate Bill 275 are still be worked out. The IRTA office will be moving this summer. She passed out M+Ms to remind people that we need more members to join IRTA, the state organization which lobbies for retired teachers and provides a lot of benefits on insurance, travel, and other things. She thanked members for their support. The motion was made to adjourn the meeting and the motion passed. Door prizes were awarded.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Karen Patton

Paw & Order Big Hit for AWL

Everyone needs a little Paw & Order! And the community proved that was true recently when the Animal Welfare League raised over \$4,000 and filled two truck loads of donations (dog / cat food and toys).

There was great support for the AWL from a lot of places, including Kroger, 1045inc Property Management Company, the Fraternal Order of Police, Baldwin Memorial Lodge #90, Crawfordsville Police, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Indiana State Police and the Department of Natural Resources (Law Enforcement Division). Members of the FOP very much stepped up to help.

In addition to the money and awareness being raised for AWL, the public was able to witness the trusted and reliable partnerships with local law enforcement.

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