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TODAY'S VERSE

Job 27:6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

Meet Gimpy



Gimpy is a 1 year old male Domestic Shorthair cat available for adoption from AWL since 12/27/23 (arrived as animal control pickup). Gimpy arrived with a healed dislocated shoulder and neurological issues. Gimpy has gait issues (permanent), but is otherwise a happy boy. Gimpy loves lounging, looking cute, and playing with feather wand toys. Gimpy is neutered, dewormed, and up to date on his shots. Gimpy is available to foster and/or adopt. AWL is open Monday-Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 9:30a-3p. Come say hi!!

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## Boomer Bits

### Ask Rusty - Social Security's Earnings Test and Cost of Living Adjustments



ASK Rusty Social Security Advisor

#### Social Security Matters

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**Dear Rusty:**  
*Is there a limit on earnings when you're fully retired? Also, should all retirees receive COLA or is there an exception?*

**Signed: Retired But Wondering**

**Dear Retired:**  
Your questions are fairly simple but, nevertheless, often perplexing to those wishing to apply for Social Security, because the SS rules are many (over 2,700 of them) and those about to apply for their benefits may be simply unsure and want to avoid a costly mistake. I'm happy to answer your questions and, hopefully, clarify any uncertainties you have on these topics.

Social Security imposes an earnings limit on anyone who collects Social Security before reaching their full retirement age (FRA). If you haven't yet reached your FRA

(somewhere between 66 and 67, depending on the year you were born), and you continue to work, there is a limit to how much you can earn before they take away some of your benefits. So, the answer to your first question is, yes, there is an earnings limit (\$22,320 for 2024) if you haven't yet reached your full retirement age. If the annual earnings limit is exceeded, Social Security will take away some of your benefits (\$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit, up to the year you attain FRA when the assessment is less). However, if you have already reached your full retirement age the earnings limit no longer applies, and you can earn as much as you like without consequence. And here's a nuance to be aware of: if you work and exceed the earnings limit,

➡ See RUSTY Page A3

### Inside Look at Cataracts

(NAPSI)—By age 80, most people either have cataracts or have had cataract surgery. That's because most cataracts are the result of natural aging. You may not notice that you have a cataract at first. But over time, they can make your vision blurry or hazy, colors fade, you can't see well at night, or you may see double images. The good news is that cataract surgery can restore your sight. With a high success

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### Looking At Vitamin D Deficiency

(NAPSI)—If you're like most Americans, you take a dietary supplement every day, according to a report from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Yet, adds the Cleveland Clinic, approximately 35 percent of adults in the United States have vitamin D deficiency. This can be a problem because, doctors at Yale point out, possible symptoms of vitamin D deficiency include:

- Muscle pain
- Bone pain

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### John Linn's first set of children together



KAREN ZACH Around The County

Going to guess the reason for this photo is that John Barnett Linn desired one with his original family (except for his first wife, and mother of these children, Lydia Edwards).

These are their five children (thanks so much to Joyce Bever for the super photo) and I will write about them and John mainly with mention of his second wife and their two plus his stepson.

First John B. married Lydia Edwards four days after Valentine's in 1874. Although carpentry was his specialty he also was listed in various sources, as a saw mill engineer; farmer; and cement contractor which could easily go along with being a carpenter. Also, it seems he had a threshing group in the 1870s.

John was born three days before Christmas in 1854, the son of William V. and Hannah Barnett (thus his middle name). He had a sister, Mary Emaline and two brothers, James and Elmer. Both parents lived reasonably long lives, WV dying in July 1908 at age 85 and Hannah passing in 1910 at age 75. WV did a great deal of gardening, creating plants he sold in the open market. He also knew his horses, winning some nice prize money in shows. He huckstered for quite awhile as well, selling some of what he raised, toting confections for Durbin & Hipes and a couple of other things. From all the articles I found on him, seems like his specialty must have been raspberries. A hard worker, for sure!

I thought Ethan was misnamed in the photo and should be a male, but I was wrong and love the name for either! Ethan died in mid-December, 1986 and is buried with her husband, Marion Hart, who passed 39 years prior to her (Crown Hill, Indianapolis, the city where they began their life together). He was a WWI 1st Lt., and an auto distributor in Hot Springs, Iowa. She went to California to live with their daughter, Mary Lou and her family (two children) and passed away there in Tustin at the age of 97.

Morton passed away at age 84 in Anderson after having lived in Camby, Indiana for many years where he was a long-time Pennsylvania Railroad telegrapher. He and wife,

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### TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

It's a myth that older people need less sleep.

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

"No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world."  
Robin Williams

### TODAY'S JOKE

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring (besides the Colts)?  
June bugs!

### THREE THINGS You Should Know

- 1 Indy 500 fans have until June 17 to renew their tickets for the Month of May in 2025. Fans can renew or upgrade at [ims.com/renew](https://www.ims.com/renew), by calling (317) 492-6700 or by visiting the IMS Ticket Office. These are the best prices of the year for renewals and upgrades. Prices will increase when tickets go on sale this fall, and again in 2025 before each event. Fans who didn't attend IMS during this Month of May but are planning to attend in May 2025 can apply for tickets now at the lowest prices of the year. Visit [ims.com/apply](https://www.ims.com/apply) for more information.
- 2 Who would opt for a holiday visit to China? It's not exactly among the world's more glamorous holiday destinations. But if you love pandas it's where you'll find them-- usually. But beware: at least one zoo in China has run out of pandas and has been replacing them with Chow Chow dogs whose fur has been trimmed and dyed black-and-white to resemble the iconic Chinese bears.
- 3 Don't dismiss it if your child is afraid of the "monster" in her bedroom; check it out. A North Carolina mom, Ashley Class, didn't believe it when her three-year-old daughter told her that there was a "monster" hiding behind the wall in her bedroom. But when mom and dad heard odd, buzzing noises they called beekeeper Curtis Collins to check it out. Collins discovered the noises were coming from some 50,000 bees hiding inside the walls.

### MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Have you been to a Breakfast Before Business yet? If you are not familiar, this is one of the many wonderful programs from your local Chamber of Commerce. It's a great way to learn about other businesses and organizations and introduce yourself! There were 80 members at BBB in May. How many will join in for June? Let's find out. Head over to the third floor of Fusion 54 at 8 a.m. on Monday, June 3 and bring a business card for the collage! (And if mornings aren't your thing, the Chamber offers Business Buzz - another great way to network in a casual setting. The next one is at the beautiful Crawfordsville Country Club on June 20. It begins at 5 p.m. with a door prize drawing after 6.)



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## ➔ OBITUARY

**David Russell Eggert, Jr.**  
 November 1, 1973 - May 14, 2024

David Russell Eggert, Jr. passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 outside of Crawfordsville. After battling cancer, Dave was able to spend his last few days in the home that he was building from the ground up, which will be affectionately completed by his family.



He was born on November 1, 1973 to David and Shirley (Snyder) Eggert in New Albany, IN. Dave attended George Washington High School in Indianapolis. He worked for the Local 120 Laborers Union for over 32 years. Dave enjoyed riding his Harley Motorcycle and was the founder and president of the Scooter Boyz. He called himself "A modern day Charles Engle," but we just called him "Bub." Dave was greatly loved and will be missed by his family and many longtime friends.

Dave is survived by his siblings, Lisa Harr (Donald), Michelle Tierney (Richard), Crystal Eggert and Matthew Eggert (Candace); fiancé, Chris Windle, and her daughter, Haleigh, and her grandson, Brixton; and nieces and nephews, Tara, Tessa, Steven (Vanessa), Craig (Trisha), Morgan (Kyle), Marissa; and several great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and niece, Trisha Harr.

Donations may be made in David's memory to Make A Wish Foundation, 1702 E Highland Ave., Suite 400, Phoenix, AZ 85016.

Cremation was chosen with Sanders Funeral Care Crawfordsville entrusted with care. A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2024 from 11:00 am-3:00 pm at the Eagles Lodge, 920 E South Boulevard in Crawfordsville. Share memories and condolences at [www.SandersFuneralCare.com](http://www.SandersFuneralCare.com).

## Two Earn Dean's List at Olivet Nazarene

Two Montgomery County students, Emmalee Dorsey and Krista Sixberry, have earned inclusion on the Dean's List at Olivet Nazarene University. To qualify, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00

grading scale. Olivet Nazarene is an accredited Christian, liberal arts university offering more than 140 areas of undergraduate and graduate study, including the Doctor of Education in ethical leadership. Olivet's 275-acre park-like main campus is in Bourbonnais, Illinois, 45 miles south of Chicago.

## Franciscan Health Therapy Services Moving

Franciscan Health Therapy Services Crawfordsville is in the process of moving to a new outpatient therapy facility, offering expanded services.

The new facility, which is a re-purposed freestanding building on the Franciscan Health Crawfordsville campus, came to fruition, thanks in part to the generosity of Dr. Hamid Ardalan and Mrs. Soori Ardalan. The building is named in honor of Saltanat Moez Ardalan.

A blessing and dedication of the space was recently held, officiated by Father David Buckles. The blessing and

dedication of the therapy facility is an important religious ritual in the opening of a new Catholic healthcare facility. The ceremony honors the mission of the Franciscan Alliance ministry: Continuing Christ's ministry in our Franciscan tradition.

"Thanks to the generosity of the Ardalan family, we have been able to expand the reach and scope of our therapy services in Crawfordsville," said, Shannon Heitmiller, director of sports medicine and rehab services, Franciscan Health Western Indiana Division. "We have a great team in place, who will have the opportunity to provide enhanced services to

## Master Gardeners, 4-H Plant Trees



**By Sheri Bethard**  
 President, Master Gardeners of Montgomery County

The Master Gardeners of Montgomery County in conjunction with 4-H, Inc. had 8 native trees planted on the Montgomery County 4-H Fairgrounds at 400 Parke Av. in Crawfordsville. The Master Gardeners Tree Committee, led by Byron Thada arranged to have ProGreen Garden Center obtain and plant the trees. The 8 trees planted, all native to Indiana, are Red Oak, Swamp White Oak, White Oak, Shumard Oak, Eastern Redbud, American Hornbeam and Serviceberrys. This is the first step in adding more trees to the fairgrounds helping to beautify our community and to help create a healthily ecosystem for future generations to enjoy and save the beauty of Indiana.

Native plants are what sustains the web of life from the smallest insect to the largest mammal. Native plants convert the sun's energy into food for insects and other plant eating animals. Many of these creatures rely specifically on one or a few species of plants for

life. For example, the larvae (AKA caterpillars) of the Monarch Butterfly will feed only on the leaves and plants in the milkweed family. Without milkweed they cannot survive. Many other require other plants for life. For an example, there are about 400 different insects, moths, butterflies, birds, etc. that rely on the mighty oak tree.

The Master Gardeners currently have a small garden next to the road on the fairgrounds where native and perennial plants are growing to help our pollinators. This fall we are looking forward to being able start breaking ground on a new pollinator/butterfly garden which will also be on the fairgrounds. Once completed we hope to have it designated as a Monarch Waystation and as a Certified Wildlife Habitat sight with the National Wildlife Federation.

The trees will have labels on them soon so you will be able to see the kind of tree each one is. Come out and see the new trees and watch them grow.



Father David Buckles speaks during the blessing and dedication of the new home of Franciscan Health Therapy Services Crawfordsville.



The sign for the new Franciscan Health Therapy Services Crawfordsville building.

our neighbors in Crawfordsville and the surrounding communities."

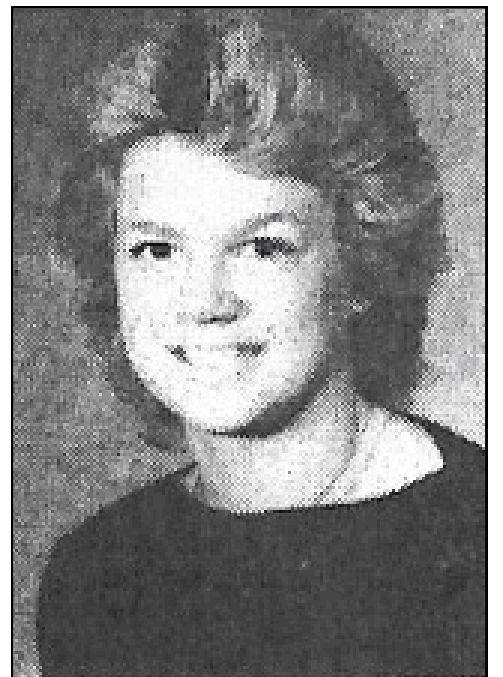
Measuring approximately 3,300 square feet, the facility is more than 1,000 square feet larger than the therapy facility it replaced and has parking at the front of the building.

Franciscan Health Therapy Service Crawfordsville offers

physical, occupational, neuro, speech and massage therapies to patients of all ages, from infants to the elderly, with any medical condition in which restoring lost skills and attaining maximum self-sufficiency are priorities.

Franciscan Health Therapy Services Crawfordsville is located at 1810 Lafayette Road in Crawfordsville.

## Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



**Do You Recognize This 1985 North grad?**

**HINT:**  
 She served as a Montgomery County Clerk a few years ago.

**Answer on Page A3**



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and have some benefits withheld as a result, when you reach your FRA, you will get time credit for any months you didn't get benefits, which will result in your monthly amount being a bit higher after your FRA.

the COLA increase, but no one enrolled in Medicare Part B will get the full COLA increase in their net SS payment because some of the COLA increase is used to pay their increased Medicare premium.

Regarding COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment), everyone, without exception, who has earned a Social Security benefit and reached eligibility age (62) receives the annual COLA increase whether they are already collecting their benefits or not. If you're not yet collecting, the COLA is added to your "primary insurance amount" or "PIA," on which your benefit will be based when you claim. If you are already collecting SS, COLA will be added to your gross monthly SS benefit amount. However, since there was a \$9.80 increase in the 2024 Medicare Part B premium, and since the Part B premium is taken from everyone's SS benefit payment, Social Security recipients enrolled in Medicare Part B will not see the full 3.2% COLA in their net monthly Social Security payment. Everyone will receive

Social Security's rules are myriad and often confusing, but no question is too simple to be asked. The AMAC Foundation's Social Security Advisory Service is available, at no charge, to answer all your Social Security questions - SSAdvisor@amacfoundation.org via email, or call 1.888.750.2622.

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- Increased sensitivity to pain
- A tingly, "pins-and-needles" sensation in the hands or feet
- Muscle weakness in body parts near the trunk of the body, such as the upper arms or thighs
- Waddling while walking, due to muscle weakness in the hips or legs
- A history of broken bones
- Muscle twitches or tremors
- Muscle spasms
- Bowed legs (when the deficiency is severe)

### Why Doctors Are Also Keen on K

As the NIH also explains, vitamins D and K together "play a central role in calcium metabolism. Vitamin D promotes the production of vitamin K-dependent proteins, which require vitamin K to function properly. Evidence supports the notion that supplementation [with both] vitamins D and K might be more effective than the consumption of either alone for bone and cardiovascular health."

### The Good News and the Bad News

Commonly referred to as the "sunshine vitamin," D3 can be naturally produced in the body following exposure to the sun—but not everyone can or even should spend a lot of time exposed to the sun's ultraviolet rays, which can cause premature aging, cancer and other problems.

Foods such as fish, beef, liver, eggs and cheese naturally contain vitamin D3, but not everyone can or should eat enough of those foods.

Explains registered dietitian Ryan Turner: "It can be hard to get

enough D3 through food."

**The Better News** Fortunately, high quality D3+K2 supplements are available from a family-owned business that provides premium, scientifically proven fitness and wellness products. What's more, these pills contain calcium. According to Johns Hopkins Medical School, taking these nutrients together reduces your risk of hyperparathyroidism, osteoporosis and fractured bones.

The firm's mission is to help individuals achieve their health and fitness goals through clean and effective supplements with an emphasis on transparency, quality, and information to empower customers. Backed by science and empowered by nature, the company, EarthNutri, is committed to transparency and ensuring that only the most potent and pure ingredients make it into your hands. Its D3+K2 supplement is an excellent alternative way to get sunshine vitamin without sunburn, ultraviolet radiation, lactose or cholesterol.

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For further facts about supplements with premium ingredients, clean products, and powerful information that help you live your life to the fullest, visit [www.earthnutri.com](http://www.earthnutri.com)

## Extension Reflects on Memorial Day, Looks Ahead

In honor of Memorial Day, I want to thank all those who have sacrificed everything to protect our nation and our communities. I don't normally think about our military when I think about agriculture and natural spaces in the United States but this year, I started to see the strings and I want to highlight them.

The United States National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, Fire Departments, Conservation Officers, and more government agencies all work to protect the people and the natural spaces of our beautiful and massive country. Those officers help protect our natural spaces and the people using them. But let us not forget that it starts with the protections granted to us by our Nation's Militaries.

Because of them, we are privileged to preserve our native spaces to the best of our abilities. We get to work to protect the environment and our ecosystems. Without a safe and secure nation, funds and resources would not be spent on seeds, trails, or tour guides.

Often in my job, our Nation's Agriculture and Farms are regarded as a prong of our National Security. I know this may seem like a stretch, but planting native plants, removing invasives, and avoiding invasive and non-native species when shopping at plant nurseries helps protect and honor our nation too.

Conservation makes us a stronger nation. Protecting our soils, protecting all layers of an ecosystem and its food web makes us a stronger nation. In nature, every living organism is connected to another just as we are too, in this nation, and our communities.

We are grateful to those who have given their

lives in lines of service for the American people. Thank you to our troops, our law enforcement, and our fire departments for keeping us safe so that we can spend time and resources on figuring out the best ways to grow our food, and preserve our natural spaces.

There is still space in the Invasive Species Class at Fusion 54, on Tuesdays in June 5-7pm. The cost for all four classes is \$35. Or \$10 cash or check at the door for individual classes. Please email [triciaherr@purdue.edu](mailto:triciaherr@purdue.edu) for more information or to confirm your spot.

- June 4 – Introduction to Invasive Species
- June 11 – Reporting, Recording, and Tracking
- June 18 – Invasive Forest Plants
- June 25 – Invasive Species in the Home Landscape

Supplemental Weed ID Walk Hosted by Montgomery County Cisma and Montgomery County SWCD on June 20: 5 -7 pm @ Sugar Creek Nature Park - Free and Open to the public and class participants

**Native Plant Jamboree - June 8th, 10 am - 2 pm at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds:**

On June 8th, the Master Gardeners are hosting their first-ever, Native Plant Jamboree. Come support the Master Gardeners of Montgomery County, buy native plants, and learn more about why they are so important from local vendors and the keynote speaker at 10:30-11:30 am.

*Tricia Herr is the Ag and Natural Resources Educator for Purdue Extension Montgomery County*

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**Answer:**  
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rate of more than 90 percent, cataract surgery enables people to see better after their cataract is removed.

Here are the top six things ophthalmologists—physicians who specialize in medical and surgical eye care—want you to know about cataracts:

### 1. Cataracts can be removed with surgery.

Surgery is the only way to cure cataracts. Early on, you may be able to cope with reduced vision from cataracts by using brighter lights, wearing anti-glare sunglasses, or using magnifying lenses for reading. But if cataracts start getting in the way of everyday activities such as reading, driving, or watching TV, an ophthalmologist will need to remove the clouded natural lens and replace it with an artificial lens, also called an intraocular lens (or IOL), to correct blurry vision.

### 2. You can slow development of early cataracts.

You can take steps to protect your eyes from cataracts. Using 100% UV blocking sunglasses, quitting smoking, maintaining control over high blood sugar, and eating a healthy diet can help prevent cataracts.

### 3. People with diabetes are more likely to get cataracts.

Natural aging is the most common cause of cataracts, but some people are at higher risk for cataracts than others. People who have diabetes with high blood sugar levels can get cataracts quicker and at a younger age than those with normal blood sugar levels. Improving glucose levels may help delay cataracts.

### 4. Eye color affects your risk of developing cataracts.

Studies show that people with dark brown eyes have a higher risk of developing cataracts than people with lighter eyes. However, UV light is a known contributor to cataract development no matter what color your eyes are. Wearing sunglasses whenever

outdoors is recommended for everyone.

### 5. Treating cataracts may decrease your risk of dementia.

Though the link between eye health and dementia is unclear, recent studies suggest people who had cataract surgery were 30 percent less likely to develop dementia.

### 6. You may eventually need a follow-up procedure.

Some people will again develop hazy vision years after cataract surgery. This is usually because the lens capsule has become cloudy. The capsule is the part of your eye that holds the IOL in place. Your ophthalmologist can use a laser to open the cloudy capsule and restore clear vision, a procedure called a capsulotomy.

Regular eye exams are important to maintaining your best vision, even after cataract surgery. The American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends scheduling a visit to the ophthalmologist every year after cataract surgery if you're older than 65, or every two years if under 65.

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Pearl had four children: Otto, Paul, Cecil and Doris. He moved to Anderson a year or so before passing and is buried in the East Maplewood Cemetery there.

Ola Mae Linn was born 13 Jan 1887 in MoCo and passed here at age 77 on 16 Nov 1964. She too is buried in Oak Hill Grant Avenue (Masonic Cem). She married Ernest Gould Patterson in 1905 and they were married 52 years at his passing. They had at least three children: Clayton, Hubert and Robert.

Homer Ward Linn was a late liver, as well as some of the others in the photo, passing away on April Fool's Day in 1971, Crawfordsville (buried Oak Hill Grant Avenue) and born 11 November 1881, making him 89 years old. He married Lola Chambers who passed 25 years prior and I believe they had three daughters, Lydia, Thelma and Mildred. Homer was in the Spanish-American War and left in 1900 (thus the reason I think the picture was taken then since he's dressed in uniform and imagine dad wanted his original kids together – you know, just in case) serving three total years and 17 months of those in the Philippines. Pup Tent No 10, Military Order of the Cooties is a branch of the VFW and was organized in his honor in Crawfordsville in 1965. He spent many years as barber in Mace, beginning his shop in 1902 and retiring in 1969. Wow! Besides active in VFW, he was in Mace K of P, Eagles and Moose, plus a member of the Mace Methodist Church.

This leaves of those pictured Herman born at Mace, married Calva Hicks at Waveland 25 June 1921. Parents of at least two daughters,

Jenetta and Dama. He was a long time and retired employee of the Montgomery County and State Highway Departments. His death occurred 27 June 1973, making him another of the aged family members, at age 88.

The mother of these original Linns was as noted, Lydia Edwards and she did not live a long life, passing 10 Jan 1890 at just 34 years 4 months and 8 days. Her malady was severe inflammatory rheumatism. "She was a good woman and active in the ME Church." Almost exactly 20 months later, he married Rachel F. Mason. Her life had been quite interrupted as her first husband, Charles Cockefair killed himself after having lost Rachel's property she had inherited from her father. He had a fetish for gambling (losing her property a bit at a time until losing it all) and his guilt got him. Just four months after this disaster she married John B. Linn but they seemed to live quite happily. She and Charles had one son, William and two more were born to her and John B (Floyd Adrian an Electrical Engineer, grad from PU who in his senior picture looked just like his dad) and Cora who married Roy Rosen and produced two children, Harold and Doris). William Cockefair moved to the Chicago area about the time Floyd did where he married and had several children, one named Floyd.

Rachel Mason Cockefair Linn had to go through another sad death of a husband when John Barnett Linn fell from a hay wagon he was driving and broke his neck in two places on 15 August 1928. Sad, but sure glad we got to see a face for this fine fellow and his first set of good-looking kids!

## Legislators Urge Students to Apply for Work-Based Scholarships

Montgomery County lawmakers encourage high school students who want to pursue work-based learning and credentials to apply for a Career Scholarship Account.

State Rep. Beau Baird (R-Greencastle) said Hoosier students in 10th, 11th and 12th grades at a state-accredited public or private school can receive up to a \$5,000 state-funded scholarship to pursue apprenticeships, applied learning experiences, work-based learning and credentials attainment. About 2,000 spots are available for the 2024-2025 school year and students can apply for a Career Scholarship Account until the Oct. 1 deadline.

"There are many other options available to Hoosier high schoolers who don't plan on enrolling in college or enlisting in the military," Baird said. "These scholarships can allow them to explore potential careers and learn the skills they need to access in-demand jobs after graduating."

State Rep. Jeff Thompson (R-Lizton) said accounts are available to high school students who are enrolled in a course or educational experience approved by the Indiana Department of Education. Eligible students will participate in joint career and technical education, modern youth apprenticeships, registered apprenticeships or an Indiana College Core program by an approved CSA participating entity.

"As a former high school teacher, I know that not every student wants to pursue a four-year degree, but they need additional skills beyond the classroom to be successful after graduation," Thompson said. "These scholarships help remove barriers so that more students can explore their career interests and better prepare for whatever path they choose."

Approved students will receive \$5,000 over four disbursements and can use the money toward certain qualified expenses:

- Class expenses for student's

- apprenticeships/ internship program;
- Postsecondary education and/or training;
- Equipment for student's apprenticeship/internship program;
- Certification and credentialing examinations;
- Career coaching and navigation services;
- Driver's license; and
- Transportation.

According to State Rep. Sharon Negele (R-Attica), courses and classes include a variety of topics like accounting, carpentry, cybersecurity, information technology, software development and veterinary science. A full list of approved courses, educational experiences and participating entities can be found at [in.gov/tos/csa](http://in.gov/tos/csa).

"As the demand for skilled workers increases, Indiana actively works with employers to get students the training they need to land the job," Negele said. "Career Scholarship Accounts give high school students the opportunity to gain work-based experiences through internships and apprenticeships, setting them up for success beyond the classroom."

"Not all students can attend college, but they still need additional training to work in a high-demand field," said State Rep. Mark Genda (R-Frankfort). "They should have the option to try out various vocations through hands-on learning experiences, so they're better prepared for life after high school."

To learn more about Career Scholarship Accounts and enroll before the Oct. 1 deadline, visit [in.gov/tos/csa](http://in.gov/tos/csa), email [CSA@tos.in.gov](mailto:CSA@tos.in.gov) or call (317) 232-0723.

Local employers, trade associations, labor unions and others interested in connecting with the next generation of talent can apply to host a CSA program or be a provider. Visit [in.gov/tos/csa](http://in.gov/tos/csa) and click on "provider resources" for more information.

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Notice is hereby given the Taxpayers of Montgomery County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers of Montgomery County will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the 2024 Budget Order from the DLGF at the regular Council meeting on June 11, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Community Meeting Room, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department Description	Account	Account Description	Additional Amount Requested
TBD	2024 Women's Legacy Grant	0235	Probation	21919	Participant Incentives	\$3,000.00
1238	Opioid Unrestricted Portion	0610	Health Department	30050	Contractual Services	\$30,000.00

The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken. This will be considered a work session for the Board of Commissioners in conjunction with the scheduled Council meeting. Dated this 05/29/2024  
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## Ranking Purdue's Top 10 Football and Basketball Teams





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Columnist

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

A few weeks removed from Purdue's run to the NCAA championship game is as good a time as any to determine where these Boilermakers belong among the best teams in school history.

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

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

#### 2023-24

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

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

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

Carroll's 44-year-old career rebounding record of 1,148 with 1,321.

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

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

The Boilermakers won their second consecutive Big Ten championship by three games.

#### 1968-69

The Boilermakers won their first Big Ten championship since 1940, topping Illinois and Ohio State by four games, and went all the way to the championship game in their first NCAA tournament appearance.

Rick Mount set six Big Ten and seven Purdue records during his junior season, including scoring average (33.4) and points in a season (810). Backcourt mate Billy Keller and forward Herman Gilliam, future professionals like Mount, combined to set four free throw records.

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

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

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

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

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

#### 1979-80

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

Final Four.

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

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

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

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

#### 1931-32

John Wooden was a national champion long before coaching UCLA to 10 NCAA titles.

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

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

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

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

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

#### 1993-94

For years, if it weren't for bad luck Purdue would have no luck at all. Such was the story of Glenn Robinson and the hotel wrestling horseplay hours before playing Duke in the NCAA regional final at Knoxville, Tenn.

Former Purdue beat writer Nathan Baird of the Lafayette Journal and Courier wrote in 2019 of the incident, which saw Robinson's back "slammed into a headboard." Robinson was not himself against the Blue Devils, who went to the Final Four with a 69-60 victory.

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

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

#### 1987-88

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

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

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

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

#### 2009-10

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

Ranked third with a 23-3 record, the

Boilermakers went into Minnesota looking to maintain its hold on first place in the Big Ten and making a case for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

What might have been had not junior forward Robbie Hummel tore his ACL that February night? A stunned Purdue team held on for a 59-58 win but was emotionally flat days later in a 53-44 home loss to Michigan State. Victories over Indiana and at Penn State allowed Purdue to share the Big Ten crown.

Chris Kramer's game-winning basket in overtime sent Purdue to the Sweet 16, where it was no match for No. 3 Duke.

### 2017-18

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

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

### 2018-19

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

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

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

### 1929-30

With one of college basketball's first true big men, aptly nicknamed "Stretch," and the "Indiana Rubber Man," Purdue enjoyed one of its greatest seasons.

Hall of Fame coach Ward "Piggy" Lambert coached the Boilermakers to a 10-0 Big Ten record and 13-2 overall thanks to his two All-Americans: 6-6

Charles "Stretch" Murphy and 5-10 John Wooden, who earned the "Indiana Rubber Man" nickname for his hard-nosed play and frequent head-first dives for loose balls.

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

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### Ranking Purdue's Top 10 Football Teams of All Time Easier Than Hoops

Last week's list of the 10 best Purdue men's basketball teams was difficult to assemble. There were probably another 10 teams that could have made the cut.

When putting together the ranking of the 10 best Boilermaker football teams, the decisions weren't as difficult. There have only been four consistent successful eras of Boilermaker football: 1922 to 1936 under James Phelan and Noble Kizer; 1956-69 with Jack Mollenkopf; 1977-81 under Jim Young and 1997-2008 with Joe Tiller.

Perhaps not coincidentally, Phelan, Mollenkopf and Young are enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame. Kizer, 42-13-3 in seven seasons, probably would have made it four had his coaching career not been halted by what proved to be a fatal illness. Tiller's .575 winning percentage falls below the Hall's .600 standard.

In order, here's my top 10 Purdue football teams of all-time:

#### 1979

To date, no Purdue team has matched the 10 victories won by the 1979 squad.

Coach Jim Young and quarterback Mark Herrmann were elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1999 and 2010, respectively.

"If I had to single out one season, our junior year in 1979 when we won 10 games was probably the most enjoyable," Herrmann said in 2007. "We beat Notre Dame and Michigan that year. I think that's as good a team as I've played on."

Victory No. 10 came against Tennessee in the Bluebonnet Bowl inside the Houston Astrodome. Just like Purdue basketball's NCAA tournament victories in 2019 and this past April, the Bluebonnet Bowl came down to the final moments.

Herrmann rallied the Boilermakers to a 27-22 victory, throwing a 17-yard touchdown pass to fellow All-American Dave Young with 1:30 remaining. The Boilermakers marched 80 yards in just over two minutes after the Vols had taken a 22-21 lead.

"I was very confident," Herrmann told me in 1998. "When I stepped in the huddle, there weren't any anxious faces. We felt we could move the ball on them. We were very patient."

Center Pete Quinn liked what he saw from Herrmann during the final drive.

"As soon as I saw Herrmann start that drive, the only thing I didn't know was how long it would take before we scored," Quinn said. "It was a real turning point in Mark's leadership. He took control of the huddle like I'd never seen him do before."

Herrmann would win the second of his three consecutive bowl MVP awards and set numerous Purdue and NCAA passing records.

#### 1943

With a lot of help from Uncle Sam, Purdue fielded its most recent undefeated team.

With World War II escalating, the United States Navy and Marine Corps were using universities like Purdue to train officer candidates. As a side benefit, their recruits were allowed to play collegiate sports for as long as their training period allowed.

More than 30 players from the University of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and other schools were sent to Purdue. They included All-American guard Alex Agase and running back Tony Butkovich, both former Fighting Illini.

Second-year head coach Elmer Burnham molded 26 Marines, seven Navy men and nine civilians into a 9-0 Big Ten championship team that was ranked fifth in the final Associated Press poll.

"Football is teamwork and we jelled pretty quickly," Agase told me in 2001. "The coaches – Joe Dienhart, Sam Voinoff, Cecil Isbell and of course, Elmer Burnham, did an excellent job of putting that team together. That's not easy to do, to take people who don't know each other, from various universities and get them to jell. But it was a talented team and that is the bottom line."

Agase, the only man to earn All-American honors at two different schools,

anchored an offensive line that included Fordham All-American center Lou DiFilippo and guard Dick Barwegan, "as good a football player as I ever saw," Agase said.

Butkovich won the Big Ten scoring title with 16 touchdowns and led the nation in rushing with 833 yards in just seven games before the Marine Corps called him to active duty. The 16 rushing touchdowns remain a school record, matched by Kory Sheets in 2008.

"He was so tough," Agase said. "He could run over you. He could make you miss. He could stiff arm. He had all the attributes of a great running back."

Butkovich died in action on Okinawa on April 18, 1945.

To learn more about this team, I recommend Cory Palm's book "Perfect Warriors."

#### 1966

College Football Hall of Famers Bob Griese and Leroy Keyes were among the stars of the first Purdue team to reach the Rose Bowl.

Keyes was a sophomore who mostly played defensive back. Even though he was from Newport News, Va., Keyes was well aware how much the Rose Bowl bid meant to the Boilermakers.

"Knowing that we could be the first weighed heavily on us, but I think it weighed in a positive light," Keyes told me in 2000. "We could do something that hadn't been done before. Being the first to accomplish that mission was something we relished."

The Boilermakers finished 9-2 with a 14-13 victory against Southern Cal in Pasadena. The two losses that season were to No. 1 Notre Dame and No. 2 Michigan State. The 1966 season began a spectacular four-year run for Purdue, which would go 8-2 each season from 1967 to 1969.

#### 2000

One of the most memorable months in Purdue football history capped Joe Tiller's rebuilding project in West Lafayette.

A season of high expectations began with a 3-2 record and a pair of two-point losses at Notre Dame and Penn State. Then came October. A dramatic second-half comeback and Travis Dorsch's field goal in the final seconds lifted Purdue past No. 6 Michigan 32-31. A



41-28 victory at No. 17 Northwestern was followed by a 30-24 overtime victory at Wisconsin when Ashante Woodyard returned a blocked field goal 27 yards for a touchdown.

Finally, the stirring 31-27 come-from-behind victory against No. 12 Ohio State when Drew Brees threw a 64-yard touchdown pass to a wide open Seth Morales with 1:55 remaining.

Thanks to its victories against Michigan and Northwestern, Purdue received its second Rose Bowl berth following a 41-13 victory against Indiana.

#### 1929

The Boilermakers claimed their only outright Big Ten championship with this undefeated squad under coach Jim Phelan.

Purdue's first two consensus All-Americans, tackle Elmer Sleight and halfback Ralph "Pest" Welch, set the tone for the season in the fourth quarter of their second game. Trailing Michigan 16-6 after three quarters, the Boilermakers thrilled

the Ross-Ade Stadium crowd by scoring four touchdowns in less than 15 minutes to win 30-16.

During the final six games of the season, Purdue recorded four shutouts and allowed just two touchdowns.

#### 1967

This team could have been much higher in the rankings if not for a puzzling home loss to Oregon State after climbing to No. 2 in the national polls and an upset by Indiana that sent the Hoosiers to their only Rose Bowl.

Leroy Keyes and Mike Phipps began to establish the credentials that led to their induction into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1990 and 2006. Keyes rushed for 986 yards and was a consensus All-American. Phipps led Purdue to the first of three consecutive victories against Notre Dame, which was ranked No. 1 when the two schools met on Sept. 30 in Ross-Ade Stadium.

"We had great players on offense and defense," Phipps told me in 1998. "We

expected to win. Notre Dame just happened to be in the way. Both programs were at a peak in those years. It meant a lot to the season of both teams."

Indiana's 19-14 victory denied Purdue an outright Big Ten championship, which it also had to share with Minnesota.

#### 1952

The co-Big Ten champions with Wisconsin were denied a trip to the Rose Bowl when a vote of athletic directors favored the Badgers.

"They thought Wisconsin was the most representative team. We didn't agree," quarterback Dale Samuels told me in 2018 upon the occasion of his induction into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame. "In our opinion, our non-conference games were much tougher than Wisconsin. That was a big disappointment."

Purdue had to rally against Indiana to gain a share of the Big Ten. Trailing 16-14 in a downpour, Samuels guided the Boilermakers 66 yards for the winning touchdown, a Rex Brock 24-yard run with 4:22 remaining.

End Bernie Flowers was a consensus All-American pick.

#### 1968

Purdue began the season ranked No. 1 in the nation, and Sports Illustrated featured Leroy Keyes on the cover of its college football preview.

"It will be the greatest disappointment of my life if we do not have a very successful season," coach Jack Mollenkopf said before the season opener against Virginia.

Including a 37-22 victory at No. 2 Notre Dame, Purdue was off to a 3-0 start before losing at eventual national champion Ohio State 13-0.

An 8-2 season was capped by a come-from-behind 38-35 victory against Indi-

ana. In his farewell game, Keyes scored four touchdowns and surpassed 1,000 rushing yards for the season. His 1-yard touchdown run with 1:35 remaining capped a comeback from a 28-10 deficit.

#### 1978

These Boilermakers came within one point of being the second Rose Bowl team at Purdue.

A 24-24 tie at Wisconsin cost Purdue a three-way share of the Big Ten title with Michigan and Michigan State. Under rules at that time, Purdue would have gotten the bid due to beating MSU head to head and Michigan having been in the Rose Bowl more recently.

Mark Herrmann led a talented offensive unit to only the second bowl game in school history, dominating Georgia Tech 41-21 on Christmas Day in the Peach Bowl.

#### 1980

Riding consensus All-American seasons from Herrmann and tight end Dave Young, the Boilermakers (9-3) finished tied for second in the Big Ten at 7-1.

Herrmann won the Chicago Tribune's Silver Football as the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player. He set the career NCAA passing yards record with 9,946. Herrmann led the Big Ten in passing yards and TD passes.

The Carmel graduate would earn his third bowl MVP honor at the Liberty Bowl, guiding Purdue to a 28-25 victory against Missouri. Herrmann threw two touchdown passes to fellow Carmel graduate Bart Burrell and one apiece to Steve Bryant and Young.

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