

TODAY'S VERSE

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

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## Boomer Bits

### Why is there a Social Security Earnings Limit?



ASK Rusty Social Security Advisor

#### Social Security Matters

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#### Dear Rusty:

I try to read your article in the Carmichael Times each week and appreciate the information you provide. I am 62 and considering my retirement options and when I should do that to get the most benefit. I understand my full retirement age is 67, but what I don't understand, and I hope you can answer, is why there is such a thing as the Social Security earnings limit? I know that if I was to retire before 67, my benefits would be reduced. But since I have been paying into SS for 45+ years, and that money is technically money I have earned, why does SS care if I make more than the earnings limit? It doesn't affect them or my benefits. Can you tell me about the reasoning behind the earnings limit? I will, for many years after "retiring," continue working in my field.

Signed: Working American

#### Dear Working American:

This is a great question and, as a point of interest, our parent company, the Association of Mature

American Citizens (AMAC), advocates doing away with Social Security's earnings test which affects those collecting benefits before reaching their SS full retirement age (FRA). In AMAC's view, it discourages people from working and, thus, paying Social Security taxes on their earnings. It is, after all, SS taxes from the earnings of working Americans which largely pays for the benefits provided to Social Security beneficiaries. Eliminating the restriction would tend to improve Social Security revenue and help ease Social Security's current financial stress.

The reasoning behind the earnings test? Well, when Social Security was first enacted in the 1930s, the intent was that Social Security was for retired workers, meant to keep them from poverty in old age. The logic back then was that if a person worked they didn't need Social Security to sustain

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### Confused by Nutrition Labels? You're Not Alone

(StatePoint) Shopping for groceries can be like navigating a maze: so many choices in every aisle, food packages covered in marketing claims and little direction on what is truly healthy and what isn't. People want to make healthy choices for themselves and their families, but how can they when the information available to them can be so overwhelming?

For years, the Nutrition Facts label on the back of food packages has provided important nutrition information, such as the amount of calories, fat,

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### How Compounding Pharmacies Can Help Patients Get Needed Care

(StatePoint) Most consumers know how a traditional pharmacy works. Far fewer are aware of an alternative option: a compounding pharmacy. Here's everything you need to know about these specialized healthcare facilities, and how they have the potential to improve your wellness.

What is a compounding pharmacy? A compounding pharmacy employs the art and science of creating personalized medications based on a patient's specific requirements, ensuring an individualized approach to healthcare.

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## Mayor Barton Explains City Stance On Pride Event

After numerous comments about a Pride event scheduled for Saturday at Pike Place, Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton took time away from a family vacation to explain the city's position. The Paper is happy to share his statement in full.



Mayor Todd Barton

My office has received a number of communications from citizens regarding the June 22, 2024 Pride Event at Pike Place in the City of Crawfordsville. Unfortunately, I am currently out of town on an annual family vacation, and I have limited connectivity to respond to everyone individually.

It is essential to understand that the United States Constitution guarantees certain fundamental freedoms, including freedom of speech and the right to peaceably assemble. Open

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## Mason Thomas - County Connection



I've written about Judge Thomas F. Davidson who first worked as a farmer, a miller with his father then became determined to become a lawyer (borrowing books from Col. Wilson and General Wallace then riding his horse from Covington to C'ville and returning them, taking a test, teaching school to make money to go toward that goal). In the spring of 1861, he began practicing and by 1870, nominated and won the position of judge of the circuit that incorporated Warren, Fountain, Montgomery, Boone and Clinton. His book, Davidson's Overruled Cases, was used as a text book - he was a bit shy, made no attempts to put on airs, but he was a well-loved, honest and fair judge. He and wife, Eliza Tice had but one daughter, Annie. This article will center on Annie, but mainly featuring her husband, Mason B. Thomas, a Botany Professor at Wabash.

I rarely write about Wabash folks as most have been covered and they have had wonderful archivists

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### TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

A recent study found formula-fed infants who start on solids prior to four months of age are six times more likely to develop obesity by age three.

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



### THREE THINGS You Should Know

- Four regions in Indiana are finalists for the 2024 Stellar program. The four are located in Dearborn, LaGrange, Wabash and Warren counties. They were chosen from 19 letters of interest. Relunched earlier this year, the Stellar Pathways program is a multi-year, multi-million-dollar initiative led by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. As finalists, each region will receive \$50,000 to put toward the development of its final strategic investment plan. For more information, visit in.gov/ocra/stellar/.
- All aerial treatments conducted by the DNR to slow the spread of spongy moth were completed earlier this week. Spongy moth is one of North America's most devastating invasive forest pests and has caused thousands of acres of defoliation across the eastern U.S. Treatments were conducted in Adams, Allen, Huntington, Starke, Wabash, Wayne and Whitley counties.
- CenterPoint Energy is transitioning to a new billing system. Beginning July 2, customers will receive a new account number and will experience a new online interface. The update also includes a redesigned bill format, simplified program enrollments, more self-service options and additional features. Customers will find their new account number on the upper right corner of their bill, online at CenterPointEnergy.com/MyAccount on the left side of the dashboard when logged into their account or by calling CenterPoint customer service.

### TODAY'S QUOTE

"I find television very educational. Every time someone turns it on, I go in the other room and read a book." Groucho Marx

### TODAY'S JOKE

What falls down but never needs a Band-Aid? The rain!

### MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The 4th annual No Hero Should be Homeless Motorcycle Ride will take place tomorrow at Hunter's Moon Harley-Davidson in Lafayette. A & D Biker Ministries is partnering with LTHC on this special event. Registration begins at 10 a.m. and kickstands are up at noon. Bikers are \$20 each plus \$10 for additional rider. All of the money raised will help LTHC provide critical services to Veterans without housing. If you're unable to attend but want to be a part in ending homelessness for our Veterans, visit www.lthc.net.



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## OBITUARY

### Phyllis Pauline Twitchell

May 21, 1925 - June 14, 2024

Phyllis Pauline Twitchell, also known affectionately as Phyllis and Grammy, passed away on June 14, 2024, in Tucson, Arizona, at the age of 99. She was born on May 21, 1925, in Coloma, Indiana in Parke County. Phyllis graduated from Rockville High School in 1943.



She married Robert Kenneth Twitchell on August 11, 1943 in the Rockville Christian Church. While Ken was in the service, Phyllis went to beauty school in Terre Haute. After the war ended, Ken and Phyllis lived in Rockville before moving to Linden, Indiana in 1952.

Phyllis had a beauty shop in her home, worked in the Linden school cafeteria and library. She also worked at the local I.G.A. and the Purdue Bursar office.

Phyllis was a dedicated member of the Linden United Methodist Church and the Rockville Christian Church. She was involved in various community organizations, including the Athens (Oriental) Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star (Past Matron, Former Grand Representative, Past Deputy, Past Grand Ruth), M.N.O. Extension Homemakers, "Good Times Bridge Club", and couples bridge club.

Phyllis is survived by her daughter Lynette (Garry) Knowing, four grandchildren (Nathan (Desiree), Jared, Mackenzie and Brandon (Kim)), and seven great-grandchildren (Marissa, Hayden, Jackson, Alexandra, Olivia, Elaine, and Beckett) and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert K Twitchell, parents Homer and Olive (Weaver) Smiley, her daughter Elaine (Will) Marr, and two sisters (Rebecca (Dodd) Porter and Rachel (Zeke) Brading.

Viewing will be held from 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM on Tuesday June 25 followed by a funeral service at 11:00 AM at the Hahn-Groeber Funeral Home in Linden, with graveside rights to follow at Linden Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Linden Methodist Church or Purdue Research Foundation.

The Hahn-Groeber Funeral Home in Linden, Indiana is caring for the Twitchell family. Memories and condolences may be left at [hahngroeberfuneralhome.com](http://hahngroeberfuneralhome.com)

## Athens Arts Close-Out Sale Ends Soon

After 14 years of serving the community as a cherished arts hub, Athens Arts is sadly closing its doors. The gallery, located at 216 Main in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville, will be hosting a close-out sale featuring a wide range of items used throughout its years of operation.

From now through Thursday, the public is invited to visit and take advantage of the deep discounts on our furnishings, equipment, and art materials. The sale includes tables, point-of-sale equipment, office supplies, computers, printers, display racks, frames and numerous other items integral to our gallery's day-to-day activities.

Close-Out Sale Hours are noon to 7 p.m. with Saturday 10 a.m. to 2

pm. The Gallery is closed Sunday.

This sale represents the end of an era for Athens Arts, which has been a vibrant part of Crawfordsville's cultural landscape. Everyone at Athens Arts encourages the community to stop by, whether you are looking for specific items or simply to reminisce about the wonderful memories created over the years. Athens Arts extends its heartfelt thanks to the artists, patrons and community members who have supported them throughout this journey. The community's passion for the arts has been the cornerstone of their success.

For more information, please contact Athens Arts at (765) 362-7455 or email [director@athensarts.com](mailto:director@athensarts.com).

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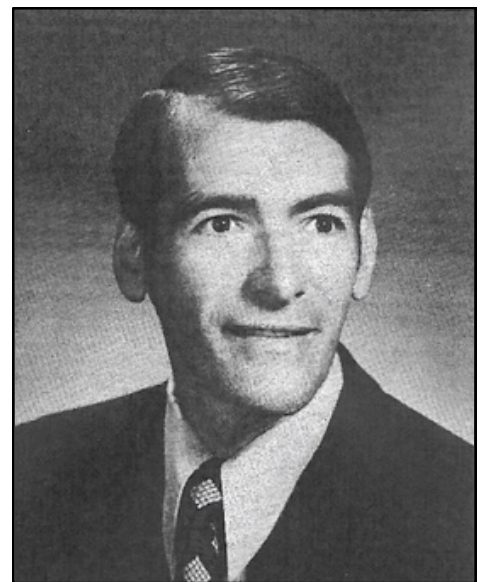
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## Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This Person?

HINT:  
He was Southmont's first basketball coach.

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## Reading Stars



Photos courtesy Crawfordsville District Public Library

Luke S. (above, left), age 4, has completed the Crawfordsville District Public Library program "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" for the fifth time. Luke, along with his parents Bret and Jean, have read 5,000 books. His favorite book is the Magic Tree House series (including Research Guides and Fact Trackers) by Mary Pope Osborne. Mom said, "Thank you to the CDPL and staff for their support and encouragement as Luke participated in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. As a parent, it is so inspiring to see your child's love for reading develop and grow. The quality time spent together to achieve this is also so rewarding. Luke's passion to read continues to strengthen especially when he realized he can now read. We will continue to support him as his interest in chapter books and nonfiction books begins. An endless journey awaits him."

Hemingway Dopkowski-Houghton (above, right), age 3, has completed the Crawfordsville District Public Library program "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten". He is the son of Kirby and Nate. Hemingway's favorite book is Dig it, Dump it, Push it! by Holly Karapetkova. Mom said, "We love the library and all the joy it brings our family. Endless adventures in books, activities, and memories."



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them, so those who worked could not collect Social Security at all. The current rule after many adjustments over the years, says that annual earnings for those who collect early SS benefits are limited. If each year's earnings limit (\$22,320 for 2024) is exceeded, Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the limit (FYI, the penalty is less severe in the year FRA is attained).

Historical accounts suggest that the reasoning behind the wording in the original Social Security Act - that "No person shall receive such old-age annuity unless . . . he is not employed by another in a gainful occupation" - was quite controversial, except for the fundamental thought that if someone worked they didn't need Social Security. Over the ensuing decades the rule has been softened to provide that only those who collect benefits before their full retirement age (FRA) would have a portion of their SS benefits offset by their work earnings. In any case, the earnings test, in its mitigated form, still persists today. FYI, H.R. 5193 - The Senior Citizens Freedom to Work Act was recently introduced in Congress proposing to repeal the SS earnings test but has not advanced in the

legislative process since introduced in August 2023.

In any case, under current rules, if you continue working after your FRA, the earnings test will not apply to you. And, if you lose any benefits before your FRA due to the earnings test, when you reach your FRA you'll get time credit for any months that benefits were withheld, resulting in a somewhat higher monthly payment after your full retirement age.

One final point: if you continue to work after starting your Social Security benefits and your recent earnings are higher than any of those in the inflation-adjusted 35 years used to originally calculate your benefit, your entitlement will be recalculated to give you credit for those higher recent earnings.

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sodium, sugar, protein and vitamins and minerals. But all the numbers can be confusing, and they're not readily visible. Given America's high rates of diet-related disease and illness, advocates say that more must be done to make sure consumers have the information they need to make healthy choices.

That's why the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which sets standards for nutrition labeling, is developing a new labeling system that would appear on the front of food and beverage products, offering clear and concise information to help people quickly and easily identify healthier foods. Research from other countries shows that front-of-pack labeling helps consumers make healthier purchases and even gets manufacturers to make healthier products.

What could a front-of-pack label look like? More than 40 countries already require it. Some countries use stoplight colors like red, yellow and green, or a grading system like a report card - A, B, C, D, E - to indicate how healthy a product is. Other countries use a warning system that indicates whether products include high

amounts of added sugars, saturated fat or sodium. Approaches like these make it easy for consumers to understand with a quick glance what's healthy and what's not.

The success of front-of-pack labeling in other countries suggests it will help people in the United States make healthier choices that can improve well-being and reduce high rates of diet-related diseases, including some forms of heart disease and cancer. In fact, the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine) recommended such a system more than 10 years ago, and national polls show most Americans support it.

The FDA plans to release a proposal for a front-of-pack food labeling system in the United States that can get everyone out of the food shopping maze. To stay informed and learn more, visit [yourethecure.org/FOP](http://yourethecure.org/FOP)

"Clear, concise front-of-pack nutrition labeling is the answer. After all, grocery shopping shouldn't require a degree in nutrition," says Nancy Brown, CEO of the American Heart Association.

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"The conventional, mass-produced, one-size-fits-all approach to medication unfortunately does not work for all patients. Compounded medications however can help ensure patients get the therapies they need safely," says Shaun Noorian, CEO and founder of Empower Pharmacy, a compounding pharmacy that specializes in men's health, women's health, dermatology, hormone replacement, weight management, IV therapy, longevity, sexual wellness, mental health and gender affirming care.

Why is this important? Compounded medications are crafted to address individual requirements, such as allergies to certain ingredients, dosage adjustments, or the need for alternative forms of medication (for example, needing a liquid instead of a pill form). In short, compounded medications deliver therapy required for individuals to live healthier, happier lives in a form that can optimize their care. These medications can also play a vital role in addressing challenges related to FDA-approved prescription medication shortages.

How common are compound pharmacies? Compounding pharmacies make up 2% of the current pharmaceutical market, but that figure is growing as more patients and providers grasp the benefits that compounded medicines provide.

How does this change the role of the pharmacist?

Pharmacists have always been an important part of patients' care teams, dispensing medications and offering advice on side effects and dosing. At a compounding pharmacy, that role also includes producing customized prescription drugs for patients, most often from raw ingredients.

Are compounding pharmacies within reach for regular patients? Some compounding pharmacies are working to prioritize access. Empower Pharmacy, for example, provides medications at an affordable cost in an effort to ensure everyone has access to the treatments they need. And because the pharmacy operates online, patients with mobility and transportation issues are able to fill their prescriptions from the comfort of home.

Are there any safety issues to be aware of? Compounded medications are not FDA-approved, making it important for patients to stick to trustworthy pharmacies that use safe compounding practices. Be sure your pharmacy has Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board (PCAB) accreditation.

To learn more, visit [empowerpharmacy.com](http://empowerpharmacy.com).

"We believe that understanding the nuances of compounding, its benefits, and its role during FDA-approved shortages helps equip patients to make informed decisions about their healthcare," says Noorian.

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public forums, such as public streets, sidewalks, and parks in the city, are areas where citizens gather to assemble, communicate views, and discuss public matters. Pike Place is a public forum. As such, neither the City of Crawfordsville nor any governmental entity may prohibit a particular group from assembling or speaking in a public forum based on the content of the group's message. We simply do not get to pick and choose when to apply constitutional protections.

Under these constitutional principles, it is the City of Crawfordsville's policy not to discriminate against any person or group on the basis of speech, or social and political views.

It is also the city's policy that any individuals or

organizations using public facilities must comply with all state and local laws. The Crawfordsville Police Department will be present at this event, as they are at all events taking place at Pike Place, to ensure laws are followed and that everyone remains safe.

Finally, the use of Pike Place and other public forums in the city should in no way be seen as an endorsement of any particular group's speech or expression of beliefs. The views expressed by individuals or groups in public forums are strictly their own, and not the city's.

We have a great community and I strongly encourage everyone to look at these complex issues through the lens of the constitutionally protected freedoms we all enjoy.

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**Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia**



**Answer:**  
**Pat Rady**



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who have done many profs and grads in their writing of articles and blogs, but Mason just caught my attention and thought I'd see what I could find about him to share with you all!

Do believe it was the fact that Prof. Mason Blanchard Thomas loved his students and in his classroom he kept pictures of those who had mastered something impressive, gotten a wonderful job or went forth and prospered in some way, using the photos in a heroic manner to prompt excitement in other students. I did that too at Turkey Run and the thought that a college prof would do that way back when really impressed me. As with me, he truly loved his students and followed them thereafter.

Mason was born on December 16th in 1866 in West Woodstock Hill, NY. (photo from Alexandria Times 8 March 1912). His parents were Mansier Conable and Esther "Anna" Blanchard Thomas, both natives of NY, Mason being the middle of their three children along with sisters Hattie (passed at age 16) and Gertrude who passed before her brother (having married Albert Chapman and had one son, Howard Thomas who was the only grand for Mansier and Anna, and who married but had no children I could find, he passing at age 91. Howard was the founder of a large gas company (Chapman of course) and gave a great deal of money for the Gertrude Thomas Chapman Arts Center at Cazenovia College where she attended. Although living in Crawfordsville, Mason made several trips back to NY to be several of his relatives' executor or to help with other business!

Most of the Thomas members went to Cazenovia Seminary (preliminary to the college) including Mason's aunt, Delia who passed away not long before Mason, but he had time to be her executor and was thrilled to give the Seminary \$2000 from her estate. Mason's father attended there as did Mansier's brothers.

Upon graduating from Cazenovia, Mason attended Cornell where he graduated and was highly recommended for the Botany and Forestry instructor at Wabash which he accepted when offered the position, beginning in 1891. A few years later he became Dean of the Faculty. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Indiana Boys' School and Chairman of the Educational Committee of the Indiana Forestry Association, among many other groups. Pertaining to his occupation, he served as President of the Indiana Academy of Sciences in 1901. At that time, he also headed the museum at Wabash. Prof. WH Freeman Secretary of the Indiana Board

of Forestry did a major survey of forests in Indiana saying that a large part of the nation's most valuable forests were between Rockport and Crawfordsville, not only for timber but coal as well. He visited the John Lusk property with over 200 black walnut trees and a large catalpa (gorgeous blooms) grove near Yountsville, William O'Neill owner and black locusts there as well. Freeman went on to Wabash to visit Mason especially to check what the Wabash boys were doing in a Forestry Class MBT had created. He was teaching them the relation of forests to water courses, fish, fruit, plants and such. Mason was valuable in many consultations with various parks and cities on how, where, why of what to plant. Freeman was completely impressed.

Not long after Mason came to Crawfordsville, he became involved in a Browning Poetry group. In 1894, he wrote (with a Cornell professor with whom he had studied) a laboratory manual on Plant Histology (DePauw, Cornell, Stanford, U of Illinois and of course Wabash had immediately purchased it).

Busy, indeed, but not too much so that he didn't have time to marry one sweet lady, Annie Davidson at her mother's home, her father having passed the year before (June 21, 1893) and pronounced husband and wife by R.J. Cunningham minister in the Center Church (he would preach Mason's funeral as well). It was a small, but beautiful wedding with maybe a dozen there. The next morning, they left to tour the area of NY (and visit parents, aunts, uncles) where Mason grew to adulthood spending the rest of the summer honeymooning. So, these two led a very busy life, she involved in several activities, including working on getting Culver Hospital up and running, but as several of his family members, Mason became sick and once down could never return to health. (findagrave photo by R&S Fine). A couple of his old students who had become doctors (one from Indianapolis, the other the head of a large NY City hospital) came to try to get him back on track, but they agreed with our wonderful local doctor, John N. Taylor, that there was just no backtracking the nephritis, pleuritis and valvular heart disease. Mason passed away 6 March 1912 after being quite sick from February 18th on. Annie never married but lived in their home at 1 Mills Place another 38 years alone until the last few years when she had a nurse companion with her. Both buried in Oak Hill. RIP you two!

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## Regional Artist's Work on Display at Library

The Mary Bishop Memorial Gallery at the Crawfordsville District Public Library would like to invite the public to view the work of regional artist, Jeff Jeffries. This exhibit is currently open and will be on display through July 7.

The public is encouraged to visit the gallery during CDPL's regular hours of operation. A variety of works are available for purchase through the Circulation department. Jeffries is an interesting and down-to-earth person with many talents. He was interested in photography at an early age. "The first picture I remember looking at was a Polaroid my dad had taken of a tornado that had just passed our neighborhood," he recalled. "I was about 4 years old. I often asked my dad to pull out the picture so I could look at it." Jeffries began taking his own pictures in high school but becoming a full-time commercial photographer was not



Jeff Jeffries

his original career path. During those years, he studied photography and publishing at school, and spent most of his time exploring black and white film.

"I learned all the basics, but I also learned about some of the most iconic pictures ever taken; Robert Capa's D-day photos, Steve McCurry's Afghan Girl, and Ansel Adams' Winter Storm Clearing," Jeffries said. "They're images are hard to look away from, and that's the criteria I try to follow when I hang one of my images. I'm hoping the viewer has a hard time looking away."

After high school, he joined the U.S. Army and that is when he said the art of

photography took a grip.

"The bug really bit me while I was in the Army," he said. "I was on a tank stationed in West Germany when the Wall was torn down and then went to Desert Storm with a unit from El Paso — my Minolta always in tow."

He said he wanted to capture these valuable moments in history and share them with the world.

He was presented with an opportunity to work as an assistant for several commercial photographers in Indianapolis. At that time, most commercial photographs were shot on medium format film and these photographers outsourced the printing process. Jeffries also learned the professional uses of artificial and natural light sources, and how to properly install lighting equipment for the best results in these early days of his

career.

In 2016, he was a photographer and participant in an exhibit at the Indianapolis Arts Center called "The Things They Brought Home: Military Tattoos." After World War I, military men started getting patriotic tattoos that encompassed their personal experiences, and it has become a standard tradition.

The exhibit highlighted Hoosier veterans and the stories their inked bodies told. A portion of these artworks are on display in our gallery along other fascinating images that Jeff caught in the moment, such as the heart shaped implosion of our beloved Market Square Arena.

If you are interested in hiring Jeff for a one-on-one photo shoot or to capture your event, please visit his website at [jeffjeffries.net](http://jeffjeffries.net). You can follow him on Instagram@jeffries\_jeff.

## FOR THE RECORD

North Montgomery School Board

Regular Meeting  
Monday, June 24, 6 p.m.  
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  - a. Call to order and pledge of allegiance
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3. Consent Agenda
  - a. Minutes
  - b. Monthly Claims
  - c. Personnel, extra-curricular, field trips, facilities usage, contributions, gifts, Superintendent Stipends
  - d. Other
  - e. Consent Vote
4. Action Items
  - a. Approve administrative, classified and superintendent's addendum compensation and benefits
  - b. Approve revisions to bylaw 0100 – definitions, board policy 2531 – copyrighted works, and policy 5200 – attendance
  - c. Approve technology vendor / 3rd party

- d. Acceptable use policy
- d. Approve student and staff handbooks
- e. Approve the School Resource Unit Agreement for 2024-25
- f. Approve Reimbursement Resolution
- g. Approve Meal Price Increases for 2024-25
- h. Approve West Central IN CTE Textbook & Fee Summary for 2024-25
- i. Approve Social Studies Textbook Materials
- j. Approve Pepsi Beverage Contract for an additional year
- k. Approve Corporation Insurance Policy and Renewal
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# Hall of Fames – Full of Controversy, Politics



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A few weeks ago, I pointed out the ridiculousness of the College Football Hall of Fame rules that barring a change will keep Purdue legend Drew Brees outside its doors in Atlanta.

The old boys club running the College Football Hall of Fame have nothing on the clique that oversees the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

Without checking Google, guess how many representatives from Purdue and Indiana have been enshrined?

Four Boilermakers, six Hoosiers.\* (\*Purdue's Terry Dischinger is enshrined as a member of the 1960 United States Olympic gold medal team. Indiana's Bobby Leonard earned his berth primarily for leading the Indiana Pacers to three ABA championships as "the best seventh game coach in the business" to quote his Naismith biography.)

The two major basketball universities in this state have had six persons elected since the 1960 class included Purdue's Ward Lambert, John Wooden and Charles "Stretch" Murphy alongside Indiana's Branch McCracken.

Walt Bellamy. Everett Dean. Gene Keady. Bob Knight. George McGinnis. Isiah Thomas. That's one every 10-plus years.

Here are notable Boilermakers and Hoosiers not in the Naismith Hall of Fame:

Purdue: Glenn Robinson, Rick Mount,

Terry Dischinger, Joe Barry Carroll.

Indiana: Bill Garrett, Don Schlundt, Steve Alford, Calbert Cheaney. The 1976 national championship team.

To be eligible for election, a player must be fully retired for three full seasons. A coach must either be retired for three full seasons or if still active, must have been in coaching 25 years and at least 60 years old. For example, current Purdue coach Matt Painter is not eligible until 2030 when he turns 60.

Mount, Dischinger and the 1976 Hoosiers are members of the College Basketball Hall of Fame in Kansas City, created by the National Association of Basketball Coaches to honor players who may be slighted by the Naismith folks because their NBA/ABA careers weren't as spectacular as their college days.

While his high-scoring contemporaries Pete Maravich and Calvin Murphy have long ago been honored in Springfield, Mount's omission is unjustifiable.

Averaging an astounding 32.3 points a game, Mount held the Purdue career scoring record of 2,323 for 54 years. A two-time consensus All-American and a three-time All-Big Ten first team selection in an era when freshmen were ineligible. Elected to the College Basketball Hall of Fame in 2017, Mount's fairly brief professional career (five seasons) is probably holding up his deserved recognition.

If Naismith voters are being snobbish when it comes to requiring NBA success, then what's

the excuse for Dischinger not joining Olympic teammates Oscar Robertson, Jerry West, Jerry Lucas and Bellamy with individual plaques?

Dischinger was a two-time consensus All-American who averaged 28.3 points and a school record 13.7 rebounds in his three seasons at Purdue. Before the U.S. Army interrupted his career, Dischinger won the 1963 NBA Rookie of the Year award and made three NBA All-Star teams. Dischinger joined the College Basketball Hall of Fame in 2019.

The same argument can be made for Robinson, a two-time NBA All-Star over an 11-year career that saw the "Big Dog" average nearly 21 points a game. That's on top of his spectacular career at Purdue, which saw him win unanimous National Player of the Year honors in 1994. Robinson also was selected to the second NBA Olympic Dream Team in 1996 but injury kept him from participating.

For all the criticism Carroll took during his Purdue and 10-year NBA career, the 7-foot center was quite productive. Carroll still holds the Purdue record for career blocked shots (349) and just saw his career rebounds record fall to Zach Edey this past season. His 2,175 points rank third behind Edey and Mount.

Carroll averaged nearly 18 points a game in the NBA and was an All-Star selection in 1987. His Hall of Fame case carries a stigma that lingers to this day: The Golden State Warriors traded NBA greats Robert Parish and Kevin McHale in 1980 to Boston for the right to draft Carroll No. 1 overall.

Even if he wasn't a great player, Garrett belongs simply for being the Big Ten Conference's Jackie Robinson, breaking the league's color barrier in 1947. Garrett led the Hoosiers in scoring and rebounding for three consecutive seasons and left as the school's career scoring leader.

The Boston Celtics drafted Garrett in 1951 but Uncle Sam had other plans for Garrett. After a two-year hitch in the Army, Garrett spent two years with the Harlem Globetrotters before becoming a successful high school coach in Indiana.

While the first sentence in his Indiana All-America biography ("The day Don Schlundt arrived in Indiana, he changed Hoosier Basketball forever.") may be hyperbole, Schlundt was the Hoosiers' first three-time All-American. The three-time Big Ten scoring champion held the IU career scoring record for 32 years until Alford came along.

Schlundt chose not to play professionally and like Garrett, died young.

Similar to Garrett and Schlundt, Alford's lack of professional success as a player has probably hurt his candidacy. But 2,438 points, a national championship and being regarded as one of the greatest free throw shooters in Big Ten history is a solid foundation for enshrinement.

Cheaney, who remains the Big Ten's all-time scoring leader (2,613 points) 31 years after his final game, was also the 1993 National Player of the Year. But like his fellow IU alumni, Cheaney's case is probably affected by a career NBA scoring

average of 9.5 points in 13 seasons.

**Starting fives** ESPN.com projects incoming 7-3 freshman center Daniel Jacobsen to be in the starting lineup when Purdue basketball opens the 2024-25 season.

Writer Jeff Borzello expects sophomore forward Camden Heide to also join returning starters Braden Smith, Fletcher Loyer and Trey Kaufman-Renn.

"The Boilermakers ... return one of the best backcourts in the country in Braden Smith and Fletcher Loyer," writes Borzello, who has Purdue 15th in his offseason Top 25 rankings. "Trey Kaufman-Renn is ready for a bigger role in the frontcourt. The key will be whether Smith and Loyer can take the jump from complementary to go-to players, and which reserve or freshman breaks out."

I'll disagree with Borzello's lineup. I foresee Myles Colvin as

a future star and plugging into the vacancy left by Lance Jones. Colvin could possibly be Purdue's No. 2 scorer this upcoming season behind Kaufman-Renn, who I project as the starting center.

Borzello has Indiana slotted 18th overall and second in the Big Ten with a projected lineup of transfers Oumar Ballo (Arizona), guards Myles Rice (Washington State) and Kanaan Carlyle (Stanford), and returning starters Malik Reneau and Mackenzie Mgbako. Again disagreeing slightly with Borzello, I expect Trey Galloway to retain his starting guard position.

UCLA (21st) and Rutgers (25th) round out the Big Ten teams in Borzello's rankings.

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