

TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

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Ask Rusty – Should I Retire at 65 or 67? And What About Earnings & Taxes?



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty:
I'm just trying to figure out how to determine whether to retire at 65 or 67 and, if I retire, approximately how much could I make outside of my Social Security without being overly taxed.
Signed: Thinking About Retiring

Dear Thinking:
Deciding when to retire is serious business, because it affects your future and what your retirement income will be going forward. Thus, it's good you are taking the time to fully understand your options, and we're happy to assist you with that. Here are some things which should help you decide whether to retire at 65 or 67:

Social Security benefits are subject to income tax (by the IRS) if your combined income from all sources (which includes your Adjusted Gross Income on your tax return, plus half of the SS benefits you received during the tax year) exceeds certain thresholds for your income tax filing status. If you file your income tax as

"married/jointly" and your combined income from all sources is more than \$32,000, then 50% of your received SS benefits are subject to income tax (at your normal IRS tax rate). But if your combined income as a married couple is more than \$44,000, then 85% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your taxable income. FYI, the taxation thresholds are lower for those who file taxes as an individual (\$25,000 and \$34,000 respectively).

Born in 1960 or later, your full retirement age (FRA) for Social Security's purposes is 67. If you claim SS benefits before your FRA, not only will your monthly amount be permanently reduced but you'll also be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn before they take away some of your benefits. The earnings limit changes annually, but for 2024 it is \$22,320

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6 Scams Every Older American Should Know About

(StatePoint) Amid technology advances enabling scammers to commit fraud, elders and their loved ones need to stay informed.

Typically, elder scams involve the transfer of money to a stranger or imposter for a promised benefit or good. In 2023, banks reported more than \$27 billion in suspicious activity related to elder scams, according to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, and reports filed by the public to the Federal Bureau of Investigation indicated an average loss of more than \$33,000 per case. And these numbers may be

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For Healthy Aging, Avoid These Common Obstacles to Good Nutrition

(StatePoint) Proper nutrition is critical to older adults' overall vitality, providing energy, helping to control weight, and even preventing and managing some diseases.

Unfortunately, 10% of older people don't eat enough, while one-third eat too much, according to HealthinAging.org, which is the Health in Aging Foundation's online public education resource. Such nutritional imbalances may

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Meet Today's Subject – Karen Says Movie Star Material



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

When I saw a picture of this lady (thanks to Andy R) I thought, "Movie star!" Adding her unique name, Vashti, I was convinced that was her role; but alas, I was cued incorrectly. She was born 18 May 1908 in Coal Creek Township and is buried there as well but had adventures in other places!

The only daughter of one of my favorite local doctors, Frank Delahunt Allhands and his wife, Georgia Goodwin, she was in the middle of the Allhands' four sons, Dallas Goodwin (one of the two big boo-boos regarding this family on FindAGrave as the picture on his memorial has a picture of a nice-looking girl – Vashti, I'm fairly sure) who went to Belleview, Washington where he was an engineer for the American Pipe Co and Lockheed. Two sons, Hadley and Keith. The other error is that Vashti's married name is misspelled on her tombstone, saying Nannet. Oddly, she was often found in newspaper articles spelled that way, too.

Vashti's next brother, Tyler, after whom she'd name her own son lived in Oregon, AZ and Urbana teaching school 45 years. No children but married to Jessie Voigt 40 plus years.

Vashti was next of the Allhands' children – she, like the boys, attended Wingate HS. They were involved in the Methodist Church there, as well. More later!

Brother Franklin Delahunt Allhands was next, born 1910 and graduated from Indiana State holding the 440 state record in dash for a decade. He taught and coached in Coal Creek Township for almost three decades, plus 10 years in Florence, AZ. He married local gal Regina Herron together 61 years before her death. They were parents of four children Franklin, Philip, Joyce and Carolyn.

Garner Dunn was Doc's last child born 3 January 1918 but sadly died that March on the 10th with bronchial pneumonia. Rest in peace, 'lil fella!

As some of the brothers did, Vashti went west to college,

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Smoking leads to wrinkles.

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

"For success, attitude is equally as important as ability."
Walter Scott

THREE THINGS You Should Know

- 1 Going to the State Fair? Check out the Indiana Grown Marketplace. It will have hundreds of products representing over 90 Hoosier businesses in the Mercantile building, formerly known as the Agriculture/Horticulture building. It's located to the right of the Midway on the west side of the fairgrounds. The Indiana State Fair runs from Friday, Aug. 2 through Sunday, Aug. 18 (closed Mondays)
- 2 The Republican, Democratic, and Libertarian candidates for Indiana governor have agreed to meet Oct. 24 in a televised debate organized by the Indiana Debate Commission. The debate among Mike Braun (R), Jennifer McCormick (D), and Donald Rainwater (L) will be broadcast live at 7-8 p.m. from the WFYI public television station in Indianapolis. Commission member Laura Merrifield Wilson, a political science professor and host of WICR radio's "Positively Politics," will moderate the debate.
- 3 Indiana Grown and the Indiana Farmers Market Community of Practice (INFMP) is bring back the Indiana's Ultimate Farmers Market for a second year. This contest is a chance for customers across the state to vote for their favorite hometown farmers market to encourage local engagement and statewide recognition. Voting begins Monday and runs through Aug. 11 with the winner announced Aug.13.

TODAY'S JOKE

Why do ducks have tail feathers?
To cover their buttquacks.

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The panorama of sights, symphony of sounds and festival of flavors better known as the TASTE of Montgomery County, is scheduled for Aug. 24 at the wonderful General Lew Wallace Study & Museum. Tickets are \$8/adult (\$5 presale), \$3/student, children 6 and under are free. Food tickets are \$1/ticket, and no food item is more than 5 tickets.

The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank DAVID REEVES for subscribing!



Waveland Putting on Party Aug. 3



Photo courtesy Waveland Strong

The band Street Legal will be performing from 7-9 p.m. Bring your lawn chair and come out and show the veterans your support.

Waveland strong is continuing their summer events with a veteran's memorial event on Aug. 3. They are raising funds will benefit the town's veteran's memorial at the top of the town hill.

Proceeds of the events defray inspection costs of electric poles (veteran banners will be displayed here). New flags will represent the different branches of the military and outdoor electrical to light up the flags. A new metal bench will be located at the memorial. An engraved monument to honor the space force is also planned. All events will be taking place at the town park on Howard Street.

Breakfast will be served by the Waveland Volunteer Fire Department starting at 9 a.m. Biscuits and gravy will be served with a free will offering.

The registration for the UTV ride will begin at 10 a.m. and the price is \$20 per buggy. T-shirts will also be for sale. The ride will start at 11 a.m. and end at approximately 5 p.m. at the town park. The library will be hosting a blood donation from 11-3 at town park.

Following the ride there are several events planned for the evening. Beginning at 5 p.m. concessions will be served by Brown Lucky Leaf 4H Club. The special of the evening will be brisket sandwiches along with a full menu of your choosing. Come hungry

and support the 4H club. Sundae Sundays will be there serving ice cream. There will be vendors along the town park starting at 5 p.m. The cornhole tournament will begin at 6 p.m. The buy in is \$10 per person. Bring a partner and join the fun.

A silent auction with several items including Purdue football tickets, Colts football, Indiana State University football tickets, Holiday World tickets and much more. There will be a 50/50 raffle going on throughout the day and evening. Fifty percent will go to the veteran's memorial and fifty percent will go the winner.

Waveland Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a raffle for large flat screen televisions. One will be raffled at 5:30 p.m. with the other being raffled at 7 p.m.

For your entertainment the band Street Legal will be performing from 7-9 p.m. Bring your lawn chair and come out and show the veterans your support.

We are dedicated to supporting those that have served our country. We understand the importance of memorials and we want to ensure that we continue to honor our local heroes in our community.

For more information, please contact Any Isenberg at (765) 376-1591.

Emma Tyler of Crawfordsville Graduated from University of Tampa

Emma Tyler of Crawfordsville graduated from The University of Tampa. Tyler received a Bachelor of Science in Marketing BS.

The commencement ceremony honored 1,717

undergraduate and graduate candidates and included remarks by President Ronald Vaughn, alumni Marty Rifkin and Dr. Xavier Cannella, and the student challenge speaker.

National Night Out Event at Milligan Park Tuesday

On Tuesday, Montgomery County will host National Night Out at Milligan Park, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The event will stretch from the North Shelter to the South Shelter.

National Night Out is a completely free event. It is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, strengthen community spirit and police-community partnerships and bring people together to enjoy a night out engaging in enjoyable and healthy activities.

At this year's event, there will be free hotdog meals, free popcorn, exotic animals from Silly Safari, free child ID kits, fire trucks, police vehicles, a DJ, free bounce house and bounce house obstacle course, caricaturists, door prizes and much more. Organizers for the event ask that every child is accompanied by an adult.

Many community

agencies and businesses will be in attendance offering fun activities and giveaways for the children. It is still possible for a business, agency, or organization to participate in the event. Please contact Jane Christophersen at jane@mcysb.org to get details. It is also a chance for everyone to learn about the services that are available in Montgomery County.

National Night Out is brought to the community through the cooperation of many agencies and companies, including Firefly Children & Family Alliance, the Crawfordsville Fire Department and Police Department, the Montgomery County Sheriff Department, Valero Renewable Fuels, Drug Free Montgomery County Coalition and the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau.

Questions about this event can be directed to either the Youth Service Bureau at 362-0694, ext. 104, or jane@mcysb.org.

SWCD Job Open

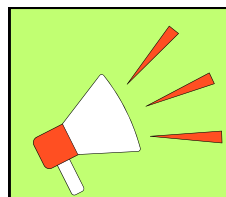
The Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District is hiring a Conservation Director.

The full-time job pays more than \$40,000 withy benefits. Interested applicants should send a resume,

cover letter and contact information for three references to Jordan Gillenwater, SWCD board chair, at gillenwaterjordan@gmail.com by Aug. 2. For more info, visit <https://montgomerycoswcd.com/we-are-hiring/>



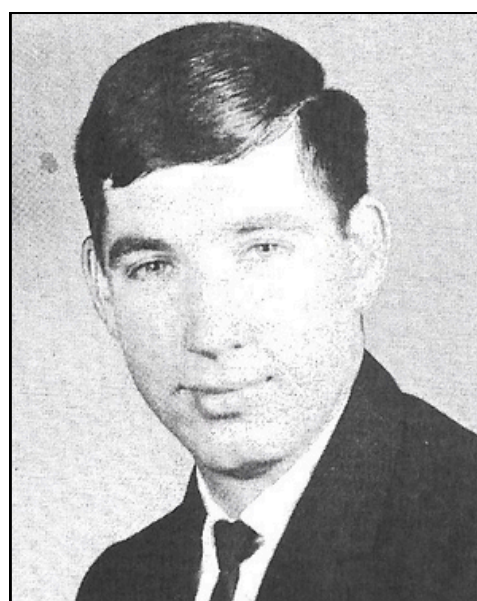
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Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This 1967 Waynetown Grad?

HINT:
 He was the center on the basketball team and a pitcher on the baseball team.

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BIRTH

Dawson Allen Martin came into this world on July 21 at 7:11 p.m. at Witham Maternity Center. The 8-pound, 11-ounce bouncing baby boy was born to Gracie and Brady Martin and is the couple's first child.

Maternal grandparents are Amanda and Travis Rodgers and paternal grandparents are Danielle and Damien Edmonds. The maternal great-grandparents are Donald and Michaela Rodgers and the paternal great-grandparents are John and Linda Cunningham.

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(future year’s limits will be a bit higher each year). If your work earnings exceed the annual limit, Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. They take away by withholding future benefits for as many months as necessary for them to recover what you owe for exceeding the annual limit. FYI, the limit goes up during the year you attain FRA, and the earnings test no longer applies after you reach your full retirement age.

If you claim SS before your FRA, your monthly amount will be permanently reduced. If you claim at age 65, you will get about 87% of the amount you would get by waiting until age 67 to claim. If you claim at age 66, your monthly amount would be about 93% of your FRA entitlement and, by claiming at 67 you’ll get 100% of the benefit you’ve earned from a lifetime of working. The reductions for early claiming are permanent reductions, except for the annual cost of living adjustments (COLA). Note that you can also delay longer than your FRA to get an even larger benefit amount (you can delay up to age 70 when your maximum benefit is reached). Just remember, the earnings test (as

described above) will apply if you claim SS before your FRA and you are still working.

If your plan is to continue to work full time, be aware that if you claim early SS and significantly exceed the annual earnings limit, you may even be temporarily ineligible to collect SS benefits. If your work income is high enough that the penalty for exceeding the earnings limit is more than SS can recover through withheld benefits in one year, they will tell you that you’re unable to collect benefits at this time (until you either earn less or reach your FRA).

So, deciding whether to claim Social Security at 65 or 67 is your personal choice and, hopefully, the above provides the information you need to make an informed decision.

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conservative, as elder fraud cases may be underreported.

One technology behind these staggering figures is artificial intelligence (AI). Advanced methods of masking one’s identity using AI make it difficult to detect fakes. Voice print – or voice clone – scamming is becoming more of an issue when it comes to impersonation fraud. Using voice clips from social media or by calling and having a brief conversation with someone, criminals can generate an imitation to be used as part of their ruse. “Older adults are often easier prey for these types of fakes, because a recognized voice when applied to certain scam strategies is often enough to elicit action,” says Mark Kwapiszeski, head of Enterprise Fraud at PNC.

Two Scam Strategies to Watch For

Most scams targeting elders generally follow one or two main strategies: 1) elicit strong feelings and apply a sense of urgency to get someone to act quickly before thinking, and/or 2) entice someone with an offer that seems too good to be true, yet too alluring to pass up. Here are some of the more common types of elder scams:

Scams That Apply a Sense of Urgency:

- Tech Support. Someone will claim they need to remotely access the victim’s computer to fix a software problem, then use that access to steal personal or financial information.

- Government Imposter. The fraudster may tell the victim they owe a debt that must be paid immediately or face arrest, asset seizure or termination of benefits.

- Grandparent. An elaborate story is given by phone and sometimes involves a voice print of an actual grandchild, claiming a loved one is in trouble and needs money to be protected.

Scams That Offer Something Too Good to Be True:

- Investment. The scammer makes claims of a high-return investment to trick the victim into giving them money, often asking to be paid in an unconventional way,

like cryptocurrency, where there’s little to no chance of recovering the funds.

- Romance. The scammer develops a fake identity and creates the illusion of a romantic relationship to manipulate or steal from the victim.

- Lottery/Sweepstakes. Scammers make contact by phone or mail to tell the victim they’ve won the lottery or a sweepstakes but claim the elder has to remit a processing fee before they can get their prize.

Take Protective Measures and Stay Alert

The most effective way of preventing fraud is to pause when being rushed and take time to verify the legitimacy of both the person making contact and their claims. To reduce the odds of your voice being cloned, experts suggest exercising caution when speaking on the phone with strangers. If someone unfamiliar contacts you, disconnect from the original communication channel, verify their identity, then attempt to make contact through a different channel. For instance, hang up the phone, get a number for the company, government agency or family member from a trusted source (such as a company’s official website) and use that to call back and verify.

When it comes to scammers that establish a relationship over time, verify legitimacy using third-party resources before investing. Be leery of anyone asking for nontraditional payment forms, and when logic may be clouded by romantic feelings, confide in someone you trust for an objective opinion.

To learn more about cyber fraud, visit PNC Bank’s Security & Privacy Center for educational resources.

If you believe you or someone you love has been a victim of fraud, contact the Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime’s National Elder Fraud Hotline website or call 1-833-FRAUD11.

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be due to the range of common obstacles some people face as they age, including changing tastes, dental problems and difficulty accessing healthy foods.

“Charles,” a Cigna Healthcare Medicare Advantage (MA) customer, had several health issues when he was introduced to a nutrition program available through his MA plan. Through the program, he worked with a registered dietitian, started working out, and lost nearly 50 pounds. These changes fueled him to tackle additional health goals, including getting mental health support and assistance improving his sleep.

MA plans, like those offered by Cigna Healthcare, include “extra benefits” not available through Original Medicare. The Cigna Healthcare MA nutrition program is one of those extras, and it primarily supports older adults with a body mass index below 22 or above 40, those with chronic diseases like diabetes and kidney disease, and those with low fruit and vegetable intake. Through the program, registered dietitians provide customers with dietary advice that can help them improve their health.

“We offer information, education and resources that are different for everybody and not restrictive,” explained Robin Neal, RD, one of the program’s dietitians. “The goal is to provide skills and tools so individuals can self-manage their diet after the program ends.”

Neal said results often include weight loss and improved blood sugar readings, such as those Charles experienced.

Of course, program advice varies by individual and their unique nutritional needs, but some tips everyone can benefit from include the following:

Get your nutrients. According to the National Council on Aging, older adults should eat a variety of foods to get all the nutrients they need, including lean protein for muscle mass, as well as fruits and vegetables, whole grains and low-fat dairy. Choose foods with little to no added sugar, saturated fats and sodium. For an example of what a healthy plate looks like, visit myplate.gov.

Stay hydrated. Drink water often to aid

digestion. Limit beverages with lots of added sugars or salt.

Visit the dentist. If you’re having trouble chewing, visit your dentist. They may be able to help. For instance, if you have ill-fitting dentures, chewing can be improved and more comfortable with a better fit. Additionally, choosing softer foods, such as canned fruit, soups or tuna, may help. Dental visits are a covered benefit in many Medicare Advantage plans.

Follow food safety guidelines. Food not prepared properly can make you sick. Because those with weakened immune systems are vulnerable to foodborne illnesses, it’s especially important for older adults to follow food safety guidelines. If you have any doubt about a food’s safety, throw it out.

Limit salt. Too much sodium can increase the risk of high blood pressure, heart attack and stroke. To stay heart healthy, ask your doctor for guidance on recommended daily sodium limits based on your health status and check food labels for sodium content. Cook more meals at home using lower sodium ingredients and avoid processed foods. Flavor dishes with herbs and spices.

Seek assistance if needed. Take advantage of MA plan benefits that can help you secure healthy foods, like transportation or grocery cards. Additionally, there are local and national programs to help those on limited incomes with nutritious food costs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). To learn about assistance available in your area, visit cignacommunity.findhelp.com.

To find MA plans offered in your area, visit Medicare.gov. For information on Cigna Healthcare plans, visit CignaMedicareInformation.com.

“By devoting your time and attention to eating well, you’ll not only be able to maintain a healthy body weight, but you can also reduce your risk of chronic disease and maintain your overall vitality as you age,” said Neal. “And, of course, if you have any questions about your health, you should always talk to your doctor.”

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Montgomery County Commissioners, by and through the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County, Indiana; hereinafter referred to as the OWNER, will receive sealed bids for the following project:

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS

Proposals may be forwarded individually by registered mail or delivered in person, addressed to the Montgomery County Commissioners, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, prior to 8:00 a.m., August 26, 2024. Bids received after the 8:00 a.m. deadline will not be considered but will be returned to the bidder unopened.

All proposals will be received by the OWNER at a public meeting held in the Community Meeting Room of the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, and opened and read aloud at 8:00 a.m. local time, August 26, 2024.

The work to be performed and the proposals to be submitted shall include a bid for all general construction, labor, material, tools, equipment, taxes, permits, licenses, insurance, service costs, etc. incidental to and required for this project.

The Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, are on file in the Office of the Montgomery County Building and Zoning Office, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Plans and Specifications may be reviewed during regular County business hours.

Contractors interested in bidding and/or reviewing this project may obtain copies of the Contract from ReproGraphix Inc., 437 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 637-3377, in either printed or electronic form, by registering as a plan holder and placing online orders <http://www.eplanroom.reprographix.com>. Contract documents can be provided in PDF or hard copy format for a non-refundable fee per set. Contact ReproGraphix for pricing. Partial sets will not be available. The Architect/Engineer for this project is, DLZ Indiana LLC, 138 North Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Contact information for RFI’s and/or product substitution requests can be made by contacting Henry Stellema at hstellema@dlz.com. Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of drawings and Contract Documents and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of drawings and Contract Documents.

Each proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, bearing the title of the project, bid opening date and the name and address of the bidder firmly affixed. The Bid documents to be thus submitted by each bidder shall consist of all of the documents listed in section 5.3 of the Instruction to Bidders. The bidder shall affix identifying tabs to the following sheets of each proposal:

- Bidder’s Itemized Proposal and Declarations
- Bid Bond
- Standard Questionnaire and Financial Statement

Each individual proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable Bidder’s Bond, made payable to the Montgomery County Auditor, in a sum of not less than five percent of the total amount of the proposal, which check or bond will be held by the said Montgomery County Auditor as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded a contract, enter into the same with the OWNER upon notification from them to do so within ten days of said notification. Failure to execute the contract and to furnish a performance bond as required will be cause for forfeiture of the amount of money represented by the certified check, or bidder’s bond, as liquidated damages. The Commissioners at their discretion reserve the right to waive any and all informalities in the bidding. All bids submitted shall be valid for 90 days from the opening of the bids.

Montgomery County reserves the right to ask for clarification for any bid submitted. The specification herein states the minimum requirements. It shall be the Bidder’s responsibility to carefully examine each item of the specification. Any bid not in substantial compliance with these specifications will be rejected. It will be the responsibility of the Bidder to conform to the requirements unless deviations have been specifically cited by the Bidder and acceptance made on the basis of the exception.

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Key College Football Games to Watch in Big Ten This Year



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Now a conference so big it takes three days to hold its annual preseason football media gathering, the Big Ten (plus 8) won't be difficult to find on your television sets or computers starting next month.

Beginning with the weekend of Aug. 29-31 and past Thanksgiving, the Big Ten will be found on the Fox networks (including Big Ten Network and FS1), NBC (and the dreaded Peacock streaming service) and CBS every Saturday. Like the NFL, the Big Ten is also creeping into Thursdays and Fridays. Eventually, don't be surprised if the Big Ten and its benefactors find a way to have league games at noon, 3:30, 7 and 10 p.m. every Saturday.

Here's a capsule look at some of the games to watch this fall.

Aug. 29-31 North Carolina at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Aug. 29 (Fox) – The Gophers should be motivated after last year's 31-13 loss in Chapel Hill. Minnesota has a lot to prove after sliding to its first non-COVID losing record (6-7) under P.J. Fleck. New Hampshire transfer quarterback Max Brosmer hopes to boost one of the nation's worst passing offenses in 2023.

Florida Atlantic at Michigan State, 7 p.m. Aug. 30 (BTN) – Former Oregon State coach Jonathan Smith makes his Big Ten debut with a lot of other new faces dressed in green and white. Like many in the Big Ten, the Spartans will start a transfer quarterback in Aidan Chiles, a backup last season at Oregon State

Penn State at West

Virginia, Noon Aug. 31 (Fox) – The good news for coach James Franklin is that he can't finish third in the Big Ten East Division behind Michigan and Ohio State any longer. The bad news is that the expanded College Football Playoff raises the pressure to make the 12-team field. That pressure will be multiplied if the Nittany Lions slip up against a West Virginia team coming off a nine-win season.

Fresno State at Michigan, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 31 (NBC) – Fresno State is reeling from the unexpected retirement two weeks ago of coach Jeff Tedford for health reasons. First-year Michigan coach Sherrone Moore went 4-0 last season during Jim Harbaugh's suspensions.

Sept. 7 Texas at Michigan, Noon (Fox) – Back-to-back tests for the Wolverines, who only have five returning starters from their national championship team. Also a big game for the Longhorns who have developed a reputation for underperforming expectations in recent seasons.

Iowa State at Iowa, 3:30 p.m. (CBS) – First one to 14 may win this annual rivalry game. Former Purdue assistant Tim Lester takes over the Iowa offense, in name anyway. The Cyclones' most recent visit to Iowa City, in 2022, resulted in a 10-7 victory.

Kansas at Illinois, 7 p.m. (FS1) – This isn't the automatic win some thought in Champaign when this game was scheduled. Jayhawks won last year's matchup 34-23 on the way to a 9-4 record.

Colorado at Nebraska, 7:30 p.m. (NBC) –

Nebraska fans watching on TV will get tired of seeing Deion Sanders on their screens during most dead ball moments. They will like what five-star freshman quarterback Dylan Raiola does to the porous Colorado defense.

Sept. 14 Alabama at Wisconsin, Noon (Fox) – The home crowd may be worth a touchdown to the Badgers. If Miami transfer Tyler Van Dyke and running back Chez Mellusi have big days, this could be the upset of the season.

Notre Dame at Purdue, 3:30 p.m. (CBS) – The battle for the Shillelagh Trophy returns to West Lafayette for the first time since 2013. It's also a homecoming for Notre Dame head coach Marcus Freeman, offensive coordinator Gerad Parker and special teams coordinator Marty Biagi, all of whom were former Boilermaker assistants. Purdue has not beaten the Fighting Irish since 2007.

Indiana at UCLA, 7:30 p.m. (NBC) – Following DeShaun Foster's less-than-impressive press conference performance Wednesday in Chicago, I get the feeling Indiana will be more prepared to win under fellow first-year coach Curt Cignetti.

Sept. 20-21 Illinois at Nebraska, 8 p.m. Sept. 20 (Fox) – This could be a swing game in the bowl hopes for both schools.

Southern Cal at Michigan, 3:30 Sept. 21 (CBS) – The fourth of five consecutive home games to open the season, Michigan can establish itself as a playoff contender with a victory. The Trojans can do likewise in their first official Big Ten game.

Sept. 28 Nebraska at Purdue, noon (TV to be determined) – Maybe the game of the season for the Boilermakers, whose ridiculous scheduling has turned their Big Ten opener into a must-win to have any hopes for a bowl game.

Maryland at Indiana, TBA – The Hoosiers have a realistic chance to be 5-0 after this game.

Oct. 4-5 Michigan State at Oregon, 9 p.m. Oct. 4 (Fox) – First-year MSU coach Jonathan Smith renews his rivalry with the Ducks.

Michigan at Washington, TBA – Two far different teams than the schools that battled for the national championship a year ago. The hype will be nearly the same.

Oct. 12 Ohio State at Oregon, TBA – An NFL scout's delight with possibly a half dozen or more potential first-round picks playing. This could also be the preview of the first Big Ten Championship game since the league expanded to 18 and ended divisional play.

Purdue at Illinois, TBA – Round 2 between Bret Bielema and his former defensive coordinator, Ryan Walters. Purdue has the better quarterback in Hudson Card and Walters knows Bielema's offense well enough to come up with a winning scheme.

Penn State at Southern California, TBA – It's the beginning of a pivotal four-game stretch for the Nittany Lions, who also must play at Wisconsin before hosting Ohio State and Washington.

Oct. 18 Oregon at Purdue, 8 p.m. (Fox) – The

Boilermakers get a chance at their biggest victory since Ohio State in 2018. Coincidentally, it's Hammer Down Cancer night and a reminder of Tyler Trent's courageous battle six years ago.

Oct. 26 Michigan State at Michigan, TBA – Spartans coach Jonathan Smith is introduced to a rivalry more fierce than Oregon State-Oregon.

Penn State at Wisconsin, TBA – Beware Nittany Lions if this game is played at night.

Nov. 2 Oregon at Michigan, TBA – The Wolverines can't afford a post-rivalry game letdown because the Ducks can put up points in a hurry.

Ohio State at Penn State, TBA – This game could determine one of the Big Ten Championship game slots.

Nov. 9 Washington at Penn State, TBA – The last major challenge for the Nittany Lions before closing out the month with trips to Purdue and Minnesota followed by Senior Day against Maryland.

Nov. 16 Penn State at Purdue, TBA – The Boilermakers have lost 10 in a row to Penn State since a 20-13 victory in 2004.

Oregon at Wisconsin, TBA – Bring lots of portable heaters, Oregon. At least this won't be played at 7:30 because NBC is obligated to televise Florida State at Notre Dame.

Nov. 23 Southern California at UCLA, TBA – The Trojans and Bruins have split the last six games in this Los Angeles rivalry.

Nov. 29-30 Nebraska at Iowa, 7:30 Nov. 29 (Fox) – The Hawkeyes have won nine of the last 11 meetings. The five most recent victories in the series have come by a combined 22 points.

Michigan at Ohio State, noon Nov. 30 (Fox) – Ohio State coach Ryan Day may not get a chance to lose a fifth consecutive game to the Wolverines if he doesn't win this season. Those three losses to Michigan are his only Big Ten defeats in 42 games entering this season.

Purdue at Indiana, Nov. 30, TBA – There's a chip on each Boilermaker shoulder, coach Ryan Walters said this week. One is for the media picking Purdue to finish dead last. The second is courtesy of new Indiana coach Curt Cignetti, who shortly after being hired declared that "Purdue sucks." Will both schools be playing for bowl eligibility?

Notre Dame at Southern California, Nov. 30, TBA – At least some traditions remain in college football. These programs have combined for 24 national championships and 15 Heisman Trophy winners. Southern California has the most victories against Notre Dame with 38, but the Fighting Irish have won five of the last six.

Washington at Oregon, Nov. 30, TBA – The Huskies have a three-game winning streak in the series, each decided by three points.

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graduating from Flagstaff AZ State Teacher's College at age 25. She immediately began her teaching career with the Casa Grande school system and was not only a popular instructor but a well-loved person as well, making many friends.

Somewhere along the way, she met William Horace Nanney, born in Snyder, OK 17 June 1906 to Calvin Lafayette and Stella (Watkins) Nanney. On Calvin's draft card it was noted that he was a complete deaf mute; however, he was highly intelligent and Stella was always by his side.

"Willie" as William Horace was called married Vashti on the 8th day of February 1935 in Florence – they wed at good friends, the CA Clements who served as witnesses on the marriage license, the wedding performed by Rev. SB Hannah, there being just the five present. It was quite a shock, but a pleasant one to all their friends. Willie was sales manager with a large Chevy dealer in Casa Grande.

They had two children born to them, Tyler in Culver Hospital as they came home for support from her father, she 27, he 30 at Tyler's birth. Speaking of Culver, this young man graduated from Culver Academy, Purdue and studied jet engines in California. Daughter Donna Vashti grew-up in New Richmond, married twice and with her family moved to Durham NC where she taught children in the school's Deaf Education program bringing her own specialty to the children she so loved as she was born with a hearing impairment. I wonder if it was an inherited trait from her gpa' Nanney?

Donna was about a year and a half old, Tyler almost eight when their dad, Willie enlisted 7 Sept 1942 in the Air Corps, serving as a Sgt in the 3rd Air Depot. Sadly, on March 18th two years later, he died in Prodesh, India at the age of 37. He is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Newton, Kansas with a nice government stone that Vashti ordered for him. Of interest, a few months before his death, his nephew, Herman was KIA. Willie was described on his draft card as 5'10 1/2" tall, 150#, with gray eyes, brown hair and

sallow complexion. Not sure when Vashti and the children came back home again to Indiana, but they lived with her parents while Willie was in the service and at Christmas time Vashti, her mother and Tyler were all deathly sick with influenza, Tyler sick for a whole six weeks and they were in the 1950 census and on until her parents' deaths. In April 1947, she and Donna were in the Arizona Sun newspaper telling of Donna receiving a hearing aid which was provided to her because of Willie's war death. Vashti worked with hearing impaired children in several places in Indiana, including in 1951 at an Indianapolis Nursery School. She loved her work and said that any deaf child can learn to read lips and learn to talk intelligently. Vashti said teaching the children was difficult and painstaking but paid tremendous dividends seeing them go on to accomplish so much in life.

She and brother Frank were co-executors of their mother's estate after their father had passed ten years earlier (Georgia running the farm on her own with help from the two children still here). They had multiple tractors, discs, harrows, wagons, many household items (refrigerator, kitchen cabinets, Speed Queen washing machine, hog feeders, gas stoves, hens' nests and egg baskets plus more). JD Campbell from Linden was the Auctioneer the sale held Nov 18, 1964. Vashti was working with the special needs children at that time in Jackson Twp, Tippecanoe County.

Sadly, Vashti spent the last five and a half years in Williamsburg Healthcare. She passed at age 89 (29 Sept 1997) with cancer. She was at that time a member of Woodland Heights Christian Church. Definitely, my message to her is to Rest In Peace, movie-star quality lady!

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2. Reading and Approval of minutes (Secretary)
3. Old Business
- IV. New Business
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 - Executive Session - Interviews
- V. Adjourn

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