

TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 37:5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

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Ask Rusty – I was Self-Employed and Don't Have Enough Credits for Social Security



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty:

For a thirty-year period, I was making a living as an independent contractor and freelancer. I was working on behalf of myself. Thus, I was only paying state and federal taxes when applied. Due to changes in the employment landscape, I wish to apply for benefits at age sixty-four, as receiving said SS benefits would serve as supplemental income to what I would be receiving from outside sources.

I recently discovered through the SSA that I do not have enough "points" to apply for Social Security benefits. What would be the method to obtain those required points in order to receive benefits?

Signed: Needing Points

Dear Needing:

Social Security is an earned benefit, and eligibility is attained by contributing to SS through FICA payroll taxes, or Self-Employment (SECA) tax on your net earnings from self-employment, over your lifetime. You must have at least 40 "quarters of credit" to be eligible for

Social Security benefits – essentially you must work one quarter of each year earning at least a specified amount during that quarter to earn one credit, and you can earn a maximum of 4 credits for each year you work. The amount of earnings per credit varies each year, but for 2024, work earnings of \$1,730 give you one credit (annual work earnings of \$6,920 earn 4 credits). Usually, you must contribute to Social Security for about 10 years to be eligible for benefits. You must have earned at least 40 quarter credits to collect Social Security retirement benefits/ If you have less than 40 you are not eligible for SS retirement benefits.

For self-employed individuals, SECA SS tax is paid when you file your federal income tax return - you pay into Social Security when filing your annual Self-Employment income tax return (the self-employed must pay both the employee and the employer portion of

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Stay Ahead of Medicare Fraudsters

(Family Features) Every day, criminals target older Americans with one goal – to steal their Medicare numbers and other protected health information. To fraudsters, this information is just as valuable as credit card information. These criminals steal Medicare numbers and unlawfully bill Medicare for medical services that were never provided to the patient or overbill for provided services.

When criminals commit fraud, and falsely bill Medicare, people's medical records may become inaccurate and they can suffer delayed or even be denied care. In the end, Medicare fraud costs taxpayers billions of dollars every year. Each dollar lost to fraud takes away resources intended for people with Medicare.

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Sharing First-Hand Accounts of Military Service

(Family Features) More than a century after the signing of the Treaty of Versailles ended World War I, stories told by American veterans who served during this pivotal time offer fascinating insights into this period.

To preserve and share history as it happened through the lens of those who lived it, the Library of Congress Veterans History Project (VHP) collects these stories, and the stories of veterans who followed.

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Fusion 54 Among Entities Getting Grants

Crawfordsville's Fusion 54 was among 32 community-led projects awarded more than \$1 million in grants to accelerate entrepreneurial activity and resources statewide by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

Fusion 54 will get \$20,000 for a program called Rally 2 Connect. The facility will host a series of events to serve as a beacon of connection for local leaders from surrounding counties and different local

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Besides Food, Taste Has Great Flavors of Music

The food won't be the only thing piping hot at the Taste of Montgomery County on the grounds of the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum Aug. 24. The music line-up is sizzling, too!

The Stampede String Band opens the day's entertainment playing from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. For over a decade, the Stampede String Band has earned a reputation for their hard-hitting acoustic performances, thoughtful lyrics, and powerhouse vocal harmonies. A taste of bluegrass and flat-picking sure to energize Taste attendees! You can check them out at www.thestampedestringband.bandcamp.com.

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Karen Gives Rave Review to Joy's Book



Bit of a twist on my column this week. Hope you enjoy! Well, as my readers probably figured, I read mainly nonfiction; however, I do love to read fiction if it's

historical fiction and the background is well researched. Our Montgomery Memories writer, Joy Willett pseudonym, JM Jacob) wrote Going Home. I got to read it during the writing and served as a proofreader and she recently sent me a completed version. I was impressed with her revisions. For instance, I told her she needed the son in it more and sure enough, he popped in there another time or two.

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Are you a "shoveler?" - put down your fork in between bites of food and chew your food thoroughly.

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

"Most men, when they are thinking, are merely rearranging their prejudices."
Knut Rockne

TODAY'S JOKE

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
August.
August who?
A gust of wind sure feels good on a hot day!

THREE THINGS You Should Know

1 Making whoopee may not be what you think. These whoopies are the real thing – genuine cookies filled with cream the way they were first made in Maine. They're called whoopie pies and they are Maine's official state treat. In fact, the Portland Sea Dogs baseball team, with the help of the bakers at Wicked Whoopie Pies, recently earned a page in the Guinness Book of World Record for making the longest line of whoopie pies consisting of no less than 2,121 whoopie pies.

2 The Cambridge Dictionary defines a pub crawl as "a visit to several pubs, one after the other, having a drink or drinks at each one." It's not for the faint of heart. Nonetheless, 69-year-old David Clarkson of Sydney, Australia recently earned a page in the Guinness Book of World Records by "drinking his way in and out of no less than 120 pubs in 24 hours. How did he do it? According to the Guinness judges: "Each visit had to incorporate a paid transaction for a beverage [non-alcoholic or alcoholic], as well as a minimum of 125 ml [milliliters] of liquid being consumed ... David notes that he consumed 20 liters of liquid in 24 hours, mostly consisting of soft drinks and juices."

3 How many tutu-clad ballerinas can fit in the ballroom of New York's Plaza Hotel? Enough to win the attention of the judges at the Guinness World Record-- 353 ballerinas, to be precise. The young dancers of the Youth America Grand Prix were "en pointe" – on their toes – and won the day and the Guinness prize. The organization's Sergey Gordeev explained that "the big why of why we're doing it is to really let the world know that dance is a healing force. Dance is a power that brings us connection at a time when we're so disconnected."

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Back-to-School Nutrition: Fueling Young Minds on a Busy Schedule



MONICA NAGELE
 Guest Columnist

As August rolls around, families are preparing for the hustle and bustle of a new

school year. Between juggling work, school activities, and daily routines, ensuring your child receives proper nutrition might seem like a daunting task. However, with a few simple strategies, you can fuel your child's body and mind for success, even on the busiest days.

Mornings can be chaotic, but starting the day with a healthy breakfast is crucial. Studies show that children who eat breakfast perform better academically and have improved concentration. To save time, consider preparing breakfast the night before. Overnight oats, fruit smoothies, or whole-grain muffins are quick and nutritious options that can be made in advance. If mornings are really tight, grab-and-go options like yogurt parfaits or a banana with peanut butter can still provide the energy your child needs to kickstart their day.

School days are long, and children need snacks to keep their energy levels up. Instead of reaching for sugary treats, opt for snacks that are high in protein and fiber, which help keep hunger at bay. Nuts, cheese sticks, fresh fruit, or veggie sticks with hummus are easy to pack and eat on the go. These snacks are also perfect for keeping in your bag for after-school activities.

A well-balanced lunch is key to keeping your child focused and energized throughout the day. Aim to include a mix of whole grains, lean proteins, and plenty of fruits and vegetables. Sandwiches on whole-grain bread, wraps filled with lean meats and veggies, or pasta salads with grilled chicken are all great options. Involving your child in the lunch-packing process can also be a fun way to teach them about healthy eating while ensuring they'll enjoy what's in their lunchbox.

During the hot August weather, staying hydrated is just as important as eating well. Encourage your child to drink water throughout the day by packing a refillable water bottle in their

backpack. If plain water isn't appealing, try adding slices of fruit like lemon or berries to add some natural flavor.

Busy schedules often mean eating on the run, but that doesn't mean you have to sacrifice nutrition. Plan ahead by keeping a stash of healthy snacks in your car or bag. Fresh fruit, trail mix, or whole-grain crackers are perfect for a quick bite between activities. For dinners, consider meal prepping on the weekends so that you have healthy options ready to go during the week.

Casseroles, stir-fries, or slow-cooker meals can be prepared in advance and heated up quickly after a long day.

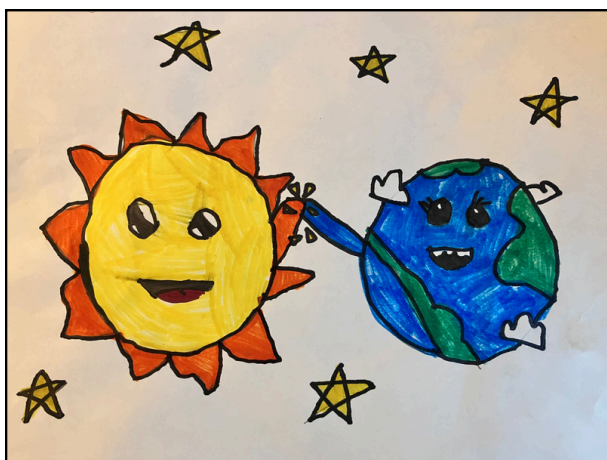
August is a great time to take advantage of seasonal fruits and vegetables. Fresh corn, tomatoes, berries, and peaches are abundant and can be easily incorporated into meals and snacks. Not only do they add flavor, but they also provide essential vitamins and nutrients.

Balancing work, school activities, and nutrition can be challenging, but with a bit of planning and creativity, it's entirely possible. By focusing on easy, nutritious options, you can ensure your child is well-fed and ready to tackle the school year with energy and enthusiasm.

Remember, every small step towards healthier eating habits is a step in the right direction.

Monica Nagele is the Purdue Extension Montgomery County Extension Director, Health and Human Science Educator

Art Exhibit Comes 'Home' to Carnegie Museum



Home will be on display through Saturday, Oct. 26, Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



The exhibit showcases 34 works of art created by 25 talented local artists and explores the complex meanings of home

Photos courtesy Carnegie Museum

The Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County has announced the opening of a temporary exhibit, *Home*. The exhibit will open with a public reception on Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

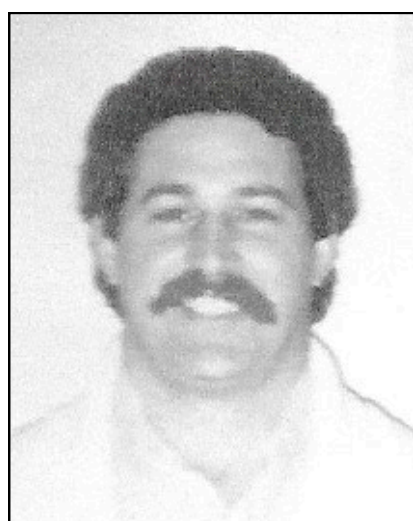
Home showcases 34 works of art created by 25 talented local artists. The exhibit explores the complex meanings of home – from the landscape and weather events around us to happenings that are unique to Indiana. The mixed media show features art by local amateur and professional artists.

Artwork includes works on paper and canvas, sculpture, mixed media assemblage, and photography, all celebrating home in our lives. Featured artists include Melissa Bernhardt, Will Bernhardt II, William Bernhardt III, Nina Cunningham, Correna

Gilstrap Vellner, Darla Goodrich, Alice Harpel, Brooke Harshbarger, Kathy Houghton, Alicia MacIsaac, Shari McCollough, Christina Melvin, John Oilar, Abigail Olmstead, Karen Patton, Casey Repasky, Marguerite Ross, Tenley Ryker, Jerry Smith, Marilyn Smith, Kathy Steele, Betsy Strain, Leslie Warren, Amy Westphal and David A. Wilson. Light refreshments will be served at the reception and *Home* will be on display through Saturday, Oct. 26.

The Carnegie Museum is located at 222 S. Washington St. in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville. Admission is free, and the museum is wheelchair and stroller accessible. The Carnegie Museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This Person?

HINT:
 This former Crawfordsville teacher and coach was an outstanding football player for Purdue.

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Playing from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. will be **The Moon Cats**. The **Moon Cats** are 4 guys who love the roots of rock & roll, legends like Elvis Presley, Bill Haley & the Comets, Little Richard, Chuck Berry, The Beatles, and The Who. With more than 50 years of stage experience between them, they have joined together to pay loving tribute to some of the greatest music in rock history. Along their rock & roll journey, some of the members have had the pleasure and honor of opening for acts like Mitch Ryder, Lou Christie, Mark Lindsay, Gary Lewis & the Playboys, **The Moon Cats** have appeared at venues such as the James Dean Festival, the the Indiana State Fair, the Honeywell Music Center Summer Concert Series, Hoosier Park Casino, Horseshoe Stage in Lucas Oil Stadium and now the TASTE of Montgomery County! For more information on the **Moon Cats**, go to www.mooncatsrock.com.

Finishing up the evening will be the outstanding **Michael Kelsey**, playing from 7 – 9 p.m. Kelsey has toured nationally with Blind Melon and Dishwalla and has opened for the Doobie Brothers, 38 Special, Rodrigo and Gabriella and the California Guitar Trio. His acoustic rock shows are spiced up with improvisational instrumentation and soulful vocals. His performances seamlessly blend diverse musical genres. **Kelsey** and his band deliver a mix of original compositions and carefully curated cover songs. He was the winner of Guitar Center's prestigious "Guitarmageddon" competition where he beat out over 3,000 or entrants. He is a virtuoso musician who will please and impress guests at the TASTE. For more information about Kelsey, visit www.michaelkelsey.com.

For more information and videos of performances by the 2024 musical lineup, visit the TASTE of Montgomery County's Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/tasteofmontgomerycounty>.

The TASTE! begins at noon on Saturday, Aug. 24, and runs until 9 p.m. Advance tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. Advance tickets may be purchased at Milligan's Gift & Flower Shop, Montgomery County Visitors & Convention Bureau, Crawfordsville Community Center and the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum until Friday, August 23. Admission on the day of the Taste is \$8 for adults and \$3 for students.

The Title Sponsors (to date) of this year's event are: Acuity Brands; Crossroads Furniture; Dr. Howard Miller; Hoosier Heartland State Bank; Market Street Wealth Management – Jessica Bokhart; Montgomery County Tourism Commission; Nucor Steel; The Paper of Montgomery County; Tri-County Bank & Trust. Contributing sponsors include: Allen Monument Company; Burkhardt Funeral Home; CEL&P; Christi Hubler Chevrolet; Cook Home Services; Henthorn, Harris & Weliever; Industrial Federal Credit Union; McGowan Insurance Group; nprint; Stevenson's Hardware; Valero Renewables Linden; Wabash College; Walden Transport & Recycle; and Crawfordsville Radio: WCDQ, WCVL, and WIMC. Supporting sponsors include: Arni's of Crawfordsville; Gobel, Justice & Pyle Attorneys at Law; Indiana American Water Co., Inc.; The Journal Review; Judith Kleine Architect; Juniper Spoon; Lakeside Book Company; Morrison Realty; Northridge Chiropractic; Pace Dairy; Rouff Mortgage; Sanders Funeral Care; and Town & Country Home Center. Come to the Taste and show these sponsors how much you appreciate their commitment to our community! For more information, visit www.TasteOfMontgomeryCounty.com.

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Social Security tax). If you did not file an income tax return for each year over your lifetime you were self-employed, you didn't earn any SS credits for that year. You pay SECA tax on your NET earnings from self-employment (after all business expenses are deducted).

If you are just a few credits short of the 40 necessary to be eligible for benefits, you can still earn those extra credits needed by working and paying SS FICA or SECA taxes on your work earnings. For each \$1,730 earned this year, you will earn one SS credit, up to a maximum of 4 per year. But you must contribute to Social Security from those earnings – if you work as a company employee you will have FICA taxes withheld from your earnings, and if you are still self-employed you would need to pay SECA taxes on net earnings over \$6,920 when you file your self-employment income tax return. You would need to do that for as long as it takes for you to attain the minimum 40 quarter credits needed to be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits. (FYI: you cannot "buy" the extra points needed; you

need to earn them by working and contributing to Social Security from your earnings).

One final point: whenever SS benefits are claimed before one's full retirement age (FRA) Social Security's "earnings test" applies. The earnings test limits how much you can earn from working before some of your SS benefits are taken away. The earnings test no longer applies after you reach your FRA and, if you turned 64 this year, your FRA is 67. Self-employed individuals are also subject to an hourly limit of 15 to 45 working hours per month in their first year of early retirement.

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Protect Yourself Fraudsters are getting creative and new scams are continually emerging. The best thing you can do is beware of people who contact you for your Medicare number or other personal information. You may be contacted by phone, text or email by someone posing as a Medicare representative, a health care provider or even a medical equipment company. If someone you don't know asks for your Medicare number, hang up or delete the message – this is a scam.

Consider these tips to help protect yourself against Medicare fraud and stay one step ahead of fraudsters:

- Guard your Medicare card just like your Social Security card and credit card.
- Only share your Medicare information with your trusted health care providers.
- Be skeptical of free gifts, free medical services, discount packages or any offer that sounds too good to be true.
- Always check your Medicare claims statements to make sure they are accurate. Call 1-800-MEDICARE if you suspect you or Medicare has been billed for a service you did not receive.

Watch Out for Medicare Hospice Fraud

Beware of scammers offering older Americans in-home perks, like free cooking, cleaning and home health services, while they are unknowingly being signed up for hospice services. The scammers then unlawfully bill Medicare for these services in

your name.

Criminals are using every avenue they can to sign you up including door-to-door visits, false advertising, phone, text and email. Hospice care is for people who are terminally ill and only you and your doctor can make this serious decision if you need end-of-life care.

Remember this advice to avoid hospice scams:

- Your doctor is the only one who can certify you're terminally ill (with a life expectancy of 6 months or less). If you are not terminally ill, you should not receive hospice care.
- Never accept perks or gifts in return for signing up for hospice services.
- Medicare will never provide "free" services like housekeeping.
- Be suspicious if someone offers you free services like housekeeping or cooking in return for your Medicare number.
- Medicare will never come to your home.

Report Medicare Fraud Reporting Medicare fraud protects you and millions of other people with Medicare and those with disabilities. If you or someone you know has experienced Medicare fraud or suspect an offer you've received is a scam, report it as soon as possible. You will never be in trouble for reporting fraud.

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Veteran Sports Scribe Shares Notes From Purdue, IU, Big Ten and NFL



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

The Purdue ACL curse has now expanded into Boilermaker alumni in the NFL.

All-American wide receiver Rondale Moore of the Atlanta Falcons was lost for the season when he suffered a non-contact right knee injury during a joint practice Aug. 7 with the Miami Dolphins. Moore's injury led to the Falcons calling off the rest of practice. Moore, acquired from Arizona in the offseason, had been practicing with the first team when he was injured. Moore also was slated to be a significant player in the return game.

Moore is one of 16 former Purdue players on NFL rosters as of Aug. 14. Indiana has 14 alumni competing for roster spots.

Rookie running back Tyrone Tracy of Purdue avoided serious injury when he went down with a low ankle sprain during a New York Giants practice Aug. 13. Tracy was off to a good start in the preseason, rushing for 26 yards on five carries in a victory against Detroit.

"A lot of potential. It's been great," starting running back Devin Singletary said of Tracy to Athlon Sports. "Coming in as a rookie, playing the way he's been playing. I would say he hasn't really been playing like a rookie. He's been like a second- or third-year player, the way he's been performing. Of course, he still has room to grow, but he's off to a good start."

A similar story took place in Cincinnati Bengals camp when second-year wide receiver Charlie Jones banged knees with a teammate during practice last week. Bengals coach Zac Taylor told USA Today that the injury wasn't serious and that the former Purdue first-team All-Big Ten

receiver's status would be week to week.

Another ex-Boilermaker battling injury is Tampa Bay second-year tight end Payne Durham. Sports Illustrated Purdue writer Dustin Schutte reports that the severity of the knee injury suffered during practice Wednesday was unknown when this column was submitted.

Second-year quarterback Aidan O'Connell is battling former Colts QB Gardner Minshew for the starting job with the Oakland Raiders. Coach Antonio Pierce hopes to decide on a starter following Saturday's preseason game against Dallas.

Cornerback Cory Trice Jr. is on the comeback trail with the Pittsburgh Steelers after his rookie season ended with a torn ACL in 2023. The fifth member of Purdue's 2023 NFL Draft class, linebacker Jalen Graham, is back in camp with San Francisco.

Rookie Sanoussi Kane of the Baltimore Ravens was listed third on the depth chart at strong safety.

Miami running back Raheem Mostert is the elder of Purdue's NFL alumni, entering his 10th season with career totals of 3,513 rushing yards and 32 TDs.

Second on the experience list is Carolina cornerback Anthony Brown, who is attempting to complete a comeback from an Achilles injury suffered during the 2022 season. New England linebacker Ja'Whaun Bentley enters his seventh season with 66 starts, 497 tackles and 10 sacks to his credit. Fellow linebacker Derrick Barnes is coming off his best season with Detroit, collecting 80 tackles and a sack in 13 starts.

Markus Bailey is set to begin his fifth NFL season with a new team. The linebacker / special teams player

moved to Arizona after four seasons in Cincinnati. Bailey made four starts and collected 73 tackles during his time with the Bengals.

Kansas City defensive end George Karlaftis seeks to earn a third Super Bowl ring in as many NFL seasons. Karlaftis already has 16.5 career sacks in 31 regular season starts. Karlaftis' former teammate and fellow All-American David Bell is still seeking to establish himself at wide receiver with the Cleveland Browns. Bell has six career starts with 38 receptions for 381 yards and three touchdowns.

The long shot of the Purdue (and Indiana) alumni is cornerback Reese Taylor. Cut a year ago as a rookie by Kansas City, Taylor is getting a second chance with the Denver Broncos.

Preseason honors

Sophomore safety Dillon Thieneman is on the watch list for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, given to the national defensive player of the year. The Westfield graduate earned the Football Writers Association of America Defensive Freshman of the Year award as well as third-team All-America honors in 2023.

Thieneman set Purdue freshman records for interceptions (6) and tackles (74). ESPN, Walter Camp, Athlon Sports and Phil Steele are among the outlets listing Thieneman as a preseason Second-Team All-American.

Three-peat?

Jon Rothstein of CBS Sports and College Hoops Today projects Purdue to win its third consecutive Big Ten men's basketball championship in 2024.

First-team All-Big Ten guard Braden Smith of Westfield returns to the starting lineup alongside fellow junior



Dillon Thieneman

guard Fletcher Loyer and junior center Trey Kaufman-Renn. Rothstein predicts they'll be joined in the starting five by sophomores Myles Colvin and Cam Heide, a forecast that I agree with.

Smith also is Rothstein's choice for Preseason Big Ten Player of the Year honors. Kaufman-Renn is among Rothstein's 10 choices for breakout player of the year. Do not be surprised if the former Indiana Gatorade Player of the Year becomes Purdue's leading scorer in 2024-25.



Braden Smith

Indiana gets Rothstein's nod for second place, predicting transfers Myles Rice, Kanaan Carlyle and Oumar Ballo will join forwards Mackenzie Mgbako and Malik Reneau in the starting lineup. I'll disagree slightly in that I think veteran guard Trey Galloway is going to be difficult to displace.

Joining Smith on Rothstein's Preseason All-Big Ten first team are Ballo, Lafayette Jeff graduate Brooks Barnhizer of Northwestern, Bruce Thornton of Ohio State and Payton Sandfort of Iowa.

Rothstein's 15 Impact Big Ten freshmen includes 7-4 Purdue center Daniel Jacobsen and Indiana's Bryson Tucker. Illinois has four freshmen on the list: Will Riley, Kasparas Jakucionis, Tomislav Ivisic and Morez Johnson. The favorite for Big Ten Freshman of the Year is probably five-star recruits Dylan Harper and Ace Bailey of Rutgers.

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

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Home Prices Down in County

Good news for Montgomery County home buyers, prices came down in July.

According to a report from MIBOR – the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of Realtors – the median price of a home sold in July last year was \$220,000 in Montgomery County. Last month, that price dipped to \$180,000, an 11.3 percent drop. Apparently the buyers noticed as well because there were 47 sales closed in July. That is a whopping 38 percent increase over the 34 closed last year in the same time frame. Those sales also took less time as the average days on market dropped from 25 last year to 19 this year. In addition, total active listings skyrocketed in the county, going from 42 last July to 68 this July – a 62 percent spike.

Montgomery County's drop in price went

against the overall MIBOR region. Throughout MIBOR's 16 counties, the median sales price went up almost 2 percent for the same time period. This followed an all-time high price in June.

While Central Indiana hasn't shown a definitive shift yet, we are watching other markets throughout the country as national data shows market dynamics slowly moving in the buyer's favor," MIBOR CEO Shelley Specchio said in a press release. Overall in the MIBOR region, pending sales increased 2 percent and total active listings increased 24 percent.

MIBOR represents Realtors in Bartholomew, Boone, Brown, Decatur, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Jackson, Jennings, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Morgan, Putnam and Shelby counties.

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I complimented her on the beautiful cover and she said that's her niece – such a beautiful girl and that would be pretty exciting to be on the cover of a book.

Main character, Izzy was a slave, half white, beautiful and raised by Mama who loved her like a daughter but her real mother passed at Izzy's birth. Izzy grew up on the Jasper plantation and Mama was determined to keep Izzy away from the tobacco fields. That she did until Izzy made a crucial mistake and was sent out to pick in the fields. One of my favorite parts of the book then showed the enormity of tobacco fever.

I myself only know of two of my ancestors who owned slaves. One was Henry Sater born in Westbourne, England, came to Chestnut Ridge, (Baltimore County) Maryland and married Dorcas Towson. He built the first Baptist Church in Maryland which was still standing just a few years ago when I was lucky to see it. His slaves all had nice, small cabins where they lived and went to the Baptist Church with Henry and Dorcas. He treated them well in the mid 1700s. The other ancestor was more recent, William Thomas Morgan born in Kentucky County, Virginia 1766 and passed in Bath County, Kentucky in 1850. Married Sarah Cunningham who rode her horse alone at age 83 to see her family in Parke County. She passed shortly after arriving. William served as sheriff for 20 years and 13 years before his passing he emancipated his man "Gabriel" as he did not believe in slavery.

Izzy, however, was not so lucky and bad things were coming her way when she decided her only option was to flee. Hating to leave Mama, her fellow she was to marry and other friends, she knew it was the only choice! Off she went. She soon met an Indian warrior who befriended her. Love the interaction

between the two. It was to be a marriage but then something personal was discovered about Izzy and Onaona traded her to quite an unlikely in the form of a red-headed Scotsman.

Love was finally found by this young woman and much of the rest of the story shows this as one of the most amazing love stories ever. What he would do for her was non-stop. Their love for their two children was non-stop. Her love for him was non-stop and the story just keeps getting better. Many people, mostly good, a few bad are met by this interesting pair and their children as they live in Kentucky for some time then on to Southern Indiana. At the end of the story we finally discover what the African words Izzy said every night meant and she passes her mother's beads on to another she dearly loved!

If you're interested you can order it via Amazon here -- https://www.amazon.com/s?k=going+home+j.+m.+jacob&crd=389NBV3UV05DP&prefix=%2Caps%2C148&ref=nb_sb_ss_recent_2_0_recent

Certainly, it is a Great story! Going Home by JM Jacob. I loved it. When I can learn something about history, I'm all for it and I really enjoyed how Joy intertwined the Indian language and the English language together and complimenting each other, plus I loved learning about the osnaburg skirt and beehive oven. Historical stories are exceptional if you learn something new about history and if you feel like you knew the main characters. Joy accomplished both!

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The individual stories of many of the veterans involved have been lost to time; however, the program encourages military veterans to document their experiences via first-hand oral histories, photos or written accounts. The stories are then made accessible so current and future generations may better understand what veterans experienced during their service.

As time passes, new submissions from veterans who served in World War I have become increasingly rare, but occasionally, something special is uncovered, such as two submissions from Sherie Lockett: collections from her grandfathers, both African American World War I veterans.

Containing 34 original letters, Jessie Calvin Lockett's collection provides a unique insight into his experience serving in France as a stevedore, loading and unloading cargo ships.

The collection of Sherie Lockett's grandfather, Arthur Singleton, includes a unique find: a 105-year-old diary.

When Singleton joined the Army in 1918, he was assigned to the 803rd Pioneer Infantry Brigade, a segregated unit tasked with constructing and repairing infrastructure.

Singleton's diary is notably VHP's first written account from a Black soldier who served during World War I. Entries detail his time in service, from training at Camp Grant to enduring harsh conditions en route to

Europe aboard the USS Mannequin. He describes arriving in Scotland, traveling to France for further training and being sent to the front lines on Nov. 11, 1918, the same day the Armistice took effect.

His combat experience lasted only six hours, but his time in Europe extended beyond the ceasefire. Post-combat entries describe camping at Menil-La-Tour, receiving a promotion to Platoon Sergeant, recovering U.S. property from the trenches and visiting Paris.

He also candidly recounts instances of racism from fellow American troops while abroad – including being denied service at his base canteen and harassed out of a theater – and shared how his unit was assigned "background" work while white engineer units received recognition for digging trenches on the front lines.

Thanks to their granddaughter's donation of their letters and diary to the effort, VHP can share Jessie Lockett's and Singleton's experiences and perspective as Black soldiers during World War I. While the program requires first-hand submissions, the stories of veterans who served long ago and have already died still may be included through similar donations of diaries or pre-recorded videos.

To read more veterans' stories and learn more about how you or a loved one can contribute to the program, visit loc.gov/vets.

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entrepreneurs from the Montgomery County area. Through interactive sessions and collaborative workshops, attendees will have the opportunity to exchange ideas, share insights and forge partnerships that will drive collective growth and prosperity.

The grants totaled \$1.05 million from the new Community Collaboration Fund. This investment will help Fusion 54 and others focus on entrepreneurial education, connection and acceleration across Indiana, with a particular focus on underrepresented founders and underserved markets.

Indiana already ranks number two in the nation for starting a business, and these unique and collaborative projects are set to propel our entrepreneurial ecosystem to even greater heights," said Secretary of Commerce David Rosenberg. "Through the Community Collaboration Fund, we're accelerating 32 new projects aimed at filling critical gaps and providing more direct support and resources for our entrepreneurs and small businesses at

every stage of their journey, ensuring that all Hoosiers have the tools needed to innovate, grow and succeed."

CCF, launched in October 2023, is designed to foster Indiana's already strong entrepreneurial ecosystem. Under the leadership of Governor Eric J. Holcomb, Indiana ranks No. 2 in the U.S. for starting a business by Forbes, boasts one of the most active VC markets in the world, and has been recognized as a top-15 emerging North American destination for entrepreneurship by Startup Genome. The program provides matching grants to support new community collaborations, services and programming that will benefit Indiana's entrepreneurial ecosystem with a focus on education, connection and acceleration. After an initial pilot of the program, the IEDC received more than 80 applications for its 2024 CCF grants. From the submissions, 32 projects were chosen based on their ability to fill gaps across the entrepreneurial ecosystem, support non-traditional markets and collaborate across boundaries.

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Duties include, but are not limited to: successful recruitment of academically and athletically prepared volleyball student-athletes; the highest commitment to student-athlete health and well-being; and directing skill instruction and development. Adherence to institutional, conference, and NCAA Division III policies and procedures is required.

The position is a part-time stipend appointment, and not eligible for benefits. If interested, please upload a cover letter, resume, and contact information of three professional references by clicking on "apply now" at www.wabash.edu/employment.

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