

TODAY'S VERSE

Philippians 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.

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Ask Rusty – Widow's Benefits vs. Ex-Spouse Benefits



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty:
In November I will be 60 and eligible for widow's benefits. My late husband's Social Security was approximately \$2,300 when he passed around 7 years ago. FYI, my ex-husband is still working and will probably receive the highest SS when he retires in about 5 years (we were married for more than 10 years). Either of these is more than my own Social Security will be, so how does this work? Will this turn into my Social Security? Can I start on one and switch to the other later?

Signed: Wondering Widow

Dear Wondering Widow:
Provided you have not remarried before age 60, you have a choice which benefit to receive – either your deceased husband's benefit as his surviving spouse, or your ex-spouse benefit from your ex-husband while he is still living. Taking your survivor benefit from your deceased husband will likely be best because it is based on 100% of his SS amount when he died, whereas your ex-spouse benefit from your living ex-

husband is based on 50% of his FRA entitlement. To get an ex-spouse benefit from your ex-husband (which you can't get until you are 62), your own SS retirement benefit would need to be less than 50% of your ex's FRA entitlement.

As you know, you will be eligible for survivor (widow's) benefits from your deceased husband when you are 60 but be aware that by taking your survivor benefit at 60, it will be reduced for early claiming. Rather than 100% of your husband's SS benefit, at age 60 you will get about 71.5%. Your surviving spouse benefit reaches maximum at your full retirement age (FRA) of 67 and will grow to that point but will be reduced if taken prior to that.

Also, if you are working, Social Security's "earnings test" will apply until you reach your full retirement age, so your plans for working may influence your decision on when to claim your widow's benefit. If you exceed the earnings

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AARP Indiana Interview Gubernatorial Candidates'

AARP Indiana released the general election edition of its video series entitled "AARP Asks the Candidates" featuring the three candidates for Governor: Sen. Mike Braun, Jennifer McCormick, and Donald Rainwater. The videos are part of AARP Indiana's continued efforts to ensure 50-plus voters know where candidates stand on the issues.

AARP Indiana will be posting the "AARP Asks the Candidates" series online, as well as promoting the guides through a variety of ways, including email, social media, and our network of volunteers.

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Golden Gigs: Indiana Seniors Side Hustle Worth \$1.8 Billion Per Year, Study Finds

As retirees step into their golden years, many might picture themselves tending to gardens, embarking on long-awaited travels, or savoring precious moments with family. However, a new trend is transforming the traditional notion of retirement: the rise of the side hustle. Driven by the need to stay mentally active or to supplement their retirement income, an increasing number of

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C'ville Ranks Nationally In New Study



Graphic image courtesy City of Crawfordsville / Sarah Sommer

Crawfordsville, long known as the Athens of the Indiana and home to one of the biggest selling books of all time, has another feather in its illustrious cap.

Heartland Forward, a think tank resource for communities in the middle of the country, just released a report that studies 527 micropolitan areas in the U.S. and ranked Crawfordsville 60th in the nation and second in Indiana for economic strength and future potential.

"This ranking is a reflection of our commitment to sustainable growth, innovation, and the continued efforts of our local industries and workforce," Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton said. "Crawfordsville is a vibrant community, and we are honored to be recognized as one of the nation's most dynamic micropolitans."

Heartland's 2024 Most Dynamic Micropolitans report looked at the economic strength and future potential of communities with populations between 10,000 and 50,000 residents. The study focused on the time period since the COVID-10 pandemic.

The city said that the report clearly recognized Crawfordsville and Montgomery County's resilience and adaptability – two facts that became

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Chamber Hits Record Membership

The good news just keeps on rolling for the Crawfordsville | Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. Executive Director Stacy Sommer and Assistant Director, KyLee Risner, along with the Chamber Board of Directors, Chamber Ambassadors, and active members, just announced that membership has surpassed 400 active memberships. That is an increase of more than 120 over the span of two-and-a-half years since Sommer and new leadership came on board in 2022.

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Pregnant women can get the flu vaccine.

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

- The Indianapolis International Airport is the latest stage to showcase Greenwood miniaturist Jimmy Landers' amazing replica art. Landers' intricate replica of President Benjamin Harrison's residence will be on exhibit at the Indy airport through Jan. 6, 2025, in Civic Plaza. The Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site is recognized as one of the top 5 "Things to Do" in Indianapolis by TripAdvisor. Landers' replica of the 23rd president's home is nearly six feet long by three feet wide, and four feet tall.
- The state broke ground on the Ohio River Crossing project in Evansville this week. INDOT is overseeing this project, with construction beginning later this month and continuing through 2026. The \$202 million dollar project is fully funded. I-69 ORX Section 3 focuses on the approach roadways and bridges that will provide all-weather construction access to the river to build the future I-69 river crossing.
- As the excitement of summer fades, the onset of cooler weather can leave many people feeling a bit down. September often brings a mix of emotions and a recent survey by our friends at Mission Connection involving 3,000 respondents, sought to uncover the September events that Hoosiers most look forward to as a way to lift their spirits. The top three events that emerged are an end-of-summer road trip, fall foliage viewing and harvest festivals. Sounds about right, don't you think?

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TODAY'S QUOTE

"Be where you are; otherwise you will miss your life."
Buddha

TODAY'S JOKE

What is the best book to read in autumn?
Gourd of the Rings.

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Franciscan Health Crawfordsville, the Montgomery County Health Department and Safe Kids Greater Lafayette have scheduled a car seat safety clinic on Saturday, Sept. 28 at Crawfordsville Fire Station 2 (1509 E. Main St.) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every participating family will receive a \$10 gas gift card (one per vehicle). The child must be present for the car seat inspection. The only exception is if someone is expecting a child. Qualified families may receive a new car seat (certain restrictions apply).

Register online at <https://franciscanhealthcare.formstack.com/forms/carseat> as space is limited. For more information, call (765) 449-5133.

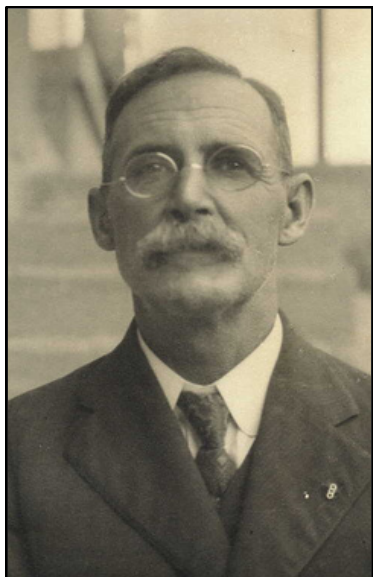


Meet Another of Karen's Favorite Subjects: A Good Doctor



KAREN ZACH
 Around The County

Some of my readers may have noticed that writing about doctors is one of my favorite topics; thus today, you'll read about a new one I'm fairly sure I've not tackled before. Meet Montgomery-born, William Gray Swank, son of Asbury and Matilda (Clevenger) Swank, Matilda the daughter of Samuel L. and Sarah (Bunnell) Clevenger very early MoCo settlers. The Clevengers hail from Burlington County NJ and the Bunnells, Essex County.



Elizabeth married a Zook and later John Peter Zachary, born 13 August 1845 and passed 12 March 1912 of a stroke which resulted in total paralysis. Some family trees have her passing in 1895 and marrying another but her death record was signed by our doctor, and their parents are the same.

Sarah Letitia born 30 March 1848 married at age 20 to Durett Bennett (who fought in the Civil War and spent a great deal of time in three or four various soldier's homes, passing in one in Chilton Co GA 8 July 1923. She had passed many years before at age 34. Know they had a son, Walter and daughter Minnie.

John B. Swank was next of Asbury and Matilda's children and was an undertaker here in MoCo. Some family trees on ancestry have his middle name as Bunyan but I saw no proof to that. A member of Co K 86th Indiana, he passed away 11 November 1915 and yes, his brother Dr. Swank signed his death record and cared for him as well. He and wife Mary Jane had at least one son, Edgar Franklin.

Next was Susannah who married Jesse Tomlinson (they had four of their five children die pretty young plus Lee Paul). Her brother took care of her with chronic malaria, signing her death record four days before Christmas in 1902, she being 48 years a month and 18 days old.

Twins, Smith Seward and Asbury, born 7 Feb 1857, seemed to be close. Smith Asbury a drayman died at age 63 in July 1920, becoming septic after an

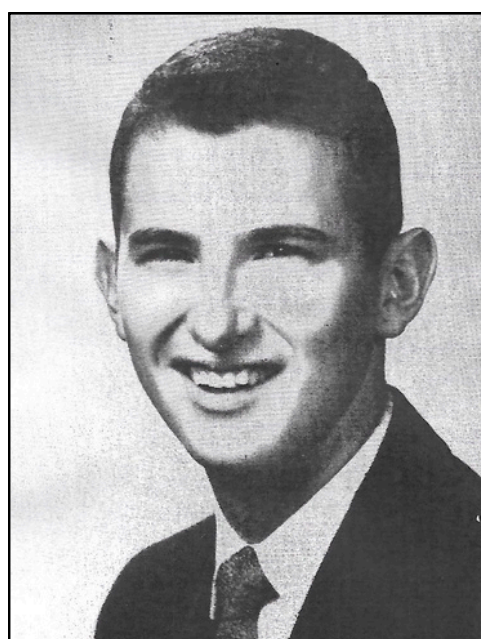
operation (not done by his brother), passing at Home hospital. At least two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary, born to he and wife, Ruth. The Review poked light fun at Smith when he first became a grandpa' - he is "so rared back he can hardly see the sidewalk - spent the day yesterday rehearsing lullabies and has signed up with a correspondence school to study the science of being a grandad!" Asbury died earlier the same year I believe with "terminal pneumonia" (death record hard to read). He was a tailor with his own shop in C'ville many years. He and wife Ida had at least one son and possibly a daughter, as well.

David was the closest to our good doctor in age, just a few months old at his father's death. He was a tailor in C'ville, as well, and was hit by a train (ruled an accident) which fractured his skull as well as having internal injuries. He was 75 and buried in Oak Hill where several of his relatives rest. Had at least one son and one daughter.

Now, meet our doctor, William Gray Swank, having passed three years prior to David in 1936 at age 65. Definitely, he had the best education of the family, completing three years at Wabash (roomed with long-time Wabash president Dr. Mackintosh) and graduated from Beaumont U in St. Louis. During the World War he volunteered in the US shipyards at Newport News, Va and for ten years was chief surgeon for the Missouri Pacific Railroad, where some of he and wife, Mary's four children (Charles Gale in the oil business, Roy Fray died age 22; Deane R, security business, and Nellie, were born but mainly being right here in good 'ol C'ville, Indiana. For some years, he served as the city health officer. He passed away on the 4th of September from heart disease quite proud of his several grandchildren (at least six). Rest in peace, sir!

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Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This 1961 Linden graduate?

HINT:
 He was an outstanding athlete and a long-time farmer in the Linden neighborhood.

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Matilda had a very interesting brother, their parents passing 1852 (Samuel, a weaver, and Sarah in 1854). In fact, her brother passed before she did as well and his son who lived briefly with them before he went to Chicago studied to become a doctor, as well. Shobal Vail Clevenger, the first, was born in 1812 and passed at a young age, 1843. He was a famous sculptor, having created some incredible tombstones, later devoting himself to, sculpting - Henry Clay, William Henry Harrison, Martin VanBuren and others (Wikipedia). In 1843, studying in Italy his son Shobal Jr was born and two weeks later they headed home to the US, but the artist died on the way, having contracted a consumption-type ailment due to working with art supplies settling into his lungs. If ya' love art check him out further.

Asbury Swank passed at age 46 in the middle of the Civil War era (on his birthday 14 March 1863) and left Matilda with nine children, including 18 year old Jacob, Elizabeth, Sarah Letitia, John, Susannah, twins Asbury and Smith Seward, our good doctor, William Gray Swank, not quite four and a few month old, David. Asbury's property was sold to help care for Matilda and their children, including horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, two wagons, a buggy, farming implements, wheat in the ground, wheat in the bushel, corn and much more. She raised them but Jacob at age 21 was given custody for those left at home, she paying the surety charge.

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limit (\$22,320 for 2024; it changes annually), Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. They “take away” by withholding future benefits until the penalty is satisfied, which means you would go some number of months without benefits. And, if you substantially exceed the earnings limit you may even be temporarily ineligible for any SS benefits (until you earn less or reach your FRA - the earnings test goes away at your FRA).

If you claim your surviving spouse benefits from your deceased husband first, and your ex-husband later dies, you do have the option to switch to the higher survivor benefit from your ex-husband. In effect, if both husbands are deceased, you have a

choice which benefit to take (and, obviously, you’d chose the higher of the two).

None of this, however, happens automatically. To claim your surviving spouse benefit you will need to contact Social Security directly at 1.800.772.1213 (or call your local SS office) to make an appointment to apply for widow’s benefits.

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“AARP Indiana wants to ensure Hoosiers have the information they need to make their decision in November,” said Sarah Waddle, AARP Indiana’s State Director. “Voters 50-plus are the majority of voters in every election, so it’s important that candidates speak to the issues that impact their lives and the lives of their families.

“From retirement savings to planning for our state’s growing aging population we look forward to working with the next governor on making our state the best it can be for older Hoosiers.”

Before Indiana’s primary, AARP Indiana released videos with the leading Republican candidates that asked the same questions as were asked to the general election candidates. Sen. Mike Braun’s answers from those videos were included in this edition.

Each candidate was asked the following questions:

- Saving for Retirement – What policies or programs would you implement to ensure working Hoosiers can save their own money for retirement?

- Multi-Sector Plan on Aging – What will you do to ensure that Indiana’s Multi-Sector Plan on Aging is fully developed, implemented, and supported?
- Caregiving – What financial policies or programs would you implement to support family caregivers?

In addition to “AARP Asks the Candidates,” you can find up-to-date information regarding mail ballots, early and in-person voting, as well as other important deadlines in AARP Indiana’s 2024 Election Guide. You can also text INVOTES to 22777 to receive a one-time text message with a link to Indiana voter information, and additional Advocacy information and alerts. Message and data rates may apply. Terms apply: <https://aarp.info/tcadv>.

To view the video, go to <https://states.aarp.org/indiana/aarp-indiana-asks-the-candidates-for-governor>

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retirees are embracing side hustles as a means to secure their financial future.

According to a recent study by MarketBeat.com, the retiree side hustle economy is thriving. By surveying 3,000 respondents and analyzing publicly available data, the study found that retirees with side hustles earn an average of \$379 per month. This side hustle income translates to a national economy worth an astonishing \$6 billion.

Notably, the earnings from these side gigs vary significantly across regions. Retirees in Utah lead the pack, earning a substantial \$825 per month, while those in North Dakota bring in a more modest \$100 monthly from their side hustles.

When it comes to Indiana, seniors here with a side hustle are making \$460 on average, equating to a local side hustle economy worth a staggering \$1,807,592,298.

MarketBeat.com also explored the motivations behind this trend, asking retirees why they pursue side hustles:

- To supplement retirement income: 47%
- To stay mentally engaged and active: 34%
- To pursue a passion or hobby: 10%
- To meet new people and build social connections: 9%

As for the types of side hustles retirees engage in, the majority (32%) have launched their

own small businesses. Crafting and selling homemade goods is another popular choice, with 30% of retirees involved in this activity. Additionally, 22% of retirees supplement their income through trading or investing, while 15% choose freelancing.

On average, retirees dedicate 10 hours and 24 minutes per week to their side hustles. When asked what they find most rewarding about these activities, the respondents' top answers were:

- The additional income: 34%
- The sense of purpose and fulfillment: 29%
- The mental stimulation and engagement: 21%
- The flexibility and freedom: 10%
- The social connections and community: 6%

Perhaps most strikingly, an overwhelming 76% of respondents reported that their side hustles bring them happiness. Moreover, 19% of retirees are so motivated by their side hustles that they are considering turning them into full-time businesses.

Matt Paulson, Founder of MarketBeat.com, explains, "The retiree side hustle trend is a testament to the evolving landscape of retirement. It's no longer just about leisure; it's often driven by the need for financial security, along with a desire for purpose and fulfillment. Retirees are showing that there's no age limit to innovation and entrepreneurship."

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Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis.

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Plans and Specifications must be obtained from <https://www.reprographix.com/>. Payments and costs of Contract Documents are non-refundable. 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.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at the Commissioners’ Office in the Montgomery County Government Center located at the above address on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 1:30 pm local time on September 30, 2024, at the Montgomery County Government Center Community Meeting Room located at the above address. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

All bidders are required to be on the Indiana American Water Pre-Qualified Contractor list prior to submitting a bid. The winning bidder must be approved by Indiana American Water to install large diameter water mains. Indiana American Water may require additional documentation by the bidder demonstrating that they are qualified to install the 20” DI water main. This may include additional references for large diameter water main projects and/or resumes for the bidder. Bidder’s who wish to be pre-qualified to install water mains for Indiana American Water will need to complete an application and submit it to Indiana American Water’s Developer Services Group. Please use the following link below for the Contractor Prequalification Packet: <https://www.amwater.com/inaw/about-us/Doing-Business-With-Us/Developers-Contractors/new-contractor-process>. Bids received from bidders who are not on the said pre-qualified contractor list will be considered non-responsive, and that bid will be rejected.

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‘Don’t Hug Me’ Opens Tonight



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The cast of “Don’t Hug Me” from left, Henry Allan, Nathaniel Wright, Rebecca Lea Evans, Teresa Ross and Don Hart.

Myers Dinner Theatre is pleased to present “Don’t Hug Me,” with Book and Lyrics by Phil Olsen; Music by Paul Olsen. This musical comedy, directed by TJ Bird, runs from today through Oct. 5.

“Don’t Hug Me” takes place in Bunyan Bay, Minnesota. It’s the coldest day of the year and cantankerous bar owner, Gunner Johnson, wants to sell the business and move to Florida. Clara, his wife and former Winter Carnival Bunyan Queen, wants to stay. Bernice Lundstrom, the pretty waitress, wants to pursue a singing career. Her fiancé, Kanute Gunderson, wants her to stay home. It’s a battle of wills, and when a fast-talking salesman, Aarvid Gisselsen, promises to bring romance into their lives through the ‘magic’ of karaoke, all heck breaks loose!

Featured in this production are MDT alumni Henry Allan (as Kanute Gunderson), Rebecca Lea Evans (as Bernice Lundstrom), Don Hart (as Gunner Johnson) and Teresa Ross (as Clara Johnson). New to the Myers’ stage is Nathaniel Wright (Aarvid Gisselsen).

Filled with boatloads of Minnesota-isms and hilarious songs like, ‘I’m a Walleye Woman in a Crappie Town’ and ‘My Smorgasboard of Love,’ “Don’t Hug Me” will have audiences hooked, you betcha! “Don’t Hug Me” will feature a food menu combining MDT favorites as well as new items themed to the production. Selections will include: meatloaf, turkey breast and gravy, ham and cheesy potatoes, corn casserole, Sweet Potato Deluxe, and peas; for dessert, pumpkin bars and brownies. The corn casserole and Sweet Potato Deluxe recipes come straight from the kitchen of owner Misty McGrady. Another specialty item, ham and cheesy potatoes, was selected

from a ‘Minnesota Hot Dish’ cookbook, adding an additional personal touch to the menu offerings during this production.

During the run of “Don’t Hug Me,” a concert will be presented by local musicians Jake & Mikayla on September 26. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. with show at 8pm. Jake & Mikayla perform original country songs backed by guitar and fiddle playing. More details about their music can be found at <https://jakeandmikayla.com/>.

Wednesday matinee seating for meals is at 11:30 a.m. with curtain at 1:30 p.m. Friday evening performances will have seating for meals at 6 p.m. with curtain at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees will have seating for meals at noon and curtain at 2 p.m. A special “show-only” performance will be offered on September 21 with curtain at 7 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased by calling the Box Office at 765-798-4902, ext. 2, or by visiting the MDT website at www.myersdt.com. Guests are encouraged to take advantage of special pricing during this production. For opening weekend performances, dinner and show tickets are offered for \$45, including taxes and fees. Throughout the entire run of “Don’t Hug Me,” show-only tickets are \$25, including taxes and fees.

Performance dates and times can vary, so consult the online calendar for updated information. Regular theater prices are \$59.54 for dinner and show, \$47.50 for students (ages 4-18), and show-only for \$39.50.

Prices do not include taxes, handling fees or gratuity for waitstaff. Season tickets, group pricing and bus parking are also available. Myers Dinner Theatre is located at 108 Water St., Hillsboro and is handicapped accessible.

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Butch Dale’s Flashback Trivia

Answer: Bill German

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evident during the pandemic when Barton first rolled out a city-led loan program to help keep small businesses afloat during that period. And later, Barton and the city forgave the loans, further helping the economic rebound.

Washington, Ind. was the only micropolitan in the state to rank higher than Crawfordsville. The southern Indiana community finished 33rd. Other Indiana areas in the top 200 included Wabash at 102, Angola at 106, Madison 121, Frankfort 132, Auburn 150 and New

Castle 167.

Los Alamos in New Mexico finished atop the study.

Heartland Forward defines itself as “a think and do tank and resource for states and local communities in the middle of the country. We do this by studying broad economic trends and building data-driven and community-tested partnerships, programs and policies to address the needs of the heartland.”

Its geographical region covers the entire middle of the country.

Day of Service Still Needs Volunteers

The Montgomery County Community Day of Service is Wednesday and all community members are encouraged to take part in this effort in multiple ways. The day will kick off at 8:30 a.m. with a rally at Pike Place where all volunteers will gather for donuts and coffee before heading off to complete projects from 9 a.m. to noon.



Facebook. In addition, the Red Cross will be doing a Blood Drive at Fusion 54. Sign up is requested. Please call (800) 733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: MCDOS to schedule an appointment. We are currently experiencing a national blood shortage, and your donation can save a life!

Finally, donations for the Animal Welfare League and FISH Food Pantry can be dropped off at Pike’s Place between 9 a.m. and noon.

The following projects still need volunteers:

Abilities Services, Inc: General Clean-up & Organizing

Masonic Cornerstone: Painting & General Clean-up

Waveland Strong: Painting

To sign up, utilize the QR code or visit MCLA on

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“I am so excited about the growth of membership and attendance at events,” Sommer said. “When I accepted this job, two of my goals were to help the members feel the value of their membership and to connect the Hispanic-owned businesses with the non-Hispanic businesses to become a united business community. I believe the growth shows that the members are feeling the value, the word is spreading, and the Hispanic-owned businesses are feeling the support and connected. This all makes me so happy to see our community come together networking and supporting each other, which in turn promotes their businesses resulting in a vibrant business community.”

The membership is growing with local organizations and businesses. It is also expanding the economic and commerce reach outside of Montgomery County. The Chamber now represents 10 counties. Members are driving from as far as Indianapolis to come to monthly events. Another exciting addition is bridging the gap with Hispanic-owned and non-Hispanic businesses bringing everyone together as one business community. Sommer is fluent in Spanish and involved with the Hispanic community. Under her leadership, the Chamber has grown to include 10 Hispanic-owned businesses.

One of the greatest values in a Chamber membership is the



Stacy Sommer Executive Director

ability to network and make connections with peers, organizations, and business owners across the community. At regular monthly events, attendance has grown exponentially, with Breakfast Before Business averaging over 60 members per month. There, each attendee has the opportunity to introduce themselves and share updates or needs within their organization. The after-hours networking event, Business Buzz, boasts 30+ members for a casual gathering at a local venue that includes a door prize. Both networking events are highlighted with a popular business card collage to showcase member attendance. “A chamber membership is such a great way to promote organizations,” Sommer added. “With the attendance at events being high, the social media presence, opportunity to provide business flyers in our monthly newsletter, and sponsorship recognition, I would encourage anyone wanting to promote their business, to join today!”

Major events hosted have also seen substantial growth, with the Chamber Bowling Night expanding from eight teams in 2022 to two separate sessions with 32 total teams this year. The Award



Photos courtesy Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber Board and staff, from left, Austin Earl, Stacy Sommer, Kyle Brown, Skylar Stevenson, Kim Keeling, Tara Miller, Kylee Risner, Gina Haile and Trevor Beers. Not pictured are: Jordan Burkett, Natalie Pribble, Eric Dunaway, Chuy Murillo and Tyler Nichols.

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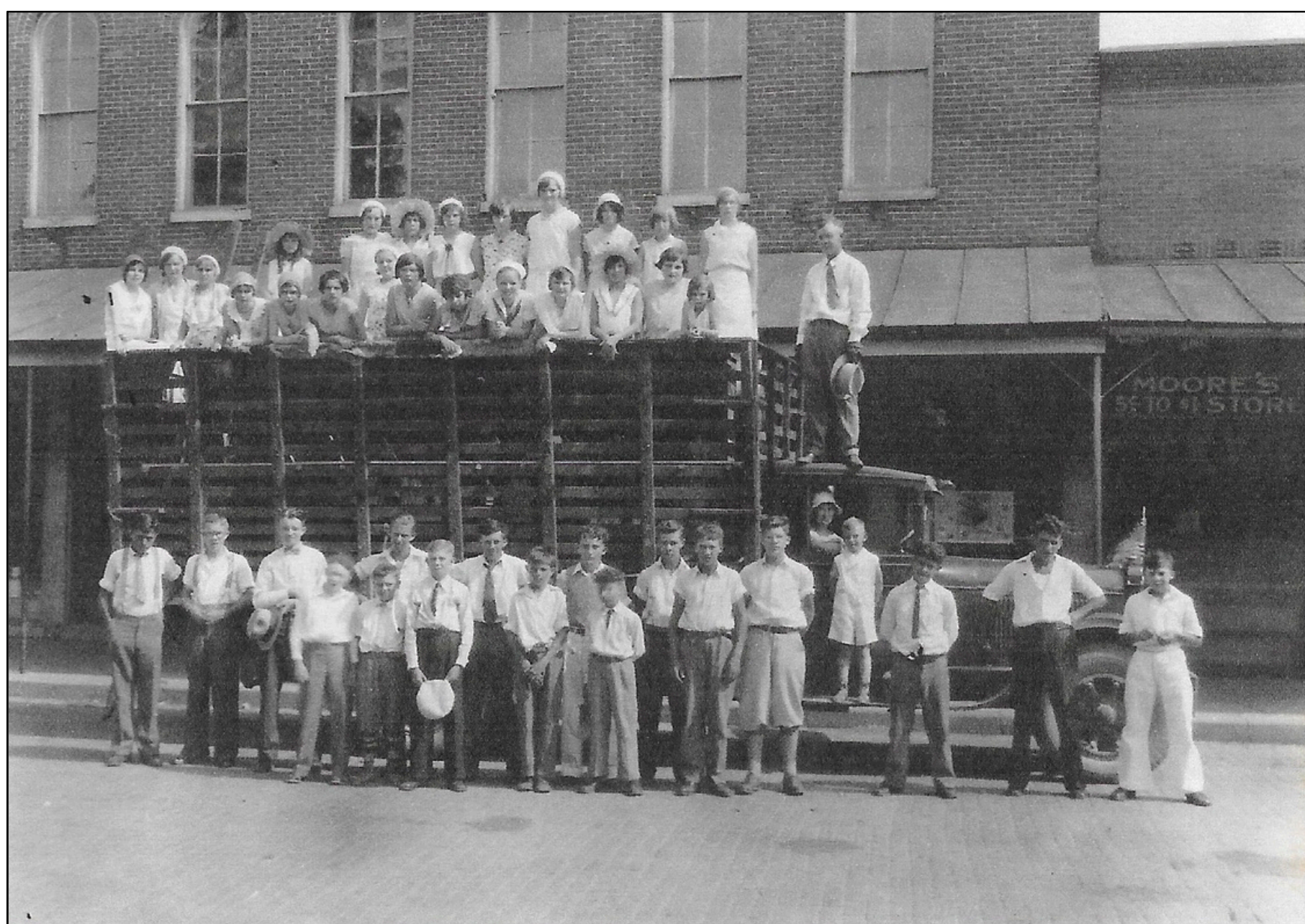
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Stroll Down Memory Lane With Look at All-Time Purdue Greats



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

In the wake of that nightmare last Saturday in Ross-Ade Stadium, one that evoked angry comparisons of Ryan Walters to arguably the worst head coach in Big Ten football history (Darrell Hazell), this week's column will conjure a sweet dream.

Putting together a Purdue dream team is difficult when comparing the different eras of college football, especially statistically. The Boilermakers claim 11 players enshrined into the College Football Hall of Fame yet none of the three quarterbacks (Bob Griese, Mark Herrmann, Mike Phipps) would be my Dream Team QB in 2024.

On the other hand, Leroy Keyes was ahead of his time in the 1960s with his running, receiving, passing and kicking skills. He was a pretty good cornerback, too, earning a second berth on the 1987 Purdue Football All-Century Team at that position in addition to running back.

Having watched or listened to Purdue football since 1970, I'm reminded that even during the lowest periods in Boilermaker history there have been all-time greats who gave fans something to cheer about. You'll read about a few of them below.

OFFENSE

Quarterback – Drew Brees. Part of the "worst" Big Ten recruiting class of 1997, Brees left Purdue with two NCAA marks, 13 Big Ten records and 19 Purdue standards. He was the 2000 Maxwell Award winner as the nation's outstanding player and the Chicago

Tribune Silver Football winner as the Big Ten Most Valuable Player after guiding Purdue to its second Rose Bowl in school history. A technicality is keeping Brees out of the College Football Hall of Fame but he's a sure bet to be a first-year selection to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Running back – Leroy Keyes and Otis Armstrong. Purdue's "All-Time Greatest Player" remains so more than 35 years after being bestowed that honor. Keyes is still the only two-time Consensus All-American in school history (1967-68). He finished third as a junior and runner-up to O.J. Simpson as a senior for the Heisman Trophy. Keyes was the first Boilermaker to rush for 1,000 yards in a season and led the nation in scoring (114 points) as a junior. He set school records for career touchdowns (37), points (222) and all-purpose yards. Keyes was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1990.

Armstrong was a star from the beginning, rushing for 1,009 yards as a sophomore in 1970 to break Keyes' single-season record. Armstrong's final game saw him rush for 276 yards against Indiana, which remains the school single-season record. Armstrong rushed for 3,315 yards in three seasons. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2012.

Fullback – Mike Alstott. The only three-time Purdue MVP in school history. Alstott holds the records for rushing yards in a season (1,436 in 1995) and career (3,635). He also is the standard bearer for 100-yard rushing games in a season (9) and career (16). The only player in Purdue

history with more than 2,500 rushing yards and 1,000 receiving yards.

Wide receiver – Rondale Moore. Only three freshmen in NCAA major football history have been voted consensus All-Americans: Herschel Walker, Adrian Peterson and Moore. Moore debuted in 2018 with a bang, breaking Otis Armstrong's record for all-purpose yards with 313 against Northwestern. Moore was the Big Ten Freshman and Wide Receiver of the Year. Injuries impacted his sophomore and junior seasons.

Wide receiver – Taylor Stubblefield. Former NCAA record-holder with 316 career receptions from 2001 to 2004. His 3,629 receiving yards ranked second to teammate John Standeford's 3,788. Stubblefield set the Purdue record with 16 receiving touchdowns as a senior, a year that saw him earn consensus All-America honors and become a Biletnikoff Award finalist.

Tight end – Tim Stratton. The first winner of the John Mackey Award presented to the nation's best tight end. Stratton set the school record with 204 receptions from 1998 to 2001, a mark since broken by John Standeford, Taylor Stubblefield and Dorien Bryant. Stratton is one of four Boilermakers to be selected first-team All-Big Ten three times.

Offensive line – Matt Light. Joe Tiller changed Light's destiny in 1997 when he was converted to offensive tackle from tight end during a redshirt season. From 1998 to 2000, Light started 37 consecutive games and was a first-team All-Big Ten selection in 2000.

Light would go on to earn three Super Bowl rings with the New England Patriots, earning a spot on the franchise's 50th anniversary team in 2010.

Offensive line – Alex Agase. The first of four offensive linemen on my list who were also All-Century selections. Agase played just one season at Purdue in 1943 before heading off to serve in World War II. But that season was memorable as Agase helped the Boilermakers go 9-0 and win the Big Ten championship. Just as he did in 1942 at Illinois, Agase earned All-America honors at Purdue. He was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1963.

Offensive line – Pete Quinn. The All-Century team center, Quinn started four seasons and anchored a line that helped Purdue go 19-4-1 in 1979 and 1980. Quinn also does a mean Elvis Presley impression.

Offensive line – Tom Bettis. All-Century selection at guard who was an All-American in 1954 before a nine-year NFL career.

Offensive line – Karl Singer. Another holdover from the 1987 All-Century team, Singer was an Associated Press All-American in 1965.

Kicker/Punter – Travis Dorsch. The 2001 Ray Guy Award winner as the nation's best punter, Dorsch was also an All-America placekicker. He was the first player in Big Ten history to earn first-team all-conference honors as both a punter and a kicker. Dorsch led the nation in 2001 with a 48.4 average per punt and graduated as the Big Ten leader in field goals (68) and kicking points (355).

DEFENSE

Line – Ryan Kerrigan. One of two Boilermakers to have won Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year honors, Kerrigan was a unanimous All-American in 2010. He set the Big Ten and FBS record with 14 fumbles forced. Kerrigan's 33.5 sacks rank second in Purdue history.

Line – Dave Butz. The 6-7, 280-pound Butz could have played basketball at Kentucky for Adolph Rupp but became a Lombardi Award finalist at Purdue. A consensus All-American as a senior in 1972, Butz was selected to the All-Century team and elected into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2014.

Line – Jeff Zgonina. The 1992 Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year, Zgonina earned that honor with 13 sacks and 28 tackles for loss. He still holds school records for single-game (7), season (28) and career (72) tackles for loss.

Line – Chuck Kyle. As one of just four Boilermakers to earn three first-team All-Big Ten honors, Kyle was an easy choice for the All-Century team. Kyle was a consensus first-team All-American in 1968, a season capped by a school record 27 tackles against Indiana.

Linebacker – Kevin Motts. Ask a Purdue fan who holds the record for career tackles and they probably won't answer Motts, whose 520 stops have been a school record for 45 years. An underrated Boilermaker who was part of some outstanding defenses in the late 1970s along with the next guy on the list.

Linebacker – Keena Turner. The All-Century selection led Purdue in tackles for loss in three consecutive seasons. Turner racked up a combined 48 tackles for loss during his junior and senior seasons. He went on to earn four Super Bowl rings with the San Francisco 49ers.

Linebacker – Gregg Bingham. The All-Century selection was a two-time first-team All-Big Ten pick in 1970 and 1972. Bingham was even better in the NFL, starting 173 regular season games over 12 seasons. He recorded 21 interceptions and recovered 14 fumbles.

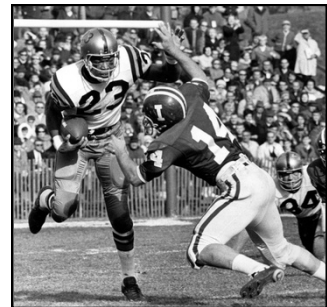
Cornerback – Rod Woodson. Parade All-American at Fort Wayne Snider. Consensus All-American at Purdue. Pro Football Hall of Famer. Woodson was a three-time first-team All-Big Ten defensive back who had 11 career interceptions, three of which he returned for touchdowns. Elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 2016.

Cornerback – John Charles. The 1967 Rose Bowl MVP earned his All-Century selection with versatility that included a then-school record 24.6-yard kickoff return average as a senior. He made 11 stops in the 14-13 Rose Bowl victory against Southern California.

Safety – Stuart Schweigert. Owns the Purdue career interceptions record with 17. Only Rod Woodson (445) has more tackles as a defensive back than Schweigert's 360. Two-



Rod Woodson



Leroy Keyes

time first-team All-Big Ten and the Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 2000.

Safety – Tim Foley. Another of the Rose Bowl championship players on the All-Century team, Foley was an All-American as a senior in 1969 and earned berths on three All-Big Ten teams.

Head coach – Jack Mollenkopf. At the helm for Purdue's greatest sustained run of success from 1956 to 1969, Mollenkopf went 84-39-9 with a Rose Bowl title and a share of the 1967 Big Ten crown. His final four seasons at Purdue saw the Boilermakers go 9-2, 8-2, 8-2 and 8-2. Mollenkopf's 57 Big Ten wins remain the Purdue standard. Purdue was ranked No. 1 in the country for the first five weeks of the 1968 season. His teams went 11-2-1 against Indiana and 10-4 vs. Notre Dame. Mollenkopf was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1988. Offensive coordinator – Joe Tiller. His "basketball on grass" offense brought Purdue back from a decade of despair. Tiller guided Purdue to 10 bowl games, including the Rose Bowl following the Big Ten championship season in 2000. Tiller was 87-62 at Purdue, including a 10-2 mark against Indiana.

Defensive coordinator – **Jim Young.** Thanks to his success as Michigan's defensive coordinator under Bo Schembechler from 1969 to 1972, Young became a head coach at Arizona, Purdue and Army. Young coached Purdue's only 10-win team in 1979 and won the Peach, Bluebonnet and Liberty Bowls. His 120-71-2 collegiate record earned Young a place in the College Football Hall of Fame in 1999.

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 8:30 a.m.
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 Approval of Minutes of April 1, 2024
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 Other Business
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School Board Meeting
 Monday, Sept. 23, 6 p.m.
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 Hearings
 Budget Hearing
 Additional Appropriations Hearing
 Hearing Before Commencement of Collective Bargaining
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 Personnel, Extra-Curricular, Field Trips, Facilities Usage, Contributions, Gifts, Superintendent Stipends
 Other
 Consent Vote
 Artwork Recognition
 Artwork Certificates will be Distributed
 Action Items
 Consider Additional Appropriation Resolution
 Consider Final Bond Resolution
 Consider Resolution Approving Amended and Restated Post-Issuance Compliance Procedures
 Approve the 2025 Corporation Insurance Contribution for all Employees
 Approve Self Certification as a Public Institution of Micro-Purchases Threshold
 Approve Hourly Rate for Homebound Instruction and Translation Services Rate
 Approve Montgomery County Community Foundation Health and Wellness Grant Proposal
 Approve Revisions to Student Technology Handbook
 Approve Athletic Coach Handbook
 Approve Revisions to Policy 4362 - Anti-Harassment, Policy 2266 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, 5517 – Anti-Harassment, 1422 – Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity, 1623 – Section 504 / ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
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