

TODAY'S VERSE

2 Samuel 23:5 Yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant.

Meet Hank



Hank is a 6 month old male black/white domestic shorthair cat available for adoption from The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL) since 8/21/24. Hank had 2 broken front paws that are healing a little crooked. Hank doesn't let that stop him! Hank is a staff favorite that gives hugs and he is a BIG TIME LOVER!! Hank has even won the prestigious award of ULTIMATE LAP CAT! Hank is friendly, playful, and one of the most affectionate cats you'll ever meet! Hank is neutered, dewormed, and up to date on his shots! AWL is open Monday - Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 9:30a-3p. Come say hi, snuggle cats, walk dogs, or lend a helping hand!!

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Ask Rusty – Veteran Asks About Special Credits for Military Service



ASK Rusty Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty:

I just learned that if I served in the military during an active-duty period, I could get extra earnings for Social Security and that these benefits would be automatically added to my record, but I was never asked by the SS employee who calculated my benefits if I was in the military. I took benefits at age 62 (2013) due to health reasons. Should I ask for a recalculation or is it too late?

Signed: Proud Veteran

Dear Proud Veteran:

Thank you for your service to our country, for which you have every right to be proud. You likely heard about "Special Extra Credits for military service," which applies to those who served in the military during certain periods earlier than the year 2001. This rule can add up to \$1,200 per year to your Social Security earnings record for the years you served and, since your SS benefit is based on your lifetime earnings record, your military earnings may have been included when

calculating your Social Security benefit. But the rules for getting that "extra earnings credit" are a bit complex, and how much extra earnings credit you receive depends entirely on which years you served. Here's a quick summary:

- SS taxes have been withheld from military pay since 1957, so your actual military earnings are already included as part of your lifetime SS earnings record.
- If you served between 1957 and 1977, an extra \$300 for each quarter of active-duty service would be added to your military pay, up to \$1,200 per year maximum.
- If you served between 1978 and 2001, an extra \$100 would be added to your military pay for each \$300 of active duty pay received, up to a maximum of \$1,200 per year. FYI, no additional earnings are added to your military pay for service years after 2001.

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Ready for Open Enrollment?

(StatePoint) With so many Medicare options available, selecting a plan can seem daunting. This year you may be wondering how news of Medicare drug price negotiations, economic uncertainties and other factors may impact your coverage in 2025.

Medicare is the government health insurance program for Americans 65 and older and others who qualify, providing hospital coverage (Part A) and physician visits (Part B) to beneficiaries. Additionally, there are a variety of options that coordinate with original Medicare, such as Medicare Supplement plans and Prescription Drug Plans, or replace original Medicare with Medicare Advantage (MA) plans combined with Prescription Drug Plans.

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Witham Hosts Dementia Program

The Witham Pastoral Care Department and the Central Indiana Council on Aging are hosting the Dementia Friends education at Witham Wednesday in Lebanon. The Dementia Friends Indiana movement seeks to advance education and awareness of dementia, reduce the stigma associated with the disease, and create community environments that are welcoming and conducive for those living with dementia. Indiana became the 10th state with a Dementia Friends

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Property Tax Payment Deadline Approaching

Property tax bills are mailed one time each year and arrived in the mail in the spring. They included payment coupons for the spring and fall due dates. The final day to pay fall taxes without penalty is Nov. 12. Please note that the Treasurer's Office will be closed on Election Day (Nov. 5) and Veteran's Day (Nov. 11).

Taxpayers can research their parcels and current balances at www.montgomerycounty.in.gov or www.beacon.schneidercorp.com.

Taxpayers are entitled by law to receive a tax statement, even if the balance is zero or a mortgage company has marked the parcel "in escrow" and plans to pay it directly. If the property owner's taxes are zero or if the mortgage company is paying directly, the taxpayer does not need to send anything to the Treasurer's Office.

Payment Options:

Pay at the office. The Treasurer's Office is located in the Montgomery County Government Center (1580 Constitution Row) and is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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TRIBBETT – 4 generations of an amazing family



KAREN ZACH Around The County

Norman Tribbett sent a beautiful four-generation photo of the Tribbett family for the GenWeb page several years ago and for last or very close to my last Around The County article (had a massive heart attack in mid-September and I have to take it easy but oh my am I going to miss it), I decided I'd like to give ya' family background on these four. John Tribbett (not pictured) was born November 3rd in 1821 in Preble County, Ohio where his parents, James and Sarah Gibbons Tribbett hailed from – he was their second son and third child. James and Sarah were married in Virginia 4 Jan 1816 their first son William born exactly five years prior to his brother but in Harrison Co VA. Other Tribbetts were Mary; Asbury; Elizabeth; Robert (died in the Civil War at age 33 on 20 Sept 1863 Chickamauga buried Chattanooga National Cemetery); Evaline; Miriam; and James Wesley. Some were born in Ohio, most here. Some stayed here most went on to Fulton Co IN, Illinois, Kansas and such. The family came to the

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Limit TV and computer time for kids – let them discover their imaginations.

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

"Deep into the darkness peering, long I stood there, wondering, fearing, doubting, dreaming dreams no mortal ever dared to dream before."
Edgar Allan Poe

THREE THINGS You Should Know

- 1 Harvest season is officially under way for Indiana's 94,000 farmers, which means more slow-moving farm equipment will be on Indiana's rural roads and highways. To keep Hoosiers safe this year, state agencies are asking motorists to be alert and patient as they share the road with farm equipment this fall. In 2022 four vehicles were involved in crashes with farm equipment in Indiana which resulted in one death, according to the National Highway Administration. For everyone's sake the Indiana Department of Agriculture and this newspaper urge you to use caution on the roads!
- 2 The Indiana Destination Development Foundation (IDDF) and Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch invite musicians to capture the fun and excitement of our state in the form of a musical jingle and win \$10,000. There are rules and regulations to go by, but if your jingle is judged to be the winner, you could walk away with a cool \$10K! Find out more at Information@IDDF.IN.gov
- 3 October is Liver Awareness Month. This month recognizes the importance of liver health and the causes of liver disease. There are more than 100 different liver diseases caused by viruses, genetics, autoimmune disease, excessive alcohol use, poor diet and obesity and reactions to medications, street drugs or toxic chemicals. Symptoms can include nausea or vomiting, abdominal pain, fatigue, yellow-colored skin and eyes, dark urine and weight loss; however, symptoms can vary depending on the specific disease or cause of damage. Find out more at www.cota.org.

TODAY'S JOKE

What do you get when you cross Bambi with a ghost? Bamboo!

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The Master Gardener annual Plant Exchange is tomorrow from 9 a.m. to noon at the 4-H Fairgrounds in the Exhibit Building. Bring a plant, take a plant, come enjoy talking with other gardeners. If you do not have anything to trade, come anyway and get something new for your garden. For more information check the Facebook page for Master Gardeners of Montgomery County (Indiana).

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

OBITUARY

Patsy Darlene Lane

October 31, 1941 - September 29, 2024

It is with great sadness that the family of Patsy Darlene Lane announce her passing. Patsy passed on September 29th, 2024 at the age of 82 after a long and arduous battle with cancer. She was born to Luther and Beatrice (Powers)



Crouch in Fowler, Indiana October 31st, 1941. The family moved to Delphi where Patsy attended Delphi high school.

Patsy is preceded in death by her husband, Orville R. "Hoss" Lane on September 11th, 2006. Orville and Patsy were married on July 15th, 1966. Patsy became a widow after 40 wonderful years of marriage due to injuries Orville sustained in a motorcycle accident. She is also preceded in death by one son, Bobby Lee Sears.

Patsy was a homemaker and mother. She was also an avid equestrian and bred dalmatian dogs. From riding contests of endurance to driving a team of haflingers, Patsy was one of a kind. She was an animal lover and a wonderful lady whom we will miss greatly.

Patsy is survived by her daughter Roxann (Steve) Hudson, granddaughter Ashley (Dustin) Porter, great grandson Bodi, Son Danny (Mary) Sears, and by Bobby's children, granddaughter Britny Sears, and grandsons Bobby Sears and Brady (Kira) Sears and their children.

Services for Patsy will be held Saturday, October 5th at 3:00 PM in the Hahn-Groeber Funeral Home at 321 E South Street, Linden, IN 47955. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 1-3PM. The interment will be in Linden Cemetery. Donations may be made on behalf of Patsy Lane to the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County, Indiana. Hahn-Groeber Funeral Home of Linden is caring for the Lane family. Memories and condolences may be left at hahngroeberfuneralhome.com

Freetown Village Comes to Crawfordsville

Freetown Village Singers come to Crawfordsville at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 6. This concert represents the fourth performance of Concerts on the Corner at the Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church sanctuary, 307 S. Washington St. Each year the Indianapolis-based Freetown singers bring the dynamic joy and power of music to all ages with performances in schools, churches, nursing homes and other public venues.

Freetown Village preserves African American traditions and culture through storytelling and song. In a one-hour performance, the Singers present an interactive collection of traditional folk songs and spirituals. Their mission is to uplift in

times of crisis, heal, comfort, inspire, and instill hopes and dreams. Wabash Avenue Church is excited to welcome Freetown and Crawfordsville's own Second Baptist Church children's Praise Dance group which will open Freetown's performance. All are welcome.

The mission of the free Concerts on the Corner is to spread the love of God through the joy of music and as a gift to the community in recognition of Wabash Avenue Church's two-hundred years worshiping in and serving Montgomery County. The final Concert of 2024 will feature a jazz performance of The Tad Robinson Band Sunday, Nov. 17 at 3 p.m.

SWAT Team Captures Wanted Felon

A 39-year-old Crawfordsville man wanted on a parole warrant was captured by the Montgomery County Multi-Jurisdictional SWAT Team earlier this week and taken into custody.



Jared C. Conkright

Jared C. Conkright was arrested on an Indiana Department of Corrections parole warrant and a Montgomery County warrant on six felony and two misdemeanor charges. He faces felony charges for intimidation, battery by means of a deadly weapon, pointing a firearm, criminal confinement, strangulation, carrying of a handgun and battery resulting in bodily injury.

Montgomery County Sheriff Ryan Needham said that his deputies saw Conkright around 9 a.m. Tuesday in the 2600 block of State Road 32 west. However, when they tried to contact him at a

residence, he did not answer the door. Police said because of previous encounters with Conkright, the decision was made to bring in the SWAT team. About two hours later, police used what they said was a distraction device and Conkright opened the door and surrendered.

The Multi-Jurisdictional SWAT team consists of officers from the Sheriff's Office, Crawfordsville Police and Crawfordsville Fire. Needham said that the Ladoga Town Marshall also assisted at the scene.

Crawfordsville Investment Club to Meet Tuesday

The Crawfordsville Investment Club will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., at the Crawfordsville District Public Library. The program is a discussion of selecting the right balance between growth and value investments in your portfolio. This is based

on an article in the October issue of the AAI Journal (American Association of Individual Investors). The Crawfordsville Investment Club meets for educational purposes only. Visitors are welcome. For more information call (765) 362-2826.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This 1978 CHS Grad?

HINT:
 She was a cheerleader for the Athenians for three years!

Answer on Page A3

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• Those who served on active duty before 1967 should inform SS when applying for benefits about their military service (e.g., provide a copy of DD-214). For those who served after 1967, the “special extra credits” were automatically added to their military earnings record when they applied for SS benefits.

It’s important to note that the “extra credits” are additional earnings added to your military pay record – not an additional benefit amount added to your Social Security payment because of your military service. If, however, your military pay was included in the 35 years used to compute your Social Security benefit when you claimed, then your military pay affected your SS payment amount.

In any case, if you served in the military after 1967, the special extra earnings credits were automatically included in your military pay record and, thus, were automatically included when calculating your Social Security benefit when you applied. If your non-military working career consisted of over 35 years during which you earned more than you did while serving, your

years in the military wouldn’t be included when computing your Social Security benefit anyway (only your highest earning 35 years of earnings are included when calculating your SS benefit).

Although it’s never “too late” to request a recalculation, if you served after 1967 your military pay during your service years was automatically increased by SS to account for your military service. If you served before 1967, you could contact Social Security to ensure that the extra credits were included when calculating your SS benefit. FYI, here’s a copy of the Social Security rules on this topic: www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10017.pdf.

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program in 2017, starting with communities in central Indiana.

As the number of Indiana residents affected by dementia continues to grow, so does the need for communities to better understand dementia and better accommodate the challenges of those affected by the diseases that cause it.

A Dementia Friend is someone who wants to make a positive difference in the lives of people living with dementia through increased awareness and support. A Dementia Champion will host the meeting. The session is interactive, so you can

share stories, ask questions, and learn together.

The program begins at noon Wednesday in the Jack Jones Community Room of the North Pavilion, Entrance B at Witham Health Services, 2605 N. Lebanon St. in Lebanon. There is no cost to participate. The registration deadline is Monday, and seating is limited to the first 40 participants. All training materials will be provided and light refreshments will be offered.

For more information about the program or to register, please contact Amy Mitchell, Director of Pastoral Care at Witham (765) 485-8175 or by email at amitchell@witham.org.

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Use a Drop Box. A secure drop box is located on the south side of the County Government Center under the awning and is checked multiple times daily. We encourage the use of checks for this box. When using the drop box, please put payments in an envelope and mark them clearly with information to identify the taxpayer, the address, and the parcel. Your canceled check will serve as a receipt or you can include a self-addressed, stamped envelope to receive a returned receipt. Confirmation of payment history is available to view online for your parcel at www.beacon.schneidercorp.com.

Mail Payments. Please mail payments to the Treasurer’s Office at 1580 Constitution Row, Suite B, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. If a receipt is desired, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Pay at Local Banks. All Montgomery County First Financial, Hoosier Heartland and Tri-County branches offer a great service to our county residents by accepting payments during the tax season. This is in effect Oct. 10 through the due date as long as you have the payment coupon and pay that exact amount. The drive through service is available. You will receive a receipt from the bank.

Pay Online. The county website is www.montgomerycounty.in.gov.

montgomerycounty.in.gov. On the home page, select “Online Bill Pay”. Next choose the Property Tax, Dog Taxes & Tax Payments option. Multiple parcels can be paid in the same transaction. Please be aware that using any type of debit or credit card will accrue a 2.95 percent service fee. Using bank routing numbers instead for an e-check payment has only a .95 charge.

Pay by Phone. By using the secure access line of (855) 276-8051, taxpayers can make payments over the phone by entering the parcel number. Service fees apply. For questions, please contact the appropriate Montgomery County office:

- Tax payments: Treasurer - 364-6410, treasurer@montgomerycounty.in.gov

Tax time is very busy and using email might be the best option for our office. We will respond to an email within 24 business hours.

- Deductions: Auditor - 364-6400, auditor@montgomerycounty.in.gov
- Address changes: Mapping - 361-4123, mapping@montgomerycounty.in.gov
- Assessed values: Assessor -364-6420, assessor@montgomerycounty.in.gov
- Ditch Reconstruction fees: Surveyor - 361-3234

PUBLIC NOTICE

Montgomery County Plan Commission Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Text Amendments to the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance

The Montgomery County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday October 16, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. to consider adding Article 20 (ZA2024-1) and Article 21 (ZA2024-2) to the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance. The meeting will be held at 1580 Constitution Row Crawfordsville, IN 47933 in the Community Meeting Room.

The proposed text amendments would add article 20 Commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems regulation in A and I zoning districts and article 21 Carbon Sequestration regulation in I district.

Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed text amendment. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The Plan Commission may continue the hearing from time to time as may be found necessary. Citizens may file written comments or objections with Marc Bonwell, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (marc.bonwell@montgomerycounty.in.gov) prior to the public hearing. All such written objections will be considered by the Plan Commission. A copy of the proposed Articles 20 and 21 are on file and may be examined at the Montgomery County Building Administration office at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (765-364-6490), office hours are 8:00-4:30 weekdays except holidays.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone intending to attend the public hearing needs reasonable accommodation, please contact the Montgomery County Commissioners Office, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, 765-361-2623

This notice dated September 30, 2024
 Marc Bonwell
 Building/Zoning Administrator
 Montgomery County, IN
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During this year’s Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (AEP), which takes place between Oct. 15-Dec. 7, 2024, here’s what Cigna Healthcare, which serves millions of Medicare customers nationwide, wants you to know:

1. Check for plan changes: If your current plan is working for you, you can likely keep it. However, it’s a good idea to review your plan every AEP, especially if you’ve experienced major life, health or financial changes. Any changes to your current plan will be outlined in your Medicare plan’s Annual Notice of Change (ANOC) letter, which you can expect to receive in September.

2. Research your coverage: There are a few key things to watch for when shopping for a plan. One of them is whether your favorite providers and specialists will be in-network. You should also review each plan’s formulary – that is, the list of drugs covered under the plan. You’ll want to find a plan that will cover your current medications and any you anticipate your doctor prescribing over the course of the year ahead. Finally, carefully consider your total spend for your prescription drug plan coverage (i.e., premiums plus pharmacy costs) since the maximum out-of-pocket costs for drugs you utilize will be capped at \$2,000 in 2025.

3. Look for value: No matter what the economic outlook is,

it’s wise to select a plan that provides great value. To that end, you may want to consider an MA plan, which offers quality and affordability. MA plans cover everything original Medicare does, plus more; most also include dental, vision and hearing benefits, prescription drug coverage, and other extras like over-the-counter drugs, transportation to doctor’s visits and pharmacies, healthy grocery purchases, and fitness services. MA plans are often available with \$0 premiums, but you’ll also want to check on what your annual out-of-pocket costs could be based on your health status.

4. Understand your plan: Before enrolling in a particular plan, make sure you understand its ins and outs. Call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24/7; TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048. Or, visit the Medicare Plan Finder website at Medicare.gov/plan-compare. For local assistance, refer to the State Health Insurance Assistance Program at www.shiptacenter.org. You can also contact individual Medicare plans, including Cigna Healthcare at CignaMedicareInformation.com.

“AEP is your opportunity to assess your budget and your health needs and find an option that will work for you and your lifestyle in 2025,” says Ryan Kocher, chief growth officer for Cigna Healthcare Medicare.

Butch Dale’s Flashback Trivia

Answer: Teresa Dickerson

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Darlington-Thorntown area about 1828. John married Anna Cox (daughter of Elijah and Rachel Thomas Cox) born in Randolph County, Indiana 17 December 1827 and married right here in Montgomery ten days and 19 years later.

Anna is the older gal in the photo. John and Anna were blessed with eight children, four sons, four daughters, one of them of course the fellow in the picture, Clinton Fulton Tribbett born nine months after his parents' marriage (25 Sept 1847) near Darlington. He was followed by Emma who lived to be 90; Franklin Harrison; Albert Gibbons; Charles Otis; Rachel; Sarah and Alice Anna. Frank remained here married Orpha Kashner. Passed four years before his mother.

Albert Gibbons remaining here as well, married to Lucy Mount and two daughters. Charles Otis was an auctioneer in the Boone – Montgomery area. Married Lucy Morris and were parents of one daughter followed by six sons. Rachel too remained in the area, marrying Arch Needham (3 sons, one dau). Sarah married Grome (should have checked that – odd name) Henderson and died in Lebanon. Alice Anna died in 1933 and don't believe she married (might be wrong on that one).

Anna lived on for 11 years after John

passed in Thorntown 24 Sept 1898 after a severe stroke. Her children were wonderful taking care of her. This photo was taken a few months before her passing at 81 years and 29 days (15 Jan 1909). She was blessed to be surrounded by her family and able to bid them all love and a fond adieu.

Clint was an exceptional farmer often the first to plow the corn or first to thresh clover. He also raised and marketed mules for a few years. Hogs too of course. Good at helping his neighbors as well he and WH Custer, Frank Cox and others worked together. Never one to shirk, he often worked on the local roads, assuming with compensation but hey someone had to do it. His farm was near the Potato Creek Church. He loved his home and was often found in the old newspaper articles sprucing it up (adding a veranda, painting). Anyone living in the Darlington area knew Clint Tribbett.

He was twice married first to Keziah Cox who passed a few years later. They had as far as I could find one daughter Cora who died at age five. Marriage number 2 was 4 March 1875 to Sarah Mullen (several Tribbett-Mullen marriages) daughter of James and Elizabeth Thompson Mullen. Four children, Wiley; Nora; Lura (the beautiful lady in the back row); and Harley. Clint passed

away just eight years after this photo so glad momma, daughter and grand were still around for the generation picture. Clint had other grandchildren as did most of his brothers and sisters so this may have even been one of several taken on this day. Lura married Jordan Horn in Darlington with Rev. LM Dunbar as officiator. Jordan was the son of Lewis Madison and Margaret Tucker Horn. They were married early in 1905 and had the little cutie Marguerite later that year. Thus she'd be about three in the photo. Marguerite was a high school graduate assuming from Darlington and married Earl Hulvey when she was not quite 30 he 32 but sadly he passed away less than nine years later. Marguerite worked as a stenographer (at Donnelley's) and for REMC. Her widowed mother Lura lived with her in the 1950 census. She remained a widow for 41 years and lacked but a bit of being 80 years old at her death, she too passing due to stroke (most of the Tribbetts did so). Wonderful family – hard workers even for the times. RIP all!

Karen Zach is the editor of Montgomery Memories, our monthly magazine all about Montgomery County. Her column, Around the County, appears Fridays in The Paper of Montgomery County. You can reach her at karen.zach@sbcglobal.net.

Explore Healthy Iranian Foods: Tahdig (crispy rice) and Khoreshte Bademjoon (eggplant stew)



Nooshan Mirmohammadi
Guest Columnist

I'm Nooshan Mirmohammadi, a dietetic intern at Purdue Extension in Montgomery County and a PhD student in Nutrition Science at Purdue University. Born and raised in Tehran, Iran, I initially aimed to become a physician, but my university entrance exam results led me to nutrition, which quickly became my passion. After earning my bachelor's degree in nutrition in Iran, I pursued a master's at Kansas State University.

My Iranian heritage has always been a source of inspiration, allowing me to share the rich, diverse foods and culture of Iran with others. Iranian cuisine is a hidden gem (though I might be a bit biased!) where nutrition and flavor come together in delightful ways. Our dishes often feature stews served over rice, with a side of salad or Tahdig (crispy rice). Iranian Kebabs are also a must-try at least once in your life.

Tahdig (Crispy Rice) is a popular Persian dish known for its crispy, golden layer of rice at the bottom of the pot. Parboil the rice, then fry it in vegetable oil or

butter, adding plain yogurt for extra crispiness and saffron for its golden hue. Shape the rice into a pyramid and let it steam for 30-40 minutes. Invert the pot to reveal the crispy Tahdig.

Khoreshte Bademjoon (Eggplant Stew) is a flavorful Persian dish made with tender eggplants, tomatoes, and lamb or beef. Sauté onions, add cubed meat with garlic, turmeric, cinnamon, and tomato paste. Add tomatoes and water or broth, simmer for an hour, then top with fried eggplants, saffron water, and simmer for 30 minutes more. Finish with lime juice and serve over Persian rice, ideally with Tahdig. You can find detailed recipes online, like the one at Unicorns in the Kitchen Website.

Iranian dishes like Tahdig and Khoreshte Bademjoon are not only delicious but also highly nutritious, with Tahdig providing energy from basmati rice, antioxidants from saffron, and, when made with yogurt or healthy oils, protein and good fats, while Khoreshte Bademjoon delivers fiber from eggplants, vitamins from tomatoes, high-quality protein from lamb or beef, and anti-

inflammatory benefits from spices like turmeric and cinnamon –making these dishes, along with many others in Iranian cuisine, both flavorful and beneficial for digestion, heart health, and overall well-being.

I highly recommend checking out some Iranian recipes online or following a YouTube video. Making Iranian dishes is easier than it might seem, but if you ever come across Iranian restaurants, be sure to give them a try. You can find some in big cities like Chicago, Los Angeles, NYC, and beyond.

Nooshe jan! (Bon appétit in Farsi!)

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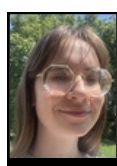
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Information Literacy . . . with Bigfoot?



Susanna Howard
Guest Columnist

This October, we've eschewed the typical ghosts and vampires for something even more terrifying... misinformation! It's impossible to make informed decisions without reliable information. What can we do about it? Let's practice using a popular topic of debate: cryptozoology. Is Bigfoot real? What about UFOs? Evaluate the materials on our October book display and decide what you believe!

With something as strange as Bigfoot, the distinction between fiction and nonfiction might get a little fuzzy. To clarify, fiction books are stories an author made up for entertainment. For example, "Devolution: A Firsthand Account of the Rainier Sasquatch Massacre" (FIC Bro) is completely pretend, even though it is styled like a real account. The author, Max Brooks, makes no secret of it. Read supplementary material like the acknowledgments in the back of the book or interviews with the author for a behind-the-scenes look at the writing process. When faced with something unbelievable (or too believable) always check the context of the work.

Nonfiction provides information that the

author claims is true. This includes works of opinion as well as objective facts, and it can be hard to tell the difference. To complicate matters, folklore like Ronald Baker's "Hoosier Folk Legends" (398.2 Hoo) is often included in nonfiction, as the study of how these stories are told is based in reality, even when the stories themselves are not. Our nonfiction section also includes poetry, plays, and satire – victims of the Dewey Decimal classification system. "In Me Own Words: The Autobiography of Bigfoot" by Graham Roumie is not factual, even though the call number is (741.5971 Rou). Technically, all the books in our fiction section could be shelved with the literature in nonfiction, but most public libraries separate creative writing like novels from informative writing like textbooks. How can you assess these disparate sources? Be skeptical, and ask lots of questions!

Where did the author get their information? How has the information changed from the original source? Have certain points been reinterpreted or expanded where others are ignored?

Are their claims supported by evidence? Can this evidence be verified by others?

Is the author trying to push a certain opinion? How would the author benefit from someone agreeing with them? For example, if the author sells Bigfoot repellent, you should be skeptical when they say Bigfoot is real and very dangerous.

Is the book written to evoke strong emotions? Is the information true, or does it just confirm a belief you already held?

Who is the author? Who is the publisher? What else have they published; is it credible? Can you confirm any claims of expertise?

Is the book up to date? Has new information come to light that would change the author's conclusions?

When in doubt, see what other resources have to say. Viewing an issue from all angles is the best way to understand it!

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Susanna Howard is a Library Assistant in the Adult Services Department at CDPL.

Back in the Day with Butch Dale



From 1915 through 1933, Crawfordsville and Wingate dominated the Sectional basketball tourney, winning all of those tournaments except for one. In 1927, Bowers High School, with an enrollment of 50 in the top four grades, won their first and only Sectional under coach Chayce Cox, defeating Wingate in the final game 20 to 10.

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READER'S CHOICE 2024

Purdue's Braden Smith leads Big Ten Plus Eight Preseason Basketball Honors



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

The only major college basketball offer Braden Smith had going into his senior season at Westfield High School came from Purdue and head coach Matt Painter.

Flash forward three years to Tuesday, when the Big Ten Conference's coaches and media unanimously voted preseason Player of the Year honors upon Smith.

Smith was the only unanimous selection on the 10-person preseason All-Big Ten team. He follows former teammate Zach Edey as preseason Player of the Year.

The 2022 Indiana Mr. Basketball, Smith established Purdue and Big Ten records as a sophomore with 292 assists while helping the Boilermakers reach the national championship game for the first time since 1969. Smith averaged 12.0 points, 7.5 assists and 5.8 rebounds per game while shooting 43.1 percent from 3-point range.

"He's evolved as one of the best point guards in the country, if not the best point guard in the country," Painter said following Purdue's victory against Tennessee that sent the Boilermakers to the Final Four for the first time since 1980.

"Just his ability to pass and see things. He's very knowledgeable, very instinctive, makes good decisions, but somebody you want the ball in his hands. He's been fabulous."

Bruce Parkinson's career assists record at Purdue could be within Smith's reach this

season, needing 245 to break the standard set in 1977. Smith's 445 career assists rank only behind Magic Johnson's 491 in Big Ten history through his first two seasons.

Lafayette Jeff's all-time leading scorer, Brooks Barnhizer of Northwestern, is also a part of that 10-man Big Ten squad. Ten of the newly expanded 18-team Big Ten schools are represented on the honor team.

Surprisingly, Indiana junior Malik Reneau was bypassed in favor of newly arrived Oumar Ballo. Less surprising were the selections of Iowa's Payton Sandford, Minnesota's Dawson Garcia, Ohio State's Bruce Thornton and Penn State's Ace Baldwin Jr.

Highly regarded Rutgers freshman Dylan Harper, Oregon's Jackson Shelstad and Utah State transfer Great Osobor of Washington round out the 10-man team.

On Wednesday, the Big Ten sportswriters predicted Purdue to three-peat as league champions. The Boilermakers garnered 20 of the 33 first-place votes to outpoint Indiana 572-549. The Hoosiers received seven first-place votes. UCLA (2 first-place votes), Illinois (2) and Michigan State (1) round out the media's top five. Eighth-place Ohio State earned the remaining first-place vote.

Now the bad news Smith's honor came two days after Purdue head football coach Ryan Walters dismissed offensive coordinator Graham Harrell. Harrell, who was Walters' first hire as head coach in December 2022, was the highest-paid

assistant football coach in Purdue history. His three-year contract was worth \$2.85 million, and Purdue will be on the hook for \$1 million next year.

"Obviously, not an easy conversation," Walters said. "But this is a business. It has nothing to do with anything personal. I think Graham's a great coach, just, you know, for whatever reason, it wasn't working here."

Since whipping Indiana State 49-0 in the season opener, Purdue (1-3, 0-1 Big Ten) has been shut out in the first halves of losses to Notre Dame and Nebraska. Including a loss at Oregon State, the Boilermakers have been outscored 83-17 over the first three quarters of each defeat. Worse, after his nearly perfect season opener, quarterback Hudson Card has thrown as many pick-6s (3) as touchdown passes during the three losses.

Purdue ranks 15th in the Big Ten Plus Eight in total offense (322 yards per game) and scoring offense (21.8). In fairness, Walters' defense has been lousy too, dead last in points allowed (33 per game), total defense (399) and rushing defense (242) in the Big Ten. The Boilermakers are the only program in the nation without a single forced turnover this season.

Former Noblesville and Ben Davis head coach Jason Simmons was elevated from his analyst role to assume play-calling duties for the rest of the season.

"I believe we have a better team than we've been showing the last three weeks and there's a lot of football still to be played," Walters said. "I feel like if I

didn't do anything right now, it would be kind of like waving a white flag on the season and nobody in that building is ready to do that. So if a change was going to be made in December, I just didn't think it would be fair for everyone involved."

After leading Ben Davis to semistate appearances from 2019-2021, Simmons spent the 2023 season as running backs coach at Miami (Ohio).

Simmons' first task? Finding a way to end Wisconsin's 17-game winning streak against Purdue.

Harrell's dismissal hasn't taken the pressure off Walters, who was placed atop the Big Ten coaching hotseat list this week by CBS Sports writer Tom Fornelli.

Rest in peace, Pete Rose

Growing up a Cincinnati Reds fan in the 1970s was a lot of fun. Given the nickname "The Big Red Machine" by Cincinnati sportswriter Bob Hertzler, the Reds of this era were a threat nine of the decade's 10 years to win at least a division title. Johnny Bench was the greatest catcher of all-time. Joe Morgan made the offense go. Tony Perez always seemed to get the big hit. Somehow, manager Sparky Anderson kept the team's oversized personalities focused on winning ahead of fame and fortune. There should have been a fifth Baseball Hall of Famer from this squad, but Pete Rose's baseball story was never predictable. Rose died unexpectedly Monday at age 83 in Las Vegas, one day after attending an autograph show in Nashville, Tenn., with Perez and fellow Big Red Machine teammates Dave Concepcion, George Foster and Ken Griffey Jr.

The Clark County (Nevada) Coroner's Office confirmed to The Cincinnati Enquirer that Rose died of

hypertension (high blood pressure) and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (plaque buildup blocking blood flow to the heart).

Rose only got a chance to play professional baseball because his uncle, a scout for the Reds, convinced team officials to give the hometown kid a tryout in 1960. It became the best \$7,000 the Reds ever invested.

It took Rose three seasons to reach the major leagues, winning National League Rookie of the Year honors in 1963. That same year he earned the nickname "Charlie Hustle" from New York Yankees legends Mickey Mantle and Whitey Ford, who believed Rose was showing off by sprinting to first base after a walk during a spring training game.

Rose never slowed down, even when age finally eroded the switch-hitting skills that carried him to a record 4,256 hits. He became the first singles hitter to earn a contract for \$100,000. Rose would hit a Major League record 3,215 singles from 1963 to 1986. He also owns MLB records for games played (3,562), at bats (14,053) and plate appearances (15,890).

Rose's other numbers are just as staggering. Three-time World Series champion with the Reds (1975-76) and Philadelphia (1980). National League MVP (1973) and World Series MVP (1975). Three-time National League batting champion. A 17-time All-Star.

All of that, though, was overshadowed when he agreed to a permanent ban in 1989 for gambling on Major League Baseball. That became Rose's epitaph when the news spread of his death. Rose always pleaded that if the game he loved would give him a second chance, he wouldn't need a third. Three commissioners refused Rose that second chance despite



Braden Smith

pleas from Bench, Morgan and former Phillies teammate Mike Schmidt.

Commissioner Bud Selig did allow Rose brief pardons from the ban, notably permitting Rose to be part of the on-field All-Century Team celebration in 1999. Selig also allowed Rose to attend on-field ceremonies when the Reds retired his No. 14 and placed him in the team's Hall of Fame.

I met Rose one time in Indianapolis. I was a young sportswriter for the Lafayette Journal and Courier and my sports editor, knowing my passion for the Reds, sent me to meet the Reds Caravan during one of its many stops across the Midwest trying to sell tickets and build up fan enthusiasm.

Player-manager Rose was his usual gregarious self. But the non-players accompanying Rose on the caravan gave me pause. I didn't know it then but a couple of them would become part of baseball's investigation that led to Rose's downfall. The day after Rose's death, ESPN (a television partner of MLB) posted a story on its website touting "props, picks and futures" in its Major League Baseball wild-card round betting guide.

Oh, the irony.

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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4p in Youth Services

Thursday
3 & 17

Lego Club
All ages are welcome
4p in Youth Services



Monday
7

1st Grade Book Club
For 1st Graders
4p in Youth Services

Thursday
10

Tween Book Club
For 5th-8th Graders
4p in Youth Services



Monday
14

2nd Grade Book Club
For 2nd Graders
4p in Youth Services

Monday
21

3rd Grade Book Club
For 3rd Graders
4p in Youth Services

Monday
28

4th Grade Book Club
For 4th Graders
4p in Youth Services

Tuesday
29

Fall Party for Kids
Wear a fun Costume
6-7:30p in Youth Services



FOR TEENS

Saturday
12

Teen Film Club
Ages 13-19 (only)
2p in the Classroom (D)



Thursday
24

Teen Anime Club
Ages 13-19 (only)
6p in Youth Services

Tuesday
1, 8, 15,
& 22

Tech Tuesday Computer Classes
Registration Required for Most
6p in Meeting Room D



Tuesday
8

Genealogy Club Meeting
Monthly Meeting
7p in Meeting Room A



Tuesday
Monday
15 & 28

D & D for Beginners
Family Group on Tuesday; Adults on Monday
5p in Meeting Room B

Wednesday
16

Wyrd Words Book Club
Open to Adults 18+ years of age
6p in Meeting Room C



Saturday
19

Naturalist Series: Owls of Indiana
Adults and 12+
10a in Meeting Room A

Wednesday
23

Resume Writing Workshop
Registration is required
10a in Meeting Room D

Wednesday
23

Mystery of History
Mysterious discussion club for Adults
6p in Meeting Room C



Wednesday
25

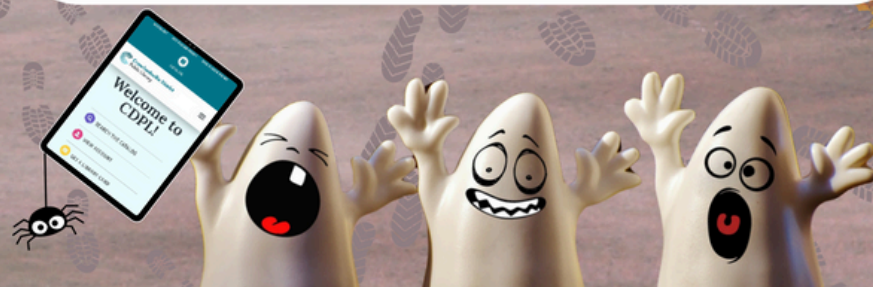
Local History Book Talk
James B. Elmore by R. & C. Baker
2p in Meeting Room A

Friday
25

Genealogy Club
After Hours (RSVP by 10/23)
4:45p in the Donnelley Room (A)

Monday
28

Cookbook Club
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6:30p in Meeting Room D



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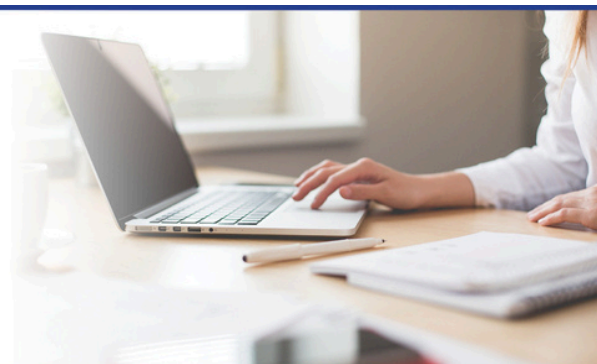
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Midwest Bale Ties Enhances Operations

Midwest Bale Ties, a family owned business and leading manufacturer of baling wire products, announced the integration of a state-of-the-art automated wire forming cell into its manufacturing facility. Operating for over 25 years in Crawfordsville, Midwest Bale Ties continues to invest in cutting-edge technology to enhance product quality, increase efficiency and meet growing customer demands across multiple industries.

"As Crawfordsville continues to grow, we are thrilled to see family owned businesses like Midwest Bale Ties investing in advanced technology," Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton said. "This expansion not only strengthens their operations but also brings new opportunities for our community and we're excited about the positive impact this will have on local jobs and economic development."

The new automated wire forming cell will include Computer Numerical Control wire bending, a secondary process mill, a resistance welding station and Fanuc robot to tend to all equipment. This will significantly enhance the company's manufacturing capabilities. This advanced system is



designed to deliver precise, consistent, and high-quality wire products while optimizing efficiency. The addition of this technology will streamline production processes, reduce waste, and improve delivery times for customers throughout North America.

"We're proud to be integrating this advanced technology into our operations," Jason Ramsey, President of Midwest Bale Ties, said. "As a family owned business with a 25-year legacy, we've always prioritized customer satisfaction and quality. This new automated wire forming cell will help us continue that tradition by elevating our manufacturing capabilities while maintaining the superior standards we are known for. Additionally, it strengthens our commitment to providing for our employees — ensuring we can offer competitive wages, comprehensive benefits, and a secure, supportive work environment where our team can thrive."

Over the last 25 years, Midwest Bale Ties has

grown significantly in both size and reputation. "We're proud to see employees who joined us during challenging times now raising families, buying homes, and leading fulfilling lives," Ramsey said. "Our commitment extends beyond business — we aim to keep Midwest Bale Ties strong for future generations." Midwest Bale Ties supports local youth programs, sports teams, and offers internships to high school and college students. Additionally, the company provides 100 percent employee health insurance coverage, along with quarterly performance reviews and profit-sharing bonuses. These initiatives not only foster local economic growth but also demonstrate the company's deep commitment to employee well-being and community development.

Subject to normal due diligence and local approvals as part of the decision-making process, Midwest Bale Ties will seek tax incentives from the City of Crawfordsville.

FC Tucker Honors Katie Viers, Angie Williams

F.C. Tucker West Central announced that Katie Viers earned the title of Listing Leader while Angie Williams secured the position of Sales Leader recently.

"Katie and Angie continue to demonstrate the highest level of service and professionalism in the industry," Chad Hess, Broker/Owner of F.C. Tucker West Central, said. "Their hard work and dedication to their clients shine through in everything they do, and we are fortunate to have them on our team."

Viers successfully listed two homes, bringing her expert knowledge and guidance to sellers in the local market. Williams assisted three buyers in finding their dream homes, providing exceptional



Katie Viers

service and ensuring smooth transactions from start to finish.

With over five years of experience and as a Crawfordsville transplant, Viers understands the complexities of the local market and is committed to continually educating herself on the latest trends to better serve her clients. She and husband Tim are proud parents of three children, and in her spare time, she enjoys outdoor activities with her family and friends.



Angie Williams

Williams is known for her hard work, honesty, and dedication to ensuring that every real estate transaction goes smoothly. Williams is a Purdue University graduate with a degree in biology. She lives just south of Crawfordsville with her husband, Matt. She enjoys coaching Southmont's girls' soccer team and watching her youngest child participate in sports, while also spending quality time with her two college-aged children.

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