

TODAY'S VERSE

Acts 2:38 Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Meet Lucky



Lucky is a 5 year old male beagle mix available for adoption at The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL) since 9/4/24. Lucky loves going out for walks, wet food, and belly rubs! Lucky is looking for his best friend. Could that be you? AWL is open Monday-Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 9:30a-3p. Come snuggle cats in a community cat room, walk dogs, or lend a helping hand!

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Boomer Bits

Ask Rusty – Will Wife's Survivor Benefit Be Less if She Claimed Early?



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty:

I claimed Social Security at 70. My wife claimed her own SS at 62, and her earnings were significantly lower than mine. I understand my wife will be eligible to claim my benefit if I pass before she does, but will Social Security reduce that benefit because she didn't wait until age 65 to claim hers?
Signed: Concerned Husband

Dear Concerned:

Your wife's benefit as your surviving spouse will be based on two things:

- Her age when she claims her survivor benefit,
- The amount you were receiving at your death.

If she has reached her own Full Retirement Age (FRA) when she claims her surviving spouse benefit, she will get 100% of the amount you were receiving when you died (instead of her own smaller SS retirement amount). However, if she claims her survivor benefit at any time before her full retirement age, it will be reduced for claiming the survivor benefit early.

Thus, when your wife claimed her own Social Security retirement benefit (in her case, age 62) doesn't matter and doesn't affect her potential surviving spouse benefit - what matters is her age when she claims her survivor benefit. If she claims before reaching her own FRA, her survivor benefit will be reduced according to the number of months before her FRA that the survivor benefit is claimed. That reduction would be about 4.75% for each year earlier than her FRA she claims it. But if she claims her surviving spouse benefit at or after she reaches her full retirement age, she will get the amount you were receiving at your death, instead of her own smaller age 62 Social Security retirement benefit amount. FYI, your wife's full retirement age is somewhere between 66 and 67, depending on the year she was born (born in 1960 or later, her FRA is age 67).

And, just for clarity, your wife's payment as your

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How to Save Medicare Patients Billions

By Dr. Jack Feltz and Dr. Michael Hagg

Most people over a certain age are familiar with going in for a colonoscopy, a routine method of screening for and preventing colon cancer. What they might not know is that the cost of the procedure can vary wildly depending on where they get it done.

The problem is that Medicare -- the taxpayer-funded health insurer for Americans 65 and above -- pays hospitals significantly more for common procedures than it pays physicians in private practices or ambulatory surgery centers.

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Data Breach Settlement With Marriott Reached

Baby Boomers tend to travel quite a bit, so news from the Indiana Attorney General's office might be of more than passing interest.

State Attorney General Todd Rokita announced that a coalition of 50 attorneys general has reached a settlement with Marriott International Inc., the result of a multi-year investigation into a massive data breach which targeted one of its guest reservation databases.

Under the settlement with the attorneys general,

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Diary From 1860s Comes Alive Thursday at Wabash Presbyterian

On Thursday at 7 p.m., storyteller Delores Hydock and internationally known musician Bobby Horton will bring to Crawfordsville the fascinating story of a young woman who lived through the Civil War. This program is being presented in partnership with the Lew Wallace Museum and Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church. It will take place at the church, 307 S. Washington St.

Sallie Independence Foster was 12 years old and living in Florence, Alabama, in 1861 when the War Between the States began. This bright, articulate girl kept a diary at the time, and she kept that diary for another 26 years.

Her journals give a funny, touching, and uniquely personal look at a world of innocence colliding with the reality of war. When the war ended, Sallie-like thousands of others--had to create a new life in a radically changed world.

Using the archived materials of Sallie's journals, letters, and historical photographs, storyteller Dolores Hydock vividly blends the modern experience of discovering and exploring this 150-year-old treasure with Sallie's experience of navigating a world turned upside-down. Hydock is an actress, writer, and storyteller. Her story concerts and original one-woman plays have been featured at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee, and at conferences, concerts, and special events throughout the United States.

Musician and music historian Bobby Horton adds original tunes and music of the period--camp songs, popular songs, and wartime ballads--to bring a musical heartbeat to the story. Horton is a multi-instrumentalist, composer, producer, and music historian. He has produced and performed music scores for sixteen PBS films by Ken Burns, including The Civil War and Baseball, and twenty-one films for The National Park Service.

This program is free and open to the public. Tickets are not required. Please contact Larry Paarlberg at (765) 362-5769 or study@ben-hur.com for more information about the program.

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

It's critical for kids, especially teens to get plenty of sleep to help with mood, school performance and appetite.

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

- 1 Don't forget that Monday is Columbus Day, a holiday that closes some places and not others. One of the impacts is your favorite Online Edition! We won't have a Monday edition next week, but will be back and better than ever on Wednesday, Oct. 16 and Friday, Oct. 18! And while we're talking about us -- Readers' Choice '24 voting will be coming to an end soon. Be sure to get those last few votes in. It may not be early anymore, but you can still vote often! You know, kind of like the political types are saying about our national elections!
- 2 The Indiana National Guard is helping with hurricane relief efforts in Florida through route clearance, shelter management, supply distribution, and command and control. "Whether we're aiding North Carolina recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene, or assisting Floridians in the wake of Hurricane Milton, time and time again, when devastation strikes, Hoosiers of all backgrounds answer the call in helping those in desperate need," said Gov. Eric Holcomb. Approximately 400 Indiana National Guard soldiers from four units based in Terre Haute, New Albany, Lawrence and Gary mobilized to assist in recovery efforts, prevent the loss of life and reduce human suffering caused by the hurricane.
- 3 A new study has revealed the states most likely to get divorced. Although New Mexico and West Virginia share the top spot, Indiana isn't far behind at No. 6. Our friends at video chat roulette site Instacams.com analyzed data from the US Census Bureau to find the total number of divorced people in each state in 2023. After the top two was Nevada, Kentucky, Maine and Oklahoma. Hoosiers were tied for sixth with Montana with 12,100 divorced people for every 100,000 residents.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"A person should always choose a costume which is in direct contrast to her own personality."
Lucy Van Pelt, It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown

TODAY'S JOKE

Who won the skeleton beauty contest?
No Body!

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Famed storyteller Delores Hydock and internationally known musician Bobby Horton will present the story of young Sallie Independence Foster who was living in Florence, Alabama, in 1861 when the War Between the States began. Her diary started then and was kept for another 26 years. Hydock and Horton are well known for their work, including Horton's efforts with PBS films by Ken Burns. This all takes place Thursday at 7 p.m. as a partnership between the Lew Wallace Museum and Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church. It will take place at the church, 307 S. Washington St. For more information on this free program, contact Larry Paarlberg at (765) 362-5769 or study@ben-hur.com.

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Legislators Promoting New Tool for Healthcare

Area legislators encourage Hoosiers to take advantage of a new state website to compare health care prices and quality.

In 2020, state lawmakers passed a law establishing the newly launched Indiana All Payer Claims Database, which is overseen by the Indiana Department of Insurance, to help increase transparency in health care costs. The website collects insurance claims data from public and private health care payers to track the cost, utilization and quality of health care across the state.

"Hoosiers should have the ability to make informed decisions when it comes to their health care," said State Rep. Beau Baird (R-Greencastle). "This tool offers a straightforward way to compare costs and quality, helping individuals find the care they need."

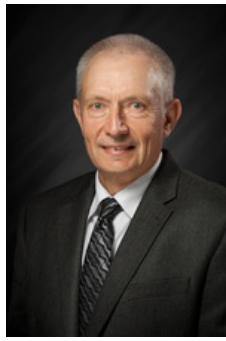
Baird (R-Greencastle) represents House District 44, which includes all of Putnam County and a portion of Montgomery County.

According to State Rep. Sharon Negele (R-Attica), the goals of the database are to inform Hoosiers seeking medical care, identify state health care needs, support health care policy, and improve the quality and affordability of health care in the state.

"No one wants to overpay on services or



State Rep. Sharon Negele



State Rep. Jeff Thompson



State Rep. Mark Genda



State Rep. Beau Baird

get stuck with high out-of-pocket costs," Negele said. "With this new database, consumers can compare and research providers, availability and service costs to determine what best fits their needs and budgets."

Negele (R-Attica) represents House District 13, which includes all of Benton and Warren counties and portions of Fountain, Jasper, Montgomery, Newton, Tippecanoe and White counties.

State Rep. Mark Genda (R-Frankfort) said information collected by the APCD complies with the security standards outlined in the U.S. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act also known as HIPAA and the U.S. Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act. Onpoint Health Data, the Indiana APCD administrator, is also certified by HITRUST, an industry-leading standard in health data security that uses both federal and state security requirements.

"Whether it's looking up the average cost of an x-ray or comparing the costs of a procedure at different locations, this tool can help Hoosiers ensure they are getting the best quality and price," Genda said. "Many consumers want to know their out-of-pocket expenses upfront and the availability of care nearby before deciding whether to move forward with a procedure, and that's why this website can be a great resource."

Genda (R-Frankfort) represents House District 41, which includes portions of Boone, Clinton, Montgomery and Tippecanoe counties.

State Rep. Jeff Thompson (R-Lizton) said the APCD lets Hoosiers search what other patients have paid for common procedures across regions, providers and insurance plans. Additionally, the database includes a list of health care providers that perform services within certain distances from a zip code, the average out-of-pocket costs for a service and the quality

rating for that facility. For example, Hoosiers needing a knee replacement can select their insurance, procedure and zip code on the database to view a list of nearby health care providers that perform the service, the quality rating for that facility and the average out-of-pocket cost.

"Hoosiers deserve to know how much they will owe for a procedure and be able to look at different options before receiving treatment," Thompson said. "This database can help ensure patients are given an accurate picture of their medical expenses, so they can make more informed decisions regarding their health care."

Thompson (R-Lizton) represents House District 28, which includes portions of Boone, Hendricks and Montgomery counties.

Hoosiers can visit apcd.idoi.in.gov to compare health care prices and quality, and find out more information. Questions and suggestions for the current or future reports and dashboards can be submitted by email at apcd@idoi.in.gov.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This 1982 CHS Grad?

HINT:
 She was an outstanding student, athlete and senior Homecoming Queen.

Answer on Page A3

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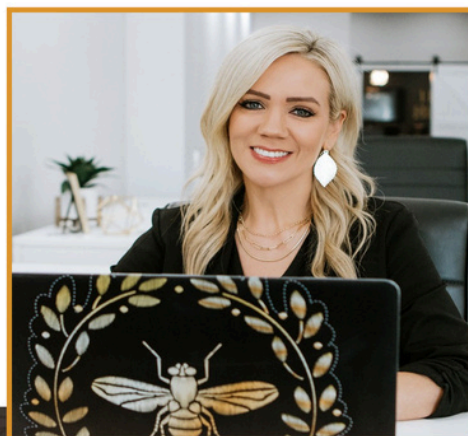


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surviving spouse will consist of her own SS retirement benefit plus an auxiliary amount to bring her monthly payment up to what she is entitled to as your surviving spouse.

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Russell Gloor is the, National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens. To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Montgomery County Board of Zoning Appeals
Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Variance to the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance

Notice is hereby given the Montgomery County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 10:00 am to consider a Variance, of Use standards, from the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance. The meeting will be held in the Montgomery County Government Center Community Room, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

The proposed Variance (ZV2407), to the use standard, in the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance Chapter 159 of Montgomery County Code. The request is for variance of use on a Residential property. The petitioner requests Commercial Use, small scale, on the residentially zoned property.

Parcel: 54-10-13-100-004.001-025

Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed variance. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The Board of Zoning Appeals 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 Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposed Variance is on file and may be examined at the Montgomery County Building and Zoning Department 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

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This discrepancy contributes to the swelling cost of health care in our country. It's also compelled hospitals to acquire physician practices in increasing numbers. That saps competition, results in higher prices, and leaves patients with fewer options.

Medicare pays more to hospitals for a long list of procedures. In addition to cancer screenings, these include x-rays, chemotherapy infusions, and heart-imaging procedures like echocardiograms and nuclear cardiology, as well as follow-up appointments.

The current system is good for hospitals' bottom lines. But it's bad for everyone else. Medicare serves some 66 million older Americans. Multiply the price of millions of procedures by two or more, and the cost to the federal government adds up.

This system of unequal payments has other negative impacts, too. For example, it requires Medicare to keep seniors' monthly premiums higher than they need to be. MedPAC estimated that switching to site-neutral payments -- in which the federal government pays the same for procedures no matter where they're performed -- would have saved Medicare beneficiaries \$1.5 billion in 2021.

And since private insurers use Medicare reimbursements as the basis for their own payments, premiums for their beneficiaries are higher than they need to be as well. The insurance company Blue Cross Blue Shield estimates that site-neutral reforms would save people with private insurance \$117 billion a year in premiums.

The double standard has encouraged hospitals to gobble up

freestanding clinics and small practices so that they can charge Medicare more, according to MedPAC. As soon as a hospital completes an acquisition, it starts billing for the clinic's services at the hospital rate -- without even making changes that might justify a higher price.

Ultimately, this consolidation leaves patients with fewer options to choose from when deciding on providers. And if all the health facilities in a community end up owned by the same hospital or health system, then there's no competition to drive better quality or pricing for patients.

The solution is for Medicare to establish site-neutral payments. Such reforms would disincentivize large hospital groups from buying up independent outpatient clinics or the surgery centers where doctors in private practice perform procedures.

In the bigger picture, site-neutral payments would decrease overall healthcare spending. According to the American Action Forum, adopting them would save Medicare \$153 billion over 10 years and the healthcare system as a whole \$672 billion.

It makes little sense to pay hospitals many times more than physicians for equivalent work. Implementing site-neutral payments would make patients, taxpayers, and the healthcare system as a whole much better off.

Dr. Jack Feltz is an OB/GYN and Federal Health Policy Chair for the American Independent Medical Practice Association. Dr. Michael Hagg is a urologist and President of the Pennsylvania Independent Physician Practice Association.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

Answer:
Marjorie Pebworth

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Marriott has agreed to strengthen its data security practices using a dynamic risk-based approach, to provide certain consumer protections, and to make a \$52 million payment to states.

Indiana will receive over \$900,000 from the settlement.

"Protecting Hoosiers' personal data, whether they are checking into a hotel or just checking out potential travel plans, is an important priority of our office," Rokita said. "That's why we hold corporations accountable for responsibly handling consumers' information. This settlement shows once again our resolve to make sure corporations are vigilant in following security protocols."

The Federal Trade Commission, which has coordinated closely with the states throughout this investigation, has reached a parallel settlement with Marriott.

Marriott acquired Starwood in 2016 and took control of the Starwood computer network in 2016. However, from July 2014 until September 2018, intruders in the system went undetected. This led to the breach of 131.5 million guest records pertaining to customers in the United States. The impacted records included contact information, gender, dates of birth, legacy Starwood Preferred Guest information, reservation information, and hotel stay preferences, as well as a limited number of unencrypted passport numbers and unexpired payment card information.

Shortly after the breach of the Starwood database was announced, a coalition of 50 attorneys general launched a multi-state investigation into the breach. Today's settlement resolves allegations by the attorneys general that Marriott violated state consumer protection laws, personal information protection laws, and, where applicable, breach notification laws by failing to implement reasonable data security and remediate data security deficiencies, particularly when

attempting to use and integrate Starwood into its systems.

Under the terms of the settlement, Marriott has agreed to strengthen and continually improve its cybersecurity practices. Some of the specific measures include:

- Implementation of a comprehensive Information Security Program. This includes new overarching security program mandates, such as incorporating zero-trust principles, regular security reporting to the highest levels within the company, including the Chief Executive Officer, and enhanced employee training on data handling and security.
- Data minimization and disposal requirements, which will lead to less consumer data being collected and retained.
- Specific security requirements with respect to consumer data, including component hardening, conducting an asset inventory, encryption, segmentation to limit an intruder's ability to move across a system, patch management to ensure that critical security patches are applied in a timely manner, intrusion detection, user access controls, and logging and monitoring to keep track of movement of files and users within the network.
- Increased vendor and franchisee oversight, with a special emphasis on risk assessments for "Critical IT Vendors," and clearly outlined contracts with cloud providers.
- In the future, if Marriott acquires another entity, it must timely further assess the acquired entity's information security program and develop plans to address identified gaps or deficiencies in security as part of the integration into Marriott's network.
- An independent third-party assessment of Marriott's information security program every two years for a period of 20 years for additional security oversight.

As part of the settlement, Marriott will give consumers specific protections, including a data deletion option, even if consumers do not currently have that right under state law. Marriott must offer multi-factor authentication to consumers for their loyalty rewards accounts, such as Marriott Bonvoy, as well as reviews of those accounts if there is suspicious activity.

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Realtor John Downey Earns Top Honor

F.C. Tucker West Central Realtor John Downey has been recognized as the Listing and Sales Agent for September after demonstrating outstanding commitment to his clients, listing four properties for sellers and closing three sales.



John Downey

Downey is no stranger to success in real estate. A lifelong resident of Montgomery County, he has a deep understanding of the local market. He has been a licensed appraiser since 2006, working in Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Fountain and Warren counties. Since joining F.C. Tucker in 2016, Downey has specialized in residential listings and sales across West Central Indiana, bringing his expertise and problem-solving skills to each transaction.

In 2023, John closed on 40 transactions, totaling just over \$9 million in sales volume. He is a two-time F.C. Tucker President's Club member, was named the 2020 Montgomery

County MIBOR Realtor of the Year, and is a former chair of the local MIBOR division.

"John's dedication and client-first approach have made him a standout agent in our community," said Chad Hess, owner of F.C. Tucker West Central. "We're incredibly proud of his continued success and the hard work he brings to every transaction."

Downey lives in Montgomery County with his wife, Thoma, of 25 years, and their three children: Jarett, Clayton, and Gavin. A graduate of Wabash College, he also holds an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan. He takes great pride in serving his community and helping families find their dream homes.

Art Explorers Opportunity for Youth



ABBY MORGAN Guest Columnist

The season is changing and many youth are anxiously awaiting fall break. While this is a great

time to recharge and relax, it can also be a time to learn new skills and even get creative. In an effort to give youth an opportunity to do just that, I am excited to offer our first Art Explorers program for youth during the upcoming fall break.

Through a partnership with Shop Small Shop Handmade LLC, this program will give youth a hands-on opportunity to learn from local artists and create their own unique pieces. Research has shown that participation in art activities can help "build resiliency and contribute to positive mental wellbeing of children and young people."

This program will take place Oct. 21-23 from 9 a.m. to noon at Shop

Small Shop Handmade LLC (located at 124 N. Green St. in Crawfordsville). This unique opportunity is for any youth currently in grades 4-6 and costs \$70 per participant. This cost includes all materials and artwork that they youth will create during the program. It will also cover the cost of any refreshments provided. Due to limited space, we can only take the first 15 participants that register.

Have a youth that would love this opportunity to get creative? Register them at <https://artexplorers24.4honline.com>.

The deadline to get signed up and paid is Friday, Oct. 18. If you have any questions about registration, the program, etc., please contact Abby Morgan at asweet@purdue.edu or (765)364-6363.

Abby Morgan is the 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator for Purdue Extension Montgomery County

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SOUTHMONT SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular School Board Meeting
 Corporation Board Room
 Monday, October 14, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.
 Public Meeting

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Welcome and Recognition of Visitors. -High School Student Government. -Student and Staff Recognitions.
- V. Revisions to the Agenda
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. Consent Agenda: (minutes, monthly claims, field trips/facilities usage, contributions/gifts and personnel)

Minutes from previous meetings
 Claims/Payrolls Personnel:
 -Approve resignation of Kelly Shannon - Kindergarten - Walnut Elementary - effective October 11, 2024. -Catharine Simmerman - Art Teacher - Southmont Jr. - Sr. High School. -Cori Crossley - Kindergarten Teacher - Walnut Elementary. - Heather Stegeman - Part-Time Clinic Assistant/Secretary - Southmont Jr. High. - Danielle Starcher - Instructional Aide - New Market Elementary. -Approve resignation of Sandra Johnson - Instructional Aide - Southmont Jr. High - effective immediately. -Approve resignation of Robin Tomlinson - Instructional Aide - New Market Elementary - effective October 11, 2024. -Jamie Welliever - Varsity Wrestling Coach - \$5000.00. -Juan Grino - Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach - \$2000.00. -Rachel Welliever - Varsity Assistant Wrestling Co-Coach - \$1000.00. -Laine Frazee - Varsity Assistant Wrestling Co-Coach - \$1000.00. -Michael Byrum - Varsity Boys Basketball Coach - \$8000.00. -Dan Chadd - Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball Coach - \$3500.00. -Clay Buck - JV Boys Basketball Coach - \$3000.00. -Dan Burkman - Varsity Girls Basketball Coach - \$8000.00. -Morgan Ross - Varsity Assistant Girls Basketball Coach - \$3250.00. -Jeff Cochran - Varsity Assistant Girls Basketball Coach - \$3250.00. -Dan McCormick - Varsity Boys Swimming Coach - \$2639.00. -Mercedes McCormick - Varsity Girls Swimming Coach - \$2639.00. -Rebekah Thomas - Co-Ed Diving Coach - \$1500.00. -Rachel Welliever - JH Wrestling Coach - \$2000.00. -Elliott Franklin - 7th grade Boys Basketball Coach - \$2000.00. -Dave Williamson - 8th grade Boys Basketball Coach - \$2000.00. -Travis Bowen - 8th grade Boys Basketball Coach - Volunteer. -Matt Williams - 8th grade Girls Basketball Coach - \$2000.00 -FFA Field Trip to Switzerland County on October 11-12, 2024 for State Soils Contest. -Donations made to Southmont High School in the amount of \$400.00.

VIII. Items for Action: 1. 2025 Budget Adoption A. Resolution to Approve the 2025 Bus Replacement Plan. B. Resolution to Approve the 2025 Capital Projects Plan. C. Resolution to Approve the 2025 Transfer of Funds from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund. D. Resolution to Approve the 2025 Budget. E. Resolution to Approve the Appropriation Reduction 2024.

IX. Report from Superintendent:

X. Items for Discussion by the Board

XI. Adjournment

Future Meetings:
 November 11, 2024 - Regular Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 PM
 December 9, 2024 - Regular Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 PM
 This meeting site is handicap accessible. Any person requiring further accommodation should contact the Superintendent at the School Corporation office.

Back in the Day with Butch Dale



One of the most popular events in the various little towns in Montgomery County was the annual fish fry, which was sponsored by local organizations and businesses. A few lucky towns still sponsor this event. Shown above is the New Ross fish fry in 1974.

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Look Back at Memorable Ross-Ade Moments in Last 100 Years



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With the countdown to Ross-Ade Stadium's 100th birthday less than six weeks away, let's take a look back at some of the greatest Purdue football moments since the Boilermakers defeated Indiana 26-7 on Nov. 22, 1924.

Oct. 24, 1953

Dan Pobjewski gained revenge on his former team, scoring the game's only touchdown early in the fourth quarter as Purdue upset No. 1 Michigan State 6-0.

The loss snapped the Spartans' 28-game winning streak.

Oct. 29, 1966

Minutes after throwing his fifth interception of the day, a 93-yard return for a touchdown that gave Illinois a 21-10 lead after three quarters, Bob Griese sought redemption.

A touchdown pass to Marion Griffin capped a 63-yard, seven-play drive. With just minutes to play and Rose Bowl hopes fading, Purdue drove to the Illinois 32. Scrambling away from pursuing Illini, Griese launched a pass toward Jim Finley in the end zone. Finley's catch gave Purdue an improbable 25-21 victory.

"I was hoping he would see me, and I was praying 'please throw it to me,'" Finley said.

Nov. 23, 1968

Trailing 35-24 with seven minutes to play and facing second down and 21 at the Purdue 44, Mike Phipps passed to a wide open Leroy Keyes for a 56-yard touchdown.

Purdue would go on to win 38-35 when Keyes scored the final touchdown of his Boilermaker career, a 1-yard run with 95 seconds remaining.

Nov. 25, 1972

Much like Leroy Keyes four years earlier, Otis Armstrong ended his Purdue career in memorable fashion His final carry was a 53-yard touchdown run

that capped a record-setting day during a 42-7 victory against Indiana. Armstrong rushed for 276 yards on 32 carries. His second touchdown run of the game covered 71 of those yards.

Armstrong departed as the Big Ten's career rushing leader (3,135 yards) in just three seasons. He set Purdue single-game, career and single-season rushing records. Armstrong was the first true running back to lead the Big Ten in total offense since 1945.

"Thank God we've seen the last of him," Indiana coach John Pont said afterward.

Nov. 6, 1976

Purdue was a 30-point underdog to No. 1 Michigan, such a daunting task that a local minister told coach Alex Agase he should pray for a miracle.

Whether Rock Supan had divine intervention or just a strong right leg, his 23-yard field goal with 4:20 remaining gave the Boilermakers a 16-14 victory.

"Everybody had said all week how bad we would get beat," Agase said. Asked about the kick, Supan was matter of fact.

"I didn't have time to get nervous. The wind was blowing from left to right, and I tried to make an adjustment to allow for the wind factor. Thank goodness it was good."

Oct. 25, 1980

Mark Herrmann became the NCAA's career passing leader during Purdue's 36-25 victory against Michigan State. Fittingly, it was Bart Burrell – Herrmann's teammate at Carmel – who caught the record-setting 14-yard pass. Herrmann broke the record of 7,818 yards set by Washington State's Jack Thompson. Officials stopped play and presented Herrmann with the game ball.

Nov. 22, 1980

Linebacker Mike Marks gave most of the

record-setting 71,629 in attendance a happy ride home when he batted away the potential game-winning two-point conversion pass with 17 seconds remaining to preserve Purdue's 24-23 victory against Indiana.

Indiana pulled within a point on Tim Clifford's touchdown pass to Steve Corso. After calling timeout, Indiana went back to Clifford for the two-point try. But before tight end Bob Stephenson could haul in the pass, Marks hurled his body toward the ball and knocked it to the turf.

"This game was my last hurrah, and I couldn't let them beat us," Marks said.

Marks also tipped a desperation 59-yard field goal try to finally end it.

Oct. 6, 1984

Rod Woodson's 55-yard interception return for a touchdown would normally be remembered as the key play in Purdue's 28-23 upset of Ohio State.

But the victory wasn't secured until Ohio State quarterback Mike Tomczak lost track of the down, throwing a fourth down pass out of bounds with five seconds to play at the Purdue 34.

Nov. 22, 1986

Rod Woodson gave Purdue fans so many moments to remember during his final game in Ross-Ade Stadium.

The Journal and Courier's Tom Kubat wrote that "Woodson played like Superman, going both ways and playing almost the entire game" during the Boilermakers' 17-15 victory against Indiana. In addition to his usual cornerback spot, Woodson also alternated between running back and wide receiver on offense. He also ran back punts and kickoffs.

His 93 yards rushing on 15 attempts was a season-high for Purdue running backs. He caught three passes from Jeff George for 67 yards. Defensively, he made 10 tackles and

broke up a pass. Woodson returned three punts for 30 yards and two kickoffs for 46 yards.

"I've seen a lot of football and I've never seen a young man play a game like that," said Leon Burtnett, who was coaching his final game at Purdue after being forced to resign.

Sept. 13, 1997

Seeking its first victory against No. 12 Notre Dame in 13 years, Purdue led 14-10 in the fourth quarter. The Fighting Irish were driving when defensive end Rosevelt Colvin stripped the ball from quarterback Ron Powlus.

Adrian Beasley scooped up the loose ball and sprinted 43 yards for a touchdown that proved to be the winning points in a 28-17 victory.

"I scooped it up and all I saw was the end zone," said Beasley, a sophomore safety making his first collegiate start. "I thought it kind of broke their backs. You could see some of their heads drop."

Nov. 8, 1997

The Notre Dame victory wasn't the most dramatic win of the season. That title belongs to the stunning 22-21 comeback victory against Michigan State and Hall of Fame coach Nick Saban.

Down 21-10, Purdue got new life when Leo Perez blocked a Michigan State field goal try. Defensive end Rosevelt Colvin picked up the ball and outran the Spartans 62 yards to bring Purdue within 21-16 with two minutes left.

But wait, there's more. Chris Daniels recovered the onside kick, and All-Big Ten quarterback Billy Dicken completed four straight passes for 51 yards to give Purdue first-and-goal at the MSU 4. Edwin Watson scored on a 3-yard run with 1:10 to go. Michigan State kicker Chris Gardner shanked a 43-yard field goal try in the final seconds to end this improbable victory.

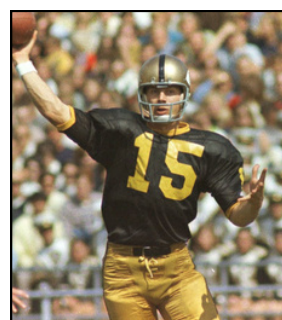
"Maybe divine intervention was on our side today," first-year Purdue coach Joe Tiller said.

Sept. 25, 1999

There's at least one Purdue record Drew Brees knows will never be broken.

His 99-yard touchdown pass to Vinny Sutherland finally put away Northwestern 31-23.

"I got behind the secondary and the pass was golden, right on the money," said Sutherland, who caught the ball at the Purdue 45 and sped away untouched. "The pass seemed like it was in slow motion. It seemed like it was Christmas before it got to me."



Mike Phipps

Oct. 7, 2000

Although he would end his college career as Purdue's most decorated kicker/punter, Travis Dorsch was not always a fan favorite.

After kicking a 33-yard field goal with four seconds remaining to beat No. 6 Michigan 32-31, Dorsch gave his student critics a one-finger response before celebrating with his teammates.

"I was just waving to some friends in the stands," Dorsch said. "They have a right to express their opinion, just as I have a right to express mine."

Oct. 28, 2000

"If you break it, then fix it!" was defensive end Ike Moore's instructions for Drew Brees after his fourth interception allowed Ohio State to take a 27-24 lead in the fourth quarter.

Two plays later, Brees saw Seth Morales run past the Ohio State secondary. Morales hauled in the 64-yard touchdown pass that moved Purdue closer to a Rose Bowl berth with a 31-27 victory.

"I kept saying, 'Seth, catch the ball. Seth, catch the ball,'" Morales said. "I didn't want to hear the crowd go 'Ooooooh' (if he had dropped it.)"

Nov. 18, 2000

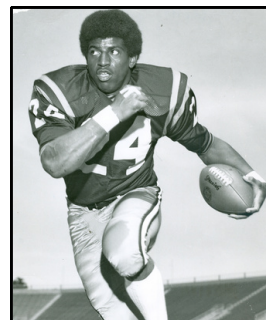
It took 34 years for roses to bloom once again in Ross-Ade Stadium. That the Boilermakers clinched their second Rose Bowl berth by smashing Indiana 41-13 made the roses smell even sweeter.

Running back Montrell Lowe went through the Indiana defense for 209 yards and four touchdowns.

Oct. 7, 2017

Maybe it was a sign from heaven. One week after the death of former head coach Joe Tiller, Purdue was struggling against Minnesota before a 90-minute weather delay. When play resumed, a rainbow appeared just beyond the Ross-Ade Stadium scoreboard. The Boilermakers responded with 18 points in the fourth quarter to rally for a 31-17 victory. The last six points came courtesy of linebacker Ja'Whaun Bentley, who sprinted 76 yards with an interception.

"This one is for coach Tiller," Purdue's Jeff Brohm said. "This is the way he taught everyone to play the game, what he preached, playing tough football, finding a way to win. We're happy



Otis Armstrong

to win this one the day we honor him."

Oct. 20, 2018

The 49-20 victory against No. 2 Ohio State will always be remembered as the Tyler Trent game. But a spectacular play by freshman All-American Rondale Moore helped make Trent's prediction of a victory come true.

Moore took a short pass from David Blough, shook off a handful of tackle attempts and sprinted away for a 43-yard touchdown that gave Purdue a 42-20 lead with 3:37 remaining.

Noteworthy

Purdue men's basketball will appear on the Big Ten Network just seven times during the 2024-25 regular season, the network announced Wednesday.

The Boilermakers and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi open a tripleheader on BTN during opening night Nov. 4, tipping off at 6 p.m. from Mackey Arena.

All BTN games with the exception of Purdue's trip to Washington on Jan. 15 at 9:30 p.m. will be from Mackey Arena. The other Boilermaker telecasts are vs. Yale on Nov. 11 (8 p.m.), Maryland on Dec. 8 (noon), Toledo on Dec. 29 (6 p.m.), Northwestern on Jan. 5 (2 p.m.) and Nebraska on Jan. 12 (noon).

The Big Ten Network's schedule will also include 10 Indiana games. Four of those will be conference matchups: home and at the Palestra against Penn State, a Jan. 8 visit from USC, and a Jan. 22 trip to Northwestern.

Luckily for Purdue and Indiana fans, they won't have to subscribe to Peacock to see either matchup this season. Fox will televise the Jan. 31 in Mackey Arena at 8 p.m. The rematch in Bloomington will be on CBS Feb. 23 at 1:30 p.m. The streaming Peacock channel, however, will be home for at least six Purdue games. One of them will be the showdown in Mackey Arena against national championship contender Alabama on Nov. 15. A potential seventh game, against Oregon on Jan. 18, could be moved to NBC.

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