TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

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Ask Rusty – When Should My Wife Claim Social Security Benefits?

Social Security Matters

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ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty:
I turned 64 in July and my wife turned 62 in August. My wife has not worked for approximately 15 years but does qualify for Social Security on her prior work record. My wife is having some physical issues and would like to not return to work. Since she is eligible to collect Social Security, that would be an option to provide additional income, so she doesn't have to work. My question is how would it affect her future SS spousal benefits based on my record if she begins collecting her own benefit now? I plan to work until at least my full retirement age (67), and maybe longer, but plan to start collecting SS at 67 even I continue working.
Signed: Working Husband

Dear Working:
If your wife has the required 40 SS quarter credits, she is eligible to collect reduced retirement benefits at 62 (for that needed extra income), but her age 62 benefit will be about 70% of what it would be if she waited until her SS full retirement age (FRA) to claim. That reduction would, in turn, carry over to her spousal benefit when you eventually claim your SS benefit. Here's why:

Your wife's spousal amount when you claim will be a combination of her own SS retirement benefit, plus an auxiliary amount (a "spousal boost") that she is entitled to as your spouse. At age 62, her own benefit will be cut by 30% and she can collect that reduced amount until you claim, at which point her spousal boost will be added to make her benefit equal her spousal entitlement. So, her total benefit as your spouse (when you claim) will consist of her reduced

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IAW Shares Ways to Identify Scammers

Indiana American Water wants to keep customers and the general public safe by providing important tips to help identify and avoid scammers targeting unsuspecting utility customers.

Utility company imposters often attempt to scam individuals in two main ways: 1) they may pose as utility workers to gain access to someone's home; 2) they might urgently contact the person, either by phone or another method, demanding

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Week Focuses on Protecting Financial Info From Thieves

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service, working with the Security Summit partners, today announced a special awareness week focusing on taxpayers and tax professionals to protect sensitive financial information from identity thieves and tax scams as the holidays and the 2025 tax season approach.

The 9th annual National Tax

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Party Night Kicks Off Tomorrow

Photo courtesy Montgomery County Visitors Bureau

The annual Christmas tree lighting is one of the highlights of the evening.

With Thanksgiving in the rearview, it's time to officially get the holiday season started. Party Night and Small Business Saturday are just hours away.

Things usually get going in the afternoon in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville, although you can find friendly shoppers milling all over downtown pretty much all day. There will be rides, visits with Santa, caroling and all sorts of family friendly holiday activities.

In addition, the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum is hosting over 30 regional authors for their 8th annual Lew Wallace Hoosier Author Fair. The public is invited to Fusion54 at 101 W. Main Street on Saturday from 5 – 8 p.m. to meet Hoosier authors.

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Consider sitting on an exercise ball instead of a chair – it helps your balance and keeps you more alert.

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 It's that time of year for Christmas ads and our pals at Visme, an interactive AI presentation and infographic maker, gathered Google search volume data to find which brands' Christmas commercials are being searched for the most in Indiana. The results revealed that Chevrolet makes the most popular Christmas commercials in Indiana, with an average of 47.5 monthly searches for their holiday ads. Second was Hershey's, with 29.17 searches per month, and the third favorite brand for Christmas commercials is Corona, with 27.5 monthly searches. In fourth and fifth place are Coca-Cola and Amazon, with 23.33 and 17.5 monthly searches, respectively.

2 It seems impossible to escape artificial intelligence these days. The latest is a new AI study has determined the most attractive male celebrities. QR Code Generator examined the nominees from People's Readers' Choice Poll for the Sexiest Men Alive of 2024 and used an AI-powered website to see who, among the 62 male stars, was the sexiest. Jonas Brothers member Joe Jonas was the tops, followed by Maluma, Ryan Gosling, Glen Powell and Joey McIntyre. Taylor Swift's beau, NFL player Travis Kelce, landed himself in 37th place and his sibling Jason ranked 17 slots lower, in 53rd.

3 Looking for a high-paying tech job? According to our friends at DataCamp, Computer Network Architects, are the highest-paid tech job in Indiana, with an average salary of $112,560. Software Developers were next at $110,580 and Information Security Analysts came in third at $102,690. Computer programmers ($98K) and Computer Systems Analysts ($96K) rounded out the top five.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable Gift."
2 Corinthians 9:15

TODAY'S JOKE

Knock Knock.
Who's there?
Igloo.
Igloo who?
Igloo Susie like I knew Susie, oh what a gal!

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The Indiana Department of Transportation wants you to know about some temporary lane closures along two short stretches of State Road 32 west of Lebanon. Beginning around Tuesday, crews will begin working around the intersection of S.R. 32 and County Road 500 W, as well as between C.R. 250 W and Westgate Blvd. Crews will be collecting pavement samples and subsurface data for future projects. Work is expected to last until late December but is weather-dependent and subject to change.

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OBITUARIES

William Scott Kegley

November 10, 1951 - November 13, 2024

William Scott Kegley, age 73, was born on November 10, 1951, to Ellen Kegley (later Schmidt) and William F. Kegley. He died unexpectedly in his home on November 13, 2024. He was preceded in death by his son, Benjamin Kegley, and his parents. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jane Christophersen, his children, Erin Coffman (Adam) and Claire Reed (Alexander). He is also survived by his sisters, Carol Kegley and Mary Howard Brentano (Michael). He leaves behind his grandchildren, Mackenzie Calloway (Adam), Drake Kegley, Madalyne Hottenstine, and Juliette Reed, as well as great-grandchildren, Boston Calloway, and Kayde Kegley.

Scott graduated from Bloomington South High School. He received his BS from Indiana University and his Masters in Education from DePauw University. He taught biology and chemistry at Switzerland High School and North Montgomery High School, where he also coached football, track, and basketball. He was offensive coordinator for the 1995 and 1996 NMHS 3A State Champion football teams. Scott also worked in various capacities in car dealerships before he retired in 2020.

Scott had many interests. He was a lifelong IU, Colts, and Dodgers fan. He loved to watch sports, listen to music and go to concerts, work with his plants, go boating, and most of all play with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Scott enjoyed traveling and watching travel shows. When he was home, he was always snuggling with his beloved cats and dogs. Those who love Scott agree that no one was more kind, generous, or tender-hearted.

Visitation will be on Friday, December 6, 2024 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at Sanders Funeral Care, 315 S Washington St, in Crawfordsville. A Celebration of Life will begin at 3:00 pm on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at MontCo Events Center, 217 N. Green Street, in Crawfordsville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the CASA Program at the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau, 808 W Pike St, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneral Care.com.

Ethel Marie Hudson

July 24, 1922 - November 24, 2024

Ethel Marie (Selby) Hudson, age 102 of Crawfordsville passed away on Sunday, November 24, 2024 at Whitlock Place. She was born in Alamo on July 24, 1922 to the late Iral Scott and Ida (Bowerman) Selby.

Ethel graduated from Alamo High School, Class of 1940. She married Roscoe Hudson on November 26, 1955, he preceded her in death on October 27, 1980. Ethel worked for various local businesses throughout Crawfordsville including Milligan's Flowers, BMV, and the Courthouse. She was a member of the Alamo Christian Church. After marrying Roscoe, they had a Pine Tree Farm. Ethel enjoyed collecting dishes and spending time with her brothers, nieces, and nephews.

Ethel is survived by her brother, Kenneth Selby; nieces and nephews, Ed (Irene) Selby, Jerry (Diane) Selby, Marsha (Bob) Mieure, and Stephen (Karen) Selby; stepson, Cyler (Mary) Hudson; and many step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her brother, Eston Selby; and stepchildren, Madge, Jack, Rosemary, Mack, Eugene, Ruhama Jane, Paul, and Phyllis.

Cremation was chosen with a private family gathering at a later date. Sanders Funeral Care Crawfordsville is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com

Larry G. Thompson

April 3, 1945 - November 23, 2024

Larry G. Thompson, age 79, passed away peacefully on November 23, 2024 at home in Crawfordsville. He was born on April 3, 1945 to Max and Anna Mae (Deck) Thompson.

Larry retired from Raybestos after 43 years as a journeyman maintenance mechanic. He belonged to Wallace Lodge 495 as a Master Mason, since 1984. Larry was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and loved his friends in Christ. He had a strong faith in Jesus Christ and would always be found reading his Bible or listening to sermons on the radio.

He also belonged to the National Rifle Association as a longtime member. Larry loved nature and wildlife, was often called the “animal whisperer,” as he had a knack of getting wild animals to trust him.

He never met a stranger and was always known for his smile, friendliness, giving and helping others.

Larry is survived by 2 daughters, Regina (Denny) Crady and Devona (Mark Cox) Blanton; 7 grandchildren, Ashley, Seth, Blake, Brayden, Kyle, Brent and Ryan; 8 great grandchildren; a brother, Steve Thompson; and a sister, Sue Anne Black.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 daughters, Laura Adams and Lindsay Thompson; and a brother, Danny Thompson.

Donations may be made in his memory to American Cancer Society or ALS Association.

Cremation was chosen with Sanders Funeral Care entrusted with care. A graveside service with close friends and family will be held at a later date at Indian Creek Hill Cemetery with Pastor Randall Glenn officiating.Share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

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Butch Dale’s Flashback Trivia

Do You Recognize this 1960 New Ross Sixth Grade Student?

HINT:
He was an outstanding athlete in high school and has farmed all of his life here in the county.

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age-62 amount, plus an additional amount as your spouse.

If you claim at 67, your wife will be about 2 years short of her own FRA, which means that her spousal boost amount will also be reduced for early claiming. That reduced spousal boost will be added to her already reduced (age 62) SS retirement benefit, which will make her total benefit less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount.

So, your wife claiming her own reduced SS retirement benefit at 62 also means her spousal benefit amount will be affected, and taking her spousal boost before her FRA means that the boost amount will also be reduced for early claiming. The only way your wife can get the full 50% of your FRA entitlement is to wait until she reaches her own FRA (67) to claim Social Security benefits.

Having said all of that, if your wife's physical issues suggest that she claims her benefits early and she is comfortable with the smaller benefit she will get, then that may be the right choice. For reference, the reduction to your wife's spousal boost amount (if you claim at your FRA) will be about 17%, and that reduced spousal boost will be added to her reduced age 62 SS retirement amount. The end benefit for your wife (if you claim at age 67) will likely be about 42% of your FRA entitlement (instead of 50%).

FYI, you can further delay your own SS retirement benefit (up to age 70) for a higher benefit yourself, but that would also mean your wife would need to wait longer to get her spousal boost. You could also wait to claim your SS until your wife reaches age 67 (her FRA), which would give you a higher personal amount and also ensure your wife gets her maximum spousal boost (but her total will still be less than 50% of yours because she claimed her own SS retirement benefit at 62). When to claim Social Security depends on financial need and life expectancy. If a long life expectancy is anticipated, waiting longer to claim is often the best move. But financial need always trumps waiting longer.

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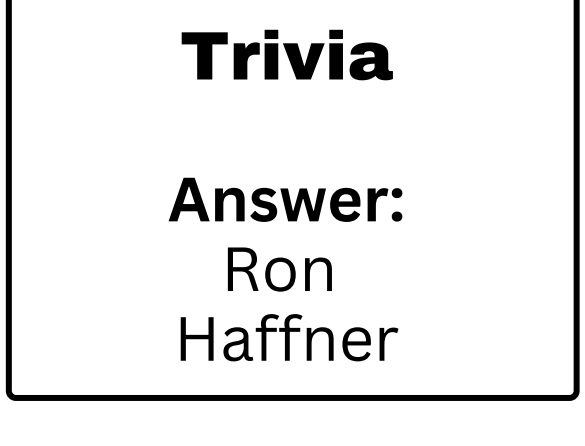

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It's all about the small businesses in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville.

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Answer:
Ron Haffner

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immediate payment to prevent a disruption in services. It's important to be cautious and verify the identity of anyone claiming to be a utility worker before letting them into your home or providing any personal information.

Indiana American Water urges customers and the general public to verify the identity of utility workers by requesting identification before granting access to their homes or businesses:

- Always verify. When unsure about an incoming phone call or email, stop the communication and verify with the utility company's customer service number to confirm legitimacy.
- Be skeptical. When receiving a phone call, text message, email, or visit from someone, be sure to ask questions and verify their identity before giving out any personal or financial information.
- Remain calm. Scammers thrive on panic. If you are worried, hang up the phone or close and lock your door, and call your utility company to verify.
- Never give cash. Our employees and contractors never collect money or credit card information from customers in the field.

By implementing these tips, you can stay one step ahead and safeguard your personal information from being compromised.

For more information, visit the Better Business Bureau.

Large Group of Authors Attending Party Night

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"Again this year we will offer poetry on demand," event organizer Stephanie Cain said. "We'll have at least two poets creating works on the spot for a small fee." Throughout the event authors will have books for sale and are happy to sign copies and chat with readers.

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FBI Wants Your Help in Endangered Child Investigation

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is seeking the public's assistance with obtaining identifying information regarding an unknown male who may have critical information pertaining to the identity of a child victim in an ongoing sexual exploitation investigation.

Photographs and an informational poster depicting the unknown individual, known only as John Doe 49, are being disseminated to the public and can be found online at the FBI website at http://www.fbi.gov/wanted/ecap.

Initial video of the unidentified male, John Doe 49, was first recorded by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and is believed to have been produced on or before July of 2024. There is no EXIF (Exchangeable Image File Format) data embedded within the video file.

John Doe 49 is described as a White male between 45 and 65 years old, bald, with a dark goatee. He has at least five visual tattoos:

- the word Dabby on the right side of his chest
- 197 followed by possible additional unknown text on his left bicep
- additional tattoos on his left and right forearms and right bicep.

Anyone with information should submit a tip online at https://tips.fbi.gov/, or call the FBI's toll-free tip line at 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324).

The public is reminded no charges have been filed in this case and the pictured individual is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

This individual is being sought as part of the FBI's Operation Rescue Me and Endangered Child Alert Program (ECAP) initiatives. Operation Rescue Me focuses on utilizing clues obtained through in-depth image analysis to identify the child victims depicted in child exploitation material, while ECAP seeks national and international media exposure of unknown adults (referred to as John/Jane Does) who visibly display their faces and/or other distinguishing characteristics in association with child pornography images.

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- Cancer Support Cooking for Wellness – Tuesday, December 17th at 1:00 p.m. at the Boone County Cancer Society.
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Back in the Day with Butch Dale

Today's high school basketball players have the best in equipment, uniforms, and facilities. But back in the day, the boys had to scrape up anything they could find. Shown above are some Darlington boys ready for ball practice in 1932 during the Great Depression. They played their games in a tiny little school gym, which was built in 1927.

Snow Blower Safety Tips

Photo courtesy international trade association OPEI

Experts say preparation is key and that home and business owners should consider these safety tips.

With winter weather coming, it seems a good time to talk about the fact that clearing snow and ice from driveways, sidewalks and parking lots is no small job. You rely on your outdoor power equipment to do the heavy lifting, and it's important to keep safety in mind. The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) reminds home and business owners to use snow throwers, often referred to as snow blowers, safely and offers tips to help.

"Weather today is unpredictable. You need to have your snow thrower serviced and ready to power up," says OPEI President and CEO Kris Kiser. "Review your owner's manual so you can use your equipment safely." Kiser says preparation is key and that home and business owners should consider the following:

Review the owner's manual. Check the owner's manual for safe handling procedures. If the manual cannot be found, look it up online, and store a copy on your computer so it's available to reference in the future. Review how to operate controls. Be able to shut off equipment quickly.

Check equipment. The snow thrower should be powered off when being checked over. Adjust any cables and check the auger.

Charge batteries. Locate the batteries for your snow thrower and charge them fully before it snows.

Purchase fuel. Be sure to use the correct fuel recommended by the equipment's manufacturer. For most gasoline-powered snow throwers, that is E10 or less. Often fuel stations are closed after a storm so buy gasoline in advance of storms. Fuel that is more than 30 days old can phase separate and cause operating problems. For more information on fueling properly see www.opei.org/programs/ethanolwarning

Store and use fuel properly. Place gasoline in a proper fuel container and label it with the date purchased and the ethanol content. Store fuel safely and out of the reach of children. Fill the fuel tank outside before starting the engine and while the engine is cold. Never add fuel to a running or hot engine.

Clear the area. Snow can sometimes hide objects. Doormats, hoses, balls, toys, boards, wires, and other debris should be removed from areas you intend to clear. When run over by a snow thrower, these objects may harm the machine or people.

Dress for winter weather. Locate safety gear now, and place it in an accessible closet or location. Wear safety glasses, gloves and footwear that can handle cold and slippery surfaces when operating the snow thrower.

KEY SAFETY TIP: Never put your hands inside the auger or chute. Use a clean out tool to unclog snow or debris from the snow thrower. Your hands should never go inside the auger or chute.

Turn OFF the snow thrower if you need to clear a clog. If you need to remove debris or unclog snow, always turn off the snow thrower. Wait for all moving parts to come to a complete stop before clearing any clogs or debris.

Operate in visible conditions. Never operate the snow thrower without good visibility or light.

Aim with care. Never throw snow toward people or cars. Keep children or pets inside and away from your snow thrower when it is operating.

Use extreme caution on slopes and hills. Use caution when changing directions on slopes. Do not attempt to clear steep slopes.

Know where the cord is. If using an electric powered snow thrower, be aware of where the power cord is at all times. Avoid tripping.

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Taking an Inside Look at Purdue and Indiana's Old Oaken Bucket Football Series

KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Let's look at some numbers behind the Old Oaken Bucket football series between Purdue and Indiana.

28-5
That's the Boilermakers' record in Bucket games decided by more than 21 points. Expect the Hoosiers to notch lopsided victory No. 6 this season.

60-0
That was Purdue's margin of victory in the first meeting between the two rivals in 1891. Here's a sample of how the game was reported in the Nov. 30, 1891, edition of the Purdue Exponent.

"Purdue rejoices. We have played and won, and hereafter the name and fame of the sturdy eleven of '91, shall occupy a chosen place in the hearts of Purdue. The pennant is ours. … In after years the splendid record will be pointed to with pride and made the mark by which to judge future feats of prowess. All hail to mighty men and victory won."

The Boilermakers went 4-0 that season, shutting out all four opponents under first-year coach Knowlton Ames, who was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1969. Ames scored 730 points in his career at Princeton, including 62 touchdowns, and was a member of the first All-America team in 1889.

31
Purdue has won the Bucket an equal number of times in West Lafayette (31-16-2) and Bloomington (31-16-1).

0-0
The score from the first Old Oaken Bucket game, played in Bloomington on Nov. 21, 1925.

"Neither Purdue nor Indiana was able to score Saturday in the football struggle that marked the dedication of the new Memorial Stadium at Bloomington," the Lafayette Journal and Courier reported. "The fans who expected to see aerial demonstrations by both elevens were disappointed for the two traditional Hoosier foes chose to fight out their 1925 fracas with line smashes and runs instead of forward passes."

68
The most points in the rivalry scored by Purdue, a 68-0 victory on Nov. 5, 1892.

"Not only the championship of the state has been kept, but also the championship of the West has been won for Purdue," according to the December 1892 edition of the Purdue Exponent. "Purdue has great cause to feel proud of her boys."

The Boilermakers finished 8-0 overall and outscored their rivals 320-24.

56
The most points put up by Indiana in the series, a 56-36 triumph on Nov. 30, 2013, in Bloomington. That mark may be threatened in 2024 with Purdue owning the worst defense in the Big Ten (Plus 8).

45
The Hoosiers posted their largest margin of victory in the Bucket series with a 52-7 triumph on Nov. 19, 1988, at Ross-Ade Stadium. A couple of IU fans taunted Purdue with a sign that read "Pur-Won't."

They were right. Tom Kubat of the Lafayette Journal and Courier wrote that the defeat was so lopsided that "the Boilermakers were taking a head count to make sure Purdue Pete and the Golden Girl also weren't lost in the battle."

Indiana forced six turnovers, owned a 15-minute time of possession advantage, had 30 first downs to Purdue's 10 and outgained the Boilermakers 537-230. Anthony Thompson contributed mightily to those advantages, rushing 25 times for 167 yards and three touchdowns. Thompson, a junior, became Indiana's career rushing leader with 3,366 yards on his way to a career total of 5,299 yards and 65 touchdowns.

9-0-1
Purdue's record against Indiana in the 1950s. The teams dueled to a 15-15 tie on Nov. 22, 1958. The deadlock halted a string of 10 consecutive Bucket victories for Purdue.

Photo courtesy Purdue University

A scene from the dedication game for the Old Oaken Bucket in 1925.

The Boilermakers have had only three losing decades in the series: 2-4-1 in the 1900s, 3-7 in the 1940s and 4-6 in the 2010s.

276
Otis Armstrong's rushing yards in the final game of his Purdue career on Nov. 25, 1972, still stands as the Bucket record.

Alex Smith has the Indiana record for the Bucket game with 245 yards on Nov. 19, 1994, at Ross-Ade Stadium.

522
Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton set the Bucket record for passing yards on Nov. 20, 2004, in Ross-Ade Stadium.

The 63-24 rout was the most points the Boilermakers scored in a single game since 1947. Purdue also notched 763 yards in total offense to set Big Ten and school single-game records.

The 522 yards were a career-high for Orton, who completed 33 of 54 passes for six touchdowns. The yards and TD passes matched Drew Brees' school records.

Orton's favorite target, Taylor Stubblefield, set the NCAA career receptions record after hauling in 14 for 138 yards and three touchdowns.

Kyle Ingraham caught 11 passes for a Bucket record 209 yards.

11-2-1
Jack Mollenkopf's Purdue teams only lost to the Hoosiers in 1962 (12-7) and in 1967 (19-14), when fourth-ranked Indiana earned its only Rose Bowl berth to date.

Joe Tiller posted a 10-2 mark against Indiana. Bo McMillin is Indiana's winningest coach in the Bucket series, going 9-4-1 from 1934 to 1947.

Noteworthy
Purdue point guard Braden Smith surpassed 500 career assists during the Boilermakers' 80-45 victory against Marshall on Nov. 23.

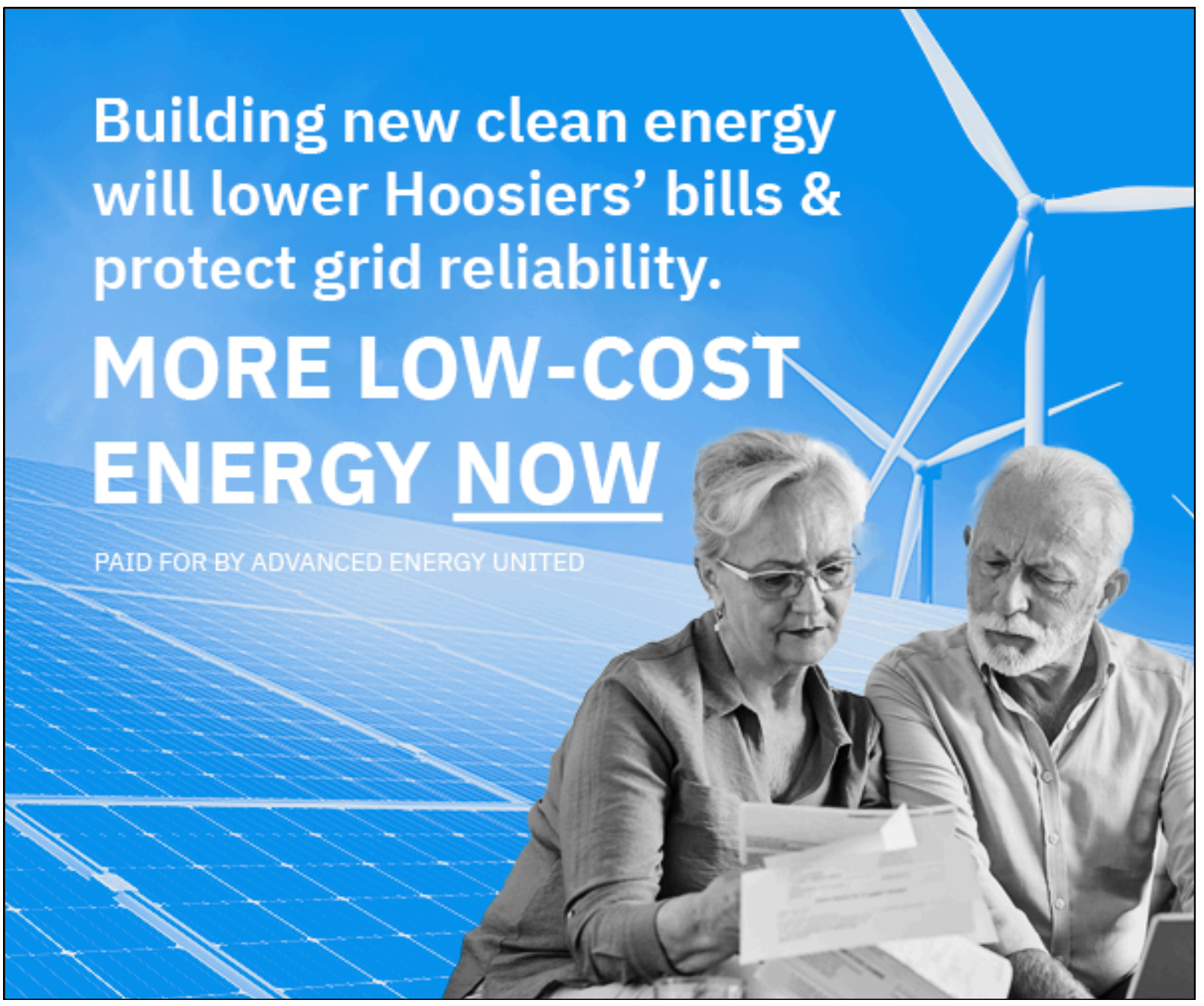
The nine assists against Marshall allowed the former Westfield star to become the third-fastest player to record 500 assists in Big Ten history. Only Michigan State's Mateen Cleaves and Purdue career record holder Bruce Parkinson achieved that mark sooner. …

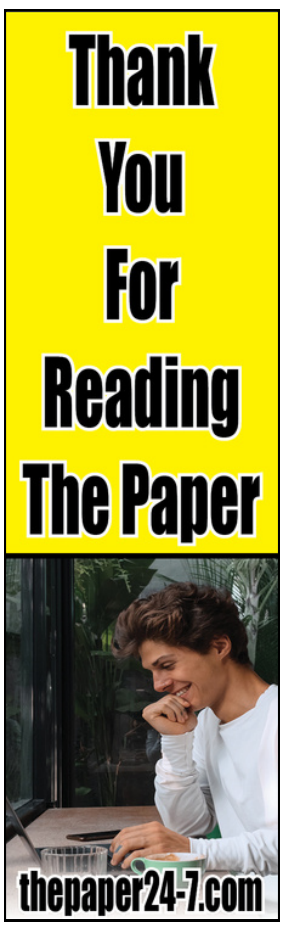
Former Purdue running back Tyrone Tracy Jr. has been selected the running back on The Athletic's NFL Midseason All-Rookie Team.

"At the season's midway point, Tracy is leading all rookie running backs in rushing – which is impressive considering he had just 12 carries in September. But once Devin Singletary went down with an injury, Tracy stepped into the Giants' lead role," writes Dane Brugler of Tracy, who has 587 yards and three TDs on 116 rushes.

"A former receiver in college, Tracy has also been productive as a pass catcher (22 receptions for 145 yards). What separates him among this class is the explosive plays. He leads all rookie backs in carries of 20- and 10-plus yards."

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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Security Awareness Week takes place this year from Dec. 2–6 by the members of the Security Summit, a coalition of the IRS, state tax administrators, tax software companies, the tax professional community and others in the larger tax community. The group formed in 2015 to combat tax-related identity theft through a public-private sector partnership that strengthened internal protections and raised awareness about security threats.

With the holiday shopping season underway and tax season quickly approaching, the Security Summit partners urge taxpayers and tax professionals to take extra steps to protect their financial and tax information during this critical period. During the holiday season, people face the heightened risk of identity theft as criminals ramp up efforts to trick people into sharing sensitive personal information including through email, text message and social media scams and schemes. Identity thieves might use this information to try filing false tax returns and stealing refunds.

“We are entering into a critical period where taxpayers need to be extra careful protecting their valuable information,” said IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel. “Scams and schemes are quickly evolving. Extra caution by people during the holiday season and the upcoming filing season will be essential to avoid being a victim. By being aware of the risks, taxpayers can protect themselves, their families and their communities. Vigilant taxpayers are on the front lines of the larger efforts by the Security Summit partners to strengthen the tax system against identity theft and tax scams.”

The work of the Security Summit to strengthen internal systems and share information across the tax system about fraudsters continues to show results. Since its inception, the work of the Security Summit has helped protect millions of taxpayers against identity theft and prevented billions of dollars from being wrongly paid out to fraudsters.

But as the IRS and the Summit partners have strengthened their systems, identity thieves have increasingly turned their attention to stealing underlying tax and financial information from taxpayers, businesses and tax professionals in hopes of slipping authentic-looking tax returns through the defenses.

To counter this threat to individuals and businesses, National Tax Security Awareness Week features a week-long series of educational efforts by the Summit partners to educate and inform taxpayers and tax professionals. The week will focus on how to defend against identity theft and other scams, including inaccurate social media information. This year’s campaign includes:

- Daily press releases and Tax Tips during the week of Dec. 2 highlighting specific issues that can protect taxpayers and tax professionals from identity theft and tax schemes.
- Social media awareness on X, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. Follow @IRSTaxSecurity, *@IRSnews* and #TaxSecurity on X for the latest information.
- Special educational materials, including e-posters and IRS publications, will also be available to share information not just during the special week but the upcoming filing season.
- Dozens of information-sharing sessions by IRS Stakeholder Liaisons with local tax professional groups and community events.

The IRS and Summit partners continue to focus on combating identity thieves and their increasingly sophisticated scams. Identity thieves often impersonate the IRS and others in the tax community using fake emails, texts and online scams. These schemes frequently use recent tragedies or imitate charitable groups to coax people into sharing sensitive financial data, which can lead to tax-related identity theft.

There has been an increase of these activities on social media, including inaccurate tax advice that continues to mislead taxpayers. To help counter this, many of the Security Summit partners have joined together to form the Coalition Against Scam and Scheme Threats (CASST). This group will be increasingly active during the upcoming tax season.

"This special security week highlights ongoing threats against taxpayers and their information," said Sharonne Bonardi, Executive Director of the Federation of Tax Administrators. "State tax agencies are deeply committed to proactive fraud detection and prevention, and ensuring taxpayers and the revenue system are protected is a top priority for us and our Security Summit Partners. The National Tax Security Awareness Week provides important information to help in the ongoing battle against identity theft that we encourage you to read and share with others."

A key tool in identifying and defending against these identity theft scams is the Identity Theft Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC), which was developed by the IRS and Security Summit partners to better identify and coordinate against fraudsters. As the group has strengthened defenses inside the tax system to spot emerging scams, identity thieves continue to look for ways to obtain sensitive personal financial information to file fraudulent tax returns. That has made tax professionals, who hold sensitive tax information on their clients, a key target for scam artists.

"The combined efforts of the Security Summit partners continue to protect millions of taxpayers from identity thieves. But the threat of tax-related identity theft remains, including the increasing presence of tax scams circulating on social media that pose a threat not just during tax season, but during the holidays and throughout the year. Consumers and tax professionals play an important role in helping us in this effort, and the information during this special week can help protect people from these continuing threats," said Julie Magee, one of the original participants in the Security Summit and Tax Policy Lead for Cash App Taxes.

The security awareness effort is a year-round effort in the tax community. This year’s National Tax Security Awareness Week provides extra awareness for taxpayers during the critical holiday period and in advance of the 2025 tax season. Highlights this year are listed below.

National Tax Security Awareness Week 2024 highlights

Cyber Monday: Beware of phishing as part of online safety

The Security Summit will remind taxpayers to approach Cyber Monday holiday shopping with caution because scammers are also shopping – for their next victim’s personal information. Beware of common email scams including phishing and smishing, spear phishing, clone phishing and whaling. Other common scams include fake delivery notifications, a particularly active scam during the busy holiday season, as well as unexpected messages promising people a tax refund.

Especially during the holiday season, some basic safety steps include:

- Shop at sites with web addresses that begin with the letters “https:” – the “s” stands for secure communications; also look for a padlock icon in the browser window.
- Don't shop on unsecured public Wi-Fi in places like a mall or restaurant.
- Ensure security software is updated on computers, tablets and mobile phones, includes a feature to stop malware, and that there is a firewall enabled to prevent intrusions.
- Protect the devices of family members, including young children, older adults and other less technologically savvy users.
- Use strong, unique passwords for online accounts.
- Use multi-factor authentication whenever possible.

Tuesday: Don't fall for schemes, misinformation on social media

The IRS and Summit partners continue to see a variety of filing season hashtags and social media topics misleading taxpayers with inaccurate and potentially fraudulent information. Many of these share a common theme of people trying to use legitimate tax forms for the wrong reason.

The IRS has seen a spike this year in the following scams:

- “Self Employment Tax Credit”, which in reality doesn’t exist.
- Household employment taxes, which taxpayers are coaxed into claiming by inventing fake household employees.
- Fuel Tax Credit, for which many claimants aren’t eligible as it’s meant for off-highway business and farming use. The vast majority of individual taxpayers do not qualify for the Fuel Tax Credit. It is only for businesses that use certain types of fuel (not for the gas people put in their car).
- Inflated Income and Withholding, which encourages people to use tax software to manually fill out Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, and include false income information.
- Claim of Right, in which taxpayers are advised to file tax returns and attempt to take a deduction equal to the entire amount of their wages.

Wednesday: Get an IP PIN and IRS Online Account

The IRS will remind taxpayers to add an extra layer of protection between their tax returns and identity thieves by joining the Identity Protection Personal Identification Number (IP PIN) program at the start of the 2025 tax season. They can do so after creating an IRS Online Account, a critical online tool that allows taxpayers to securely access their tax and return information from prior years.

- An IP PIN is a unique six-digit number used to verify a taxpayer's identity when filing a return.
- More than 10.4 million taxpayers already have their IP PIN.
- To get one, a taxpayer must create or sign onto their IRS online account and set a reminder to sign-in in early January, when the IP PIN program reopens for registration following a brief shutdown for maintenance.
- IP PINS are only valid for a year; participating taxpayers must acquire a new PIN annually.
- Never share an IP PIN with anyone but a trusted tax advisor.

Thursday: Update digital security to protect businesses and customers

The Security Summit partners will offer taxpayers ways to guard against identity thieves looking to pilfer personal information like names, passwords and account numbers. The fraudsters are relentless in sending emails, texts and direct messages made to look like they come from a legitimate source, like the IRS, state tax agencies, a bank or a trusted tax professional. Taxpayers need to watch for such solicitations and the dangerous links, attachments and contact information they contain. Never click, call or reply on these without first independently verifying the source.

Steps that can protect taxpayers, businesses and tax professionals include:

- Automatically update security software.
- Back up important files.
- Require strong passwords and pair them with multi-factor authentication (MFA).
- Encrypt all devices.

Friday: Tax pros need to maintain heightened awareness

- Identity thieves on the hunt for taxpayer data aren’t just targeting taxpayers, they’re also going after tax professionals who receive and hold large amounts of sensitive taxpayer data. This makes the tax pros a tempting target for identity thieves.
- To help guard against loss, the IRS and Security Summit partners this year released an updated Written Information Security Plan (WISP). Tax pros can use these as a roadmap to protect their practice. Under federal law, tax pros are required to have a WISP on hand, and this tool offers an easy template that can be scaled to any size tax practice. The Summit partners also remind tax pros that they also required by law to use MFA with clients.
- In addition to getting a WISP and establishing an action plan in case of a system breach or data theft, the IRS also recommends signing up for a Tax Pro Account. The Summit partners also remind tax pros to report a security event affecting 500 or more people to the FTC as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days from the date of discovery.
- Go to National Tax Security Awareness Week 2024 for additional information.

More resources

For more information on preventing tax information theft, visit Security Summit.

Victims of identity theft can visit Identity Theft Central.

Find additional information at Tax Scams.

Get reliable tax information from the following trusted sources:

Follow IRS on social media.
Visit an IRS walk-in center.
Talk to a trusted tax professional.

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Franciscan Health Gives Non-Profits 28 AEDs

At a recent breakfast gathering for the Revive & Survive program, Franciscan Health Lafayette distributed 18 different non-profit organizations a total of 28 automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and the opportunity to receive CPR training, including Crosspoint Fellowship in Montgomery County.

The Revive & Survive program was started in 2005 and began to provide free AEDs to applicable non-profits in 2006. Since then, 583 AEDs have been given out.

“If something does happen, an AED can increase survival rates by over 80%, so they are so important,” said Kate Ullem, grant coordinator at Franciscan Health for the Revive and Survive program. “CPR can help somebody if they do go into cardiac arrest, but with AEDs, the shock delivered can truly increase someone’s survival rate. Anyone can use it. All you have to do is turn it on and listen to the prompts.”

Since 2006, the Kathryn Weil Center (now Community Education, a part of the Community Health Improvement Department at Franciscan Health) has been partnering with North Central Health Services (NCHS) to implement the Revive & Survive Program. The program awards not-for-profit organizations located in Benton, Carroll, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Warren, and White counties AEDs for their facilities. Franciscan Community Education manages the program implementation and provides grantees with free CPR and AED training.

“We were awarded three AEDs and we were really excited about that,” said Caren Crum, Extension educator, Carroll County Extension. “What if someone needed an AED and there wasn’t anything available? We thought this was super important since the Fairgrounds are highly trafficked, especially during the warmer months during the fair. This is an awesome, lifesaving opportunity.”

With the help of external funding, Franciscan Health is able to provide AEDs and CPR training to applicable non-profits who apply for the program.

“This is a great opportunity for us to collaborate with others in the community to achieve better mental health,” said Stephen Horrocks, development director, Mental Health America, Wabash Valley. “It is really hard to have good mental health if we are not also conscious of our physical health. Having an AED on sight will be an absolute gamechanger for us. We not only want to help support our staff, who are doing really important work with people in crisis, but you never know how or when emergencies will happen. Having this as a resource is something that we value and it is a wonderful opportunity we have been afforded through Franciscan Health.”

The Revive & Survive program strives to expand public awareness of sudden cardiac arrest and increase survival rates by deploying life-saving AEDs to not-for-profit organizations.

“The program has been absolutely invaluable for our communities,” said Serena Johnston, program education manager at Franciscan Health, “Ultimately, we want to be able to empower our community members to act in an emergency. These AEDs we are issuing are easy to use. They are simple and it makes it so easy and so approachable.”

Revive & Survive aims to provide those suffering sudden cardiac arrest another chance at life by deploying life-saving AEDs to key locations where people live, work and play. This enables the first person on the scene, even someone with minimal training, to give a life-saving shock before paramedics arrive to deliver advanced emergency care.

Additional information on the Revive & Survive program as well as the process to apply for an AED, can be found at https://www.franciscanhealth.org/businesses-and-organizations/request-an-aed

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Linden’s Daryl Warren Going in Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame

Basketball is passion, and that passion is shown throughout the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. That passion continues as the board of directors of the Hall announces its 63rd induction class, to be honored in ceremonies on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Eighteen men are in the class, including Montgomery County’s Daryl Warren and a pair of Indiana Mr. Basketball winners in Bryce Drew of Valparaiso in 1994 and Troy Lewis of Anderson in 1984. The class also includes eight other players, seven coaches and one administrator – Greg Humnicky of South Bend – as the Indiana Pacers/Indiana Fever Silver Medal winner. The Silver Medal is presented to a person who contributed to Indiana high school basketball in a role other than as a player or coach.

Daryl Warren is a 1971 graduate of Linden, where he became Montgomery County’s all-time leading scorer with 2,083 points, a 23.9 average for 87 career games. The Bulldogs’ ace totaled 347 points as a freshman, 491 points as a sophomore, 607 points as a junior and 638 points as a senior for respective squads that went 6-16, 15-7, 12-9 and 17-5. He was a four-time all-Montgomery County selection, a three-time all-conference choice, a three-time all-sectional pick and became known as “the Legend of Linden.” He tallied a career-high 46 points against Waynetown on Feb. 7, 1970. Warren went on to Indiana Central College (now the University of Indianapolis), where he amassed 1,228 points, 551 rebounds and 209 assists in four years with the Greyhounds. He was a three-year starter, a three-time all-Indiana Collegiate Conference selection and a two-time team MVP and captain for Angus Nicoson teams that went 18-10, 15-8, 15-11 and 14-10. Warren earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration and management at Indiana Central. He then worked his entire post-college career for Ceres Solutions Cooperative, rising to the position of vice president of agronomy before retiring in 2022. Warren was featured in a book called “The Last County Championship,” written by former Linden coach Tom Speaker in 2011. He also received a Montgomery County “Champions of Character Award” in 2014.

The late D. Earl “Swede” Chambers is the Centennial Award winner, which is presented to one inductee who graduated high school 100 years or longer ago. A 1920 graduate of Smithville, Chambers’ teams won more than 530 games with five sectional titles (1931, 1944, 1945, 1949, 1950), one regional crown (1931) and a 1931 State Finals berth over 36 seasons at seven schools – Smithville (1920-21), Crothersville (1921-24), Brownstown (1924-31), Center Grove (1931-38), Shoals (1938-42), Paoli (1942-52), Shoals again (1952-54) and Medora (1960-62). Chambers was a 1920 graduate of Smithville, where he played varsity basketball for four seasons, including the last three for coach John Adams. Chambers earned a bachelor’s degree from Indiana University in 1933 and a master’s degree from Indiana State in 1952. He also served as an elementary school principal in Daviess and Tipton counties. The gymnasium at Paoli Junior/Senior High School was named the D.E. “Swede” Chambers Gymnasium on Feb. 6, 1976.

The late Wilbur Cummins was a 1925 graduate of Frankfort, where he led the Hot Dogs to the 1925 state championship and a 1924 state runner-up finish. Cummins totaled 1,140 points during high school, including a school-record single-game best of 49 points vs. Owensville on Dec. 11, 1923. He averaged 10.7 points for a 24-6 State Finalist squad as a sophomore, 17.8 points for a 27-2 team as a junior and 16.3 points (despite missing 10 games because of injury) for a 27-2 unit as a senior. Cummins played at Purdue for Ward “Piggy” Lambert, earning first-team all-Big Ten honors in 1927 when he led the league with a 10.3 average in 12 conference games, and served as the Boilermakers’ captain in 1928-29. He also coached at Brook (1929-31), Elwood (1931-33), Mooresville (1933-37), Gas City (1937-47) and Frankfort (1947-52), his teams winning seven sectionals (1930, 1931, 1944, 1946, 1949, 1950, 1952) and two regionals (1946, 1949).

Bryce Drew, the 1994 Indiana Mr. Basketball and IHSAA Trester Award winner from Valparaiso, has succeeded at all levels of basketball as a player and coach. He had high school career totals of 1,577 points (17.9), 303 rebounds (3.4), 386 assists (4.4) and 218 steals (2.5) while leading the Vikings to a 69-26 record over four seasons. That included a 28-1 state runner-up finish as a senior while averaging 24.7 points, 4.1 rebounds, 5.3 assists and 2.8 steals. Earlier, he tallied 10.4 points, 2.0 rebounds and 3.7 assists as a freshman for an 8-14 squad, 15.2 points, 2.8 rebounds and 4.2 assists as a sophomore for a 16-5 team and 17.7 points, 4.3 rebounds and 3.9 assists as a junior for a 17-6 unit. He was named 1992 IBCA honorable mention All-State, 1993 AP high honorable mention All-State, 1993 IBCA Underclass All-State, 1994 AP first-team All-State, 1994 IBCA first-team All-State and 1994 Gatorade Indiana Player of the Year. Drew then went to Valparaiso University to play for his father, Homer Drew. At VU, Bryce amassed a school-record 2,142 points (17.2) plus 380 rebounds (3.1) and 626 assists (5.2) in keying the team to an 88-36 record. That included a memorable 1998 NCAA Tournament run where Drew hit “The Shot” that catapulted 13-seed Valparaiso past 4-seed Mississippi before VU upset Florida State in overtime. Drew four-times earned all-Mid-Continent Conference honors, twice was league Player of the Year, was named to the 1998 NCAA all-Midwest Region team and was a third-team All-American. A first-round pick by Houston in the 1998 NBA Draft, Drew played six seasons in the NBA – two with Houston, one with Chicago, one with Charlotte and two with New Orleans. He averaged 4.4 points and 2.2 assists in 243 career regular-season NBA games. He played professionally in 2004-05 in Italy and Spain, then joined his father’s staff as an assistant coach at VU from 2005-11. In 2011, Bryce was promoted to head coach at Valparaiso, going 124-49 over five seasons with four Horizon League regular-season titles, two HL Tournament crowns and two NCAA Tournament berths. He was a three-time HL Coach of the Year and a two-time NABC District 12 Coach of the Year. Drew then went to Vanderbilt with NCAA Tournament appearance, and he currently is in his fifth season at Grand Canyon University in Arizona. His first four seasons at GCU have produced a 94-32 record with two Western Athletic Conference regular-season championships, three WAC Tournament trophies and three NCAA Tournament berths. Entering 2024-25, Drew’s overall college coaching ledger is 258-140 with six NCAA Tournament berths in 12 seasons.

Matthew Graves totaled 1,804 career points while leading White River Valley to three sectional titles and two regional crowns during high school. A 1993 Indiana All-Star, Graves averaged 16.0 points (354), 3.8 rebounds and 4.3 assists as a freshman at Switz City Central in the final year before the school consolidated with L&M and Worthington into White River Valley. He then netted 15.8 points (411), 3.2 rebounds and 3.5 assists for a sectional winner as a sophomore, 20.5 points (535), 5.4 rebounds and 4.2 assists for a regional winner as a junior and 20.2 points (504), 5.4 rebounds and 3.9 assists for another regional winner as a senior. He was voted 1993 AP first-team All-State after being selected 1992 AP high honorable mention All-State and 1991 AP honorable mention All-State. He also was all-tournament in the Hall of Fame Classic in December 1992. Graves matriculated to Butler University, averaging 8.8 points and 1.7 rebounds with a career 84.6 free throw percentage over five seasons (playing just six games in 1994-95 because of injury). He averaged 9.9 points as junior and 12.0 points and was Midwestern College Conference all-tournament as senior as the Bulldogs qualified for the 1997 and 1998 NCAA Tournaments. Graves

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given the Taxpayers of Montgomery County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers of Montgomery County will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the 2024 Budget Order from the DLGF at the regular Council meeting on December 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Community Meeting Room, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department Description	Account	Account Description	Additional Amount Requested
1235	CCC	0303	CCC	44500	Equipment	$7,912.00
8425	LEPC	9655	EM-HS	21500	Training Supplies	$5,000.00
8425	LEPC	9655	EM-HS	21940	Hazmat Clean Up	$14,680.39
8425	LEPC	9655	EM-HS	30091	Meetings	$4,568.15
8425	LEPC	9655	EM-HS	30167	Emergency Planning	$5,000.00
8425	LEPC	9655	EM-HS	30800	Printing & Advertising	$51.62
8425	LEPC	9655	EM-HS	33500	Seminars & Training	$10,000.00
9118	2024 Veteran's Treatment Court Grant	0235	Probation	30187	Mentor Services/Training	$250.00
9141	2025 Family Recovery Court Grant	0235	Probation	11028	Salary	$81,793.00
9141	2025 Family Recovery Court Grant	0235	Probation	12005	FICA / INPRS	$15,417.00
9141	2025 Family Recovery Court Grant	0235	Probation	20064	Barrier Busters	$2,500.00
9141	2025 Family Recovery Court Grant	0235	Probation	21919	Participant Incentives	$2,000.00
9141	2025 Family Recovery Court Grant	0235	Probation	30002	Travel / Training	$5,000.00
9147	2025 Veteran's Treatment Court Grant	0235	Probation	11522	Salary	$81,077.00
9147	2025 Veteran's Treatment Court Grant	0235	Probation	12005	FICA / INPRS	$16,290.00
9147	2025 Veteran's Treatment Court Grant	0235	Probation	12050	Group Insurance	$8,710.00
9147	2025 Veteran's Treatment Court Grant	0235	Probation	30002	Travel / Training	$5,000.00
9147	2025 Veteran's Treatment Court Grant	0235	Probation	30173	Mentor Coordinator	$6,000.00
9147	2025 Veteran's Treatment Court Grant	0235	Probation	30183	Participant Services	$1,500.00
9167	FY25 DOC Drug Court Grant	0235	Probation	11027	Salary	$69,321.00
9167	FY25 DOC Drug Court Grant	0235	Probation	12005	FICA / INPRS	$8,120.00
9167	FY25 DOC Drug Court Grant	0235	Probation	30002	Travel / Training	$2,400.00
9167	FY25 DOC Drug Court Grant	0235	Probation	30037	Cell Phone	$600.00
9193	2025 Probation Opioid Grant	0235	Probation	24202	Supplies	$1,550.00
9194	2025 FRC Opioid Grant	0235	Probation	30002	Travel / Training	$5,000.00
9194	2025 FRC Opioid Grant	0235	Probation	20064	Barrier Busters	$4,000.00
9195	2025 Drug Court Opioid Grant	0235	Probation	20064	Barrier Busters	$5,000.00
9195	2025 Drug Court Opioid Grant	0235	Probation	30002	Travel / Training	$5,000.00
9197	FY25 DOC Probation Grant	0235	Probation	11026	Salary	$69,321.00
9197	FY25 DOC Probation Grant	0235	Probation	11524	Salary	$63,473.00
9197	FY25 DOC Probation Grant	0235	Probation	12005	FICA / INPRS	$25,029.00
9197	FY25 DOC Probation Grant	0235	Probation	21000	Fuel	$1,500.00
9197	FY25 DOC Probation Grant	0235	Probation	12050	Group Insurance	$867.00
9197	FY25 DOC Probation Grant	0235	Probation	30002	Travel / Training	$3,500.00
9197	FY25 DOC Probation Grant	0235	Probation	30037	Cell Phone	$1,200.00
					TOTAL:	**$538,630.16**

The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

This will be considered a work session for the Board of Commissioners in conjunction with the scheduled Council meeting.

Dated this 11/26/2024
Mindy Byers
Auditor, Montgomery County

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began a coaching career in 1998-99 at Indianapolis North Central, which was the 1999 Class 4A state champion. He assisted the next two seasons at Ben Davis before returning to Butler for 12 years, 2001-03 as director of basketball operations and 2003-13 as an assistant (or associate head) coach. On the sidelines, he helped the Bulldogs earn seven NCAA Tournament berths and national runner-up finishes in 2010 and 2011. Graves went 65-96 in five seasons as head coach at the University of South Alabama. He then was an assistant coach for one season at the University of Evansville, two seasons at Xavier University and three seasons at Indiana State before being named this past April as the Indiana State head coach for 2024-25.

Ron Hecklinski posted a 434-245 record in 30 seasons as an Indiana varsity basketball coach, leading teams to six conference championships, six sectional titles and one regional crown in a career that included stops at Wapahani (36-30 from 1981-84), Jasper (14-7 in 1984-85), Edgewood (44-21 from 1986-89), Anderson (274-138 from 1993-2011) and Mishawaka (66-49 from 2017-22). He also served as a college assistant for five seasons, 1985-86 at Illinois State and 1989-93 at Ball State (including a spot in the 1990 NCAA Sweet 16 and a 1993 NCAA Tournament berth). Hecklinski is a 1974 graduate of South Bend Saint Joseph, where he played two varsity seasons for teams that finished 15-8 and 10-11. He averaged 10 points, six rebounds and won the best defender award as a senior. Hecklinski attended St. Edward's University in Texas for a semester, then transferred to play three seasons at Manchester College. He averaged 11.1 points for a 17-11 squad that reached the NAIA District 21 final as a sophomore, had norms of 15 points and 10 rebounds in being named honorable mention all-conference as a junior and had a 9.0-point average as a senior. Hecklinski began his coaching career in 1978-79 as freshman coach at Knox, then was Richmond JV coach from 1979-81 before his first head coaching opportunity at Wapahani. He was head coach for the East team in the 2003 McDonald's All-American Game in Cleveland, assisted in the McDonald's game four other times and was the 2010 Indiana All-Star head coach. Twenty-one of his former assistant coaches have become head coaches. Also, 38 of his former players have gone into teaching and coaching, with 11 of those ex-players becoming head coaches. Hecklinski accomplished much of his success after undergoing a life-saving liver transplant in July 1996. Notably, the IHSAA granted Anderson special permission for a benefit game in Washington, D.C. On Jan. 29, 1998, Heck's Indians – No. 1 in Indiana Class 4A and No. 14 nationally – posted a 68-63 victory over national No. 2 DeMatha (Md.) and coach Morgan Wootten, who also had recovered from a liver transplant in the summer of 1996.

Scott Hicks is a 1983 graduate of Indianapolis Cathedral, where he totaled 1,336 career points en route to being named an Indiana All-Star after he helped the Irish to a four-year record of 70-30 record and a spot in the 1982 IHSAA State Finals. He averaged 7.5 points as freshman for a 9-14 team, 13.8 points as a sophomore for a 14-10 squad, 15.6 points and 9.7 rebounds as a junior for a 27-3 unit and 20.4 points and 11.2 rebounds as a senior for a 20-3 squad. Hicks was named AP first-team All-State, UPI first-team All-State and All-American by Parade Magazine, Converse and Adidas in 1983. He was AP honorable mention All-State and UPI first-team Junior All-State in 1982. He also was a three-time Indianapolis All-City and three-time all-sectional honoree as well as MVP of the Hall of Fame Classic in December 1982. Hicks matriculated to Notre Dame, where he totaled 878 points (7.5), 380 rebounds (3.2) and 156 assists (1.3) as the Fighting Irish went 89-35 during his four seasons and played in three NCAA Tournaments. He was a captain and the ND mental attitude award winner in 1986-87. Hicks, named to an Indianapolis 1980s all-decade team by The Indianapolis News in 1989, played with Athletes In Action and in the World Basketball League from 1989-93. He served as an assistant athletic director at Butler University from 1994-97 and was a Cathedral assistant coach from 1997-2000. He then went 172-54 as Cathedral head coach from 2000-10 and 115-73 as Indianapolis Broad Ripple head coach from 2010-18. His overall head coaching record in 18 seasons was 287-127 (.693) with seven Indianapolis City Tournament titles, two sectional crowns (2013, 2016) and a Hall of Fame Classic championship (December 2006). An assistant coach for the Indiana All-Stars in 2016, Hicks has been athletic director at Indianapolis Washington from 2018 to the present.

The late Dan Howe averaged 13 points and 10 rebounds as a senior to help Fort Wayne South Side to the 1958 IHSAA state championship. A four-year varsity player, Howe tallied 6.4 points as a junior and helped the Archers to records of 21-7, 20-7 and 28-2 over his last three seasons with three Fort Wayne city titles plus crowns in three sectionals, three regionals and one semi-state. The 6-5 forward was chosen 1958 Indianapolis News first-team All-State and played in the 1958 Indiana-Ohio All-Star Game. He also played football, golf and excelled in track in high school, winning state titles in 1956 (880-yard relay) and 1958 (low hurdles). Howe played collegiately at The Citadel and Ball State. He averaged 12.1 points and 6.6 rebounds as a junior at The Citadel and 15.0 points and 11.1 rebounds as a senior at Ball State. Howe followed with a career in education, working as a teacher and coach at Kekionga Junior High, Fort Wayne Central and Fort Wayne Northrop (1965-73). He then was dean of boys at Fort Wayne Snider in 1973-74, principal at Fort Wayne North Side in 1974-91 and assistant superintendent for Fort Wayne Community Schools in 1991-95. He served on the IHSAA Board of Directors from 1984-90 and was the 1988 Indiana Educational Administrator of the Year. Howe was inducted into the Fort Wayne South Side Athletic Hall of Fame in 1974, collected a Fort Wayne South Side Distinguished Alumni Award in 1996 and was inducted into the Indiana Track & Field Hall of Fame in 1996.

Erv Inniger is a 1963 graduate of Berne, where he totaled 1,132 points while leading the Bears to a three-year record of 67-12. The team went 25-3 and won Adams County, sectional and regional titles in 1960-61, 21-4 with county, conference and sectional crowns in 1961-62 and 21-5 with sectional and regional trophies in 1962-63. Inniger averaged 20.0 points with exactly 500 points in 25 games as a senior. He was the lone underclass starter and an all-regional performer as a junior. He also started as a sophomore and was selected all-semi-state. Inniger matriculated to Indiana University, averaging 13.5 points and 5.1 rebounds for an 18-8 squad that made the NCAA Tournament as a senior. He totaled 343 points (6.7) and 139 rebounds (2.7) in 51 games over three seasons with the Hoosiers and was a sixth-round draft choice by the ABA's Minnesota Muskies in 1967. Inniger played two seasons in the ABA, one with Minnesota and one with the Miami Floridians. His ABA career totals were 1,102 points (9.3), 442 rebounds (3.8) and 191 assists (1.6) in 119 games (109 regular season, 10 playoff), his second season cut short because of military service. Inniger then became a college coach, posting a 409-224 mark with seven 20-win seasons at three schools. He was 66-32 at Golden Valley Lutheran College (Minn.) from 1969-73, 99-42 at Augsburg College (Minn.) from 1973-78 and 244-150 at North Dakota State from 1978-92. He was three-time Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year (1975, 1976, 1977), the 1977 NAIA District 13 Coach of the Year and the 1981 North Central Conference Coach of the Year. At NDSU, his teams had 13 winning seasons, won the 1981 NCC title and placed third in 1981 and second in 1983 in NCAA Division II regional events. Inniger then was an associate athletic director at NDSU from 1992-2011 and was inducted into the NDSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001. He coached Park Christian School in Moorhead, Minn., to a 22-10 record in 2013-14, and he was recognized with an NBA Community Service Award in 2017 for his efforts in fundraising for the American Heart Association.

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LeRoy Johnson is a 1957 graduate of Mishawaka, where he totaled 1,556 points and averaged 22.2 points over three seasons in 70 career games for squads that went 47-25. He netted exactly 500 points (18.5) and was named all-regional and all-semi-state as a sophomore for a 20-8 team that won sectional and regional trophies. He scored a single-season record 563 points (25.6) for a 12-10 team as a junior. He tallied 493 points (23.5), including a gym-record 40-point game against South Bend Washington on Jan. 18, 1957, and was named to the 1957 Indiana All-Stars as a senior. He then played two seasons at Indiana University. He averaged 9.0 points and 6.3 rebounds as a sophomore for an 11-11 squad, then produced 6.1 points and 2.9 rebounds as a junior for the 20-4 Hoosiers. He also excelled in track and field, setting a high school state mark of 6-7¾ in the high jump, winning the 1956 IHSAA state title and placing second in the 1960 Big Ten meet. After departing IU, Johnson played basketball in Spain and France for a decade, becoming a notable figure in the French first division Nationals and being recognized as the country's most dominant player. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Caen in France, a master's degree in 1972 from Sarbonne University in Paris and a doctorate in history in 1981 from the University of Michigan. Johnson was a professor and lecturer from 1970 to 2005 at 10 colleges – University of Paris-Nanterre (1970-72), Michigan State University (1972-76), University of Florida (1976-78), University of Michigan (1978-80), University of Lagos, Nigeria (1980-82), Bryn Mawr College (1982-86), Towson State University (1986-88), Minnesota State University-Moorhead (1988-91), Northeastern University (1991-95) and Baltimore City College (1996-2005). He was an inaugural inductee into the Mishawaka High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986.

The late Floyd Kerr was a three-year varsity player who along with twin brother Lloyd helped South Bend Washington to the 1965 semi-state final as a senior. The left-handed Floyd averaged 11.6 points as a junior and 17.2 points as senior when he was named all-sectional, all-regional, all-semi-state and second-team All-State by the Kokomo Tribune. Washington teams went 13-10, 15-6 and 20-5 in his three seasons. Both he and Lloyd matriculated to Colorado State, where Floyd averaged 14.0 points, 6.9 rebounds and helped the Rams to the 1969 NCAA Midwest Regional final at 17-7 as a senior when he was named to the all-region team. He totaled 861 points (13.0) and 387 rebounds (5.9) with a three-season record of 41-30. Floyd was drafted by the NBA's Phoenix Suns, the ABA's Los Angeles Stars and NFL's Dallas Cowboys before a professional basketball career with the Harlem Magicians and in Belgium. He was head coach at Weequahic High School in New Jersey from 1972-73, posting a two-year mark of 46-7 and winning the 1973 New Jersey Group IV state title at 25-3. He moved to the college ranks an assistant coach at Colorado State (1974-80), Colorado (1985-86), Appalachian State (1986-87), Chicago State (1987-88), Western Michigan (1988-89), Akron (1989-91) and Youngstown State (1993-94). He also went 22-13 as head coach for the Youngstown Pride of World Basketball League in the summer of 1992 and assisted Girard High School to an Ohio Division II state title in 1992-93. He served as assistant athletic director at Youngstown State from 1994-2000, athletic director at Southern University in Louisiana from 2000-05 and athletic director at Morgan State in Maryland from 2005-16. Floyd also excelled in football and was inducted into the South Bend Washington Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997.

The late Lloyd Kerr was a two-year varsity player who along with twin brother Floyd helped South Bend Washington to the 1965 semi-state final as a senior. The right-handed Lloyd averaged 12.6 points as senior when he was named all-sectional, all-regional and all-semi-state. Washington teams went 15-6 and 20-5 in his two seasons. Both he and Floyd matriculated to Colorado State, where Lloyd averaged 15.8 points, 5.7 rebounds and helped the Rams to the 1969 NCAA Midwest Regional final as a senior at 17-7. He totaled 916 points (13.3) and 334 rebounds (4.8) with a three-season CSU record of 41-30. Lloyd was drafted by the NBA's Phoenix Suns and ABA's Oakland Oaks before a professional basketball career with the Harlem Magicians and in Belgium. Lloyd entered the health-care field in 1973, living in Indiana, Oregon and finally Bolingbrook, Ill. He started in pharmaceutical sales before becoming a medical technical specialist for CIBA Diagnostics, Bayer and Siemens. He also was a township trustee for the Village of Bolingbrook and coached youth basketball and youth baseball for a number of years. Lloyd also starred in track & field, excelling in the high hurdles, and was inducted into the South Bend Washington Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993.

Troy Lewis was the 1984 Indiana co-Mr. Basketball after he totaled 1,966 points, 508 rebounds, 238 assists and 131 steals while leading Anderson to a three-year record of 68-11 that included two sectionals, two regionals, one semi-state and a 1983 state runner-up finish. After playing no varsity as a freshman and netting 8.4 points and 3.5 rebounds as a sophomore for a 20-4 squad, Lewis became a state-wide name as a junior when he tallied 30.0 points, 8.1 rebounds, 3.3 assists and was MVP of the '83 State Finals for the 24-5 Indians. He completed a magnificent high school career by averaging 35.3 points, 7.6 rebounds and 3.9 assists as a senior for a 24-2 unit that fell in the semi-state. Lewis, who had a career high of 50 points as a senior against Muncie Central, was named a 1984 McDonald's All-American, played in the Capital Classic national all-star game and was USA Today third-team all-USA. He also was selected 1984 AP and UPI first-team All-State, 1983 AP second-team All-State, 1983 UPI Junior All-State and had his jersey No. 23 retired at Anderson. Lewis matriculated to Purdue, where he is sixth on the career list with 2,038 points, totaled 465 rebounds and is 14th on the career list with 398 assists. The Boilermakers went 96-28 during his four seasons with two Big Ten championships and four NCAA Tournament berths. Lewis averaged 10.4 points as a freshman, 18.4 points as a sophomore, 18.5 points as a junior and 17.9 points as a senior en route to being selected second-team all-Big Ten in 1986 and first-team all-Big Ten in 1987 and 1988. He had career highs of 39 points vs. Michigan (Jan. 5, 1987) and 14 assists vs. Indiana (Feb. 21, 1988). Lewis won a silver medal in the 1987 World University Games, was named to the AP's high school second-team 1980s all-decade squad in 1990 and was chosen to Purdue's all-time Centennial Team in March 1997. After college, he played for the Dayton Wings in the World Basketball League. That led to a job as a sales executive with Victory Wholesale Grocers in Dayton, Ohio, where Lewis has worked for more than 30 years. He also has been an assistant coach at Springboro and Centerville high schools, helping guide the latter school to the 2021 Ohio Division I state championship and state final four berths in 2022, 2023 and 2024. Lewis was inducted into the Purdue Athletics Hall of Fame in 2010.

Dave McCollough has a 630-298 record and a .679 win percentage in 40 years as he enters the 2024-25 season at Connersville, his second at the Fayette County school. Over his career, he has posted marks of 157-95 in 11 seasons at North Judson (1993-94), 308-138 in 20 seasons at Noblesville (1994-2014), 148-32 in seven seasons at Shenandoah (2015-22), 11-13 in only 2022-23 at Frankfort and 6-20 last season at Connersville. Those tenures include 14 conference championships, 13 sectional titles (1986, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997, 2010, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021), two regional trophies (1997, 2019) and three Hall of Fame Classic appearances (1997 champion, 2001, 2020) with just two Indiana All-Star players – Kirk Manns in 1986 and Tom Coverdale, the 1998 Mr. Basketball. McCollough is a four-time IBCA district Coach of the Year (1997, 2007, 2016, 2020) and has collected 21 other Coach of Year honors from conferences and media outlets. He also was a 1997 Junior All-Star assistant coach, a 1997 Wendy's Classic assistant coach, the North head coach for the 1998 Coca-Cola All-American Game and the 2000 Indiana All-Star head coach. A 1975 graduate of LaVille, where he earned three letters in basketball, two letters in football and one letter in baseball, McCollough matriculated to Manchester College. He played one season of basketball for the Spartans and earned a bachelor's degree in 1979. He started his coaching career as a junior high coach in Richmond (1979-81) and then served as a high school assistant at North Judson from 1981-83 before being named the Blue Jays' head coach for the 1983-84 season. McCollough earned a master's degree from Indiana University in 1986 and served as IBCA president from 2000-03. He enters the 2024-25 season as Indiana's 14th all-time winningest coach.

Jeff Moore enters the 2024-25 campaign with a 531-286 ledger and a .650 win percentage in 34 seasons at Sullivan, the only school where he has been a varsity coach. During his time with the Golden Arrows, his teams have won 13 conference titles, 11 sectional trophies (1991, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2010, 2011, 2021, 2022, 2024)and four regional crowns (1998, 1999, 2001, 2022). He has been selected conference Coach of the Year 13 times, the Terre Haute Tribune-Star area Coach of the Year four times and was the 2021 IBCA District 3 Coach of the Year. He was an Indiana All-Star assistant coach in 2011 and coached the South team in the 2014 North/South Indiana All-Star Classic. His teams have produced eight 1,000-point scorers, including 2022 graduate Randy Kelly (1,687), 2012 graduate Rhett Smith (1,534), 1999 graduate Joey Davidson (1,274) and his son, 2004 graduate Jeffrey Moore (1,133). The coach is a 1979 graduate of Scottsburg, where he was a two-year varsity starter for teams that went 22-5 and 18-8 and both won sectional and regional. He averaged 16.8 points, was named all-Mid-Southern Conference and won team free throw and J.A. Mohler awards as a senior. He played briefly at Averett College in Virginia and later at Lees Junior College in Jackson, Ky. Moore completed his bachelor's degree in 1986 at Indiana University-Southeast. He started his career in coaching as a student-teacher at Seymour, guiding the Owls' freshman team to a 9-1 mark in 1985-86. He then directed the Brownstown Central JV to a 52-28 record from 1986-90 before moving to Sullivan. Moore enters 2024-25, his 35th season as a varsity coach, as Indiana's 32nd all-time winningest coach.

Jim Shannon posted a 616-292 record in 39 seasons as varsity basketball coach, including a 451-153 mark in 25 seasons from 1998 to 2023 at New Albany. During his time with the Bulldogs, he guided five Indiana All-Star players – including 2018 Mr. Basketball Romeo Langford – while directing the team to 12 sectional titles, three regional crowns, one semi-state trophy and the 2016 Class 4A state title at 27-1. Over his career, Shannon's teams won 15 sectional titles, 18 conference championships and two Hall of Fame Classic crowns (2007, 2016). Shannon was a conference Coach of the Year 19 times, a three-time IBCA District Coach of the Year (2002, 2008, 2016), the 2016 NFHS Indiana Coach of the Year, the 2008 Ball State Alumnus Coach of the Year, a 2002 Junior All-Star assistant, a 2005 Indiana All-Star assistant and 2018 Indiana All-Star head coach. Shannon is a 1978 graduate of Anderson, where he was a two-year varsity regular and an all-sectional player in 1977. He attended Anderson College for one year, then transferred to Ball State where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1982 and a master's degree in 1986. He started his coaching career while in college, assisting at Anderson from 1980-84. Shannon's first head coaching position was at North Decatur, going 23-41 from 1984-87. He then went 74-55 at South Dearborn from 1987-93 and 68-43 at Lebanon from 1993-98. He completed his coaching career with a .678 percentage and entered the 2024-25 season as Indiana's 16th all-time winningest coach.

The late Forest "Jake" Weber, a 1937 Plainfield graduate, totaled 1,384 points in 101 career games as one of the state's early top scorers. Weber, a 6-6 center, tallied 174 points as a freshman, 346 points as a sophomore, 441 points as a junior and 423 points as a senior while leading the Quakers to sectional titles in 1934, 1935, 1936 and 1937. He also excelled in football, baseball and track, twice collecting all-state honors as an end in football and twice placing second in the shot put in the IHSAA outdoor track State Finals while setting a school record that stood for 40 years. Weber then went to Purdue, where he excelled in basketball and track (setting a school record in the shot put) and also playing one season of football. In basketball, he averaged 5.2 points and was chosen to the Big Ten All-Stars as a sophomore, tallied 2.8 points as a junior on the 1940 Big Ten champs and netted 2.8 points as a senior in 1940-41. Weber played professional basketball for two seasons, in 1945-46 for the Indianapolis Kautskys of the National Basketball League and in 1946-47 for the New York Knickerbockers and Providence Steamrollers of the Basketball Association of America. He totaled 191 points in 55 games for a 3.5 average. The BAA later became the NBA, and Weber was a starter in the Knicks' opener on Nov. 1, 1946, a 68-66 victory over the Toronto Huskies that now is considered the first-ever NBA game. Weber returned to Plainfield in 1947, working for the family-owned Consumer Coal Company. In 1952, he became a home builder for National Homes Company and later worked for Paul Cripe Engineering. Plainfield High School has presented a Jake Weber Mental Attitude Award to an outstanding senior (or two) since 1960. Weber was inducted into the Plainfield High School Hall of Fame in 2020.

Indiana Pacers/Indiana Fever Silver Medal winner

Greg Humnicky, a 1964 graduate of South Bend Central, is an inductee as the 2025 men's Silver Medal winner. Humnicky is known as

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top-notch athletic administrator, serving as athletic director at South Bend Clay High School from 1988 to 2008 and as secretary/treasurer and historian for the Northern Indiana Conference from 1994 to the present. He also was on the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame board of directors from 2010-18 and still serves on multiple Hall of Fame committees.

Earlier, Humnicky was a teacher and boys' basketball assistant coach at South Bend Central Middle School (1970-75), South Bend Adams High School (1975-82) and South Bend Clay High School (1982-88) while also helping run summer Purdue Basketball Camps from 1973-88. Over the years, Humnicky has been a member of the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. He was nominated for an IIAAA Distinguished Service Award in 2007 and received the Sam Wegner Award from South Bend Schools in 2013. Humnicky earned a bachelor's degree from Purdue in 1968 and a master's degree from Indiana University in 1973. He is a life member of the South Bend Alumni Association, the Purdue Alumni Association and the John Purdue Club.

The Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame's 63rd Men's Awards Banquet is planned for Wednesday, March 19, 2025. The day's events will include a reception at the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame Museum in New Castle that afternoon with a banquet that evening at the Primo Banquet Hall in Indianapolis.

Name	High School	Graduation
Don Chambers* !	Smithville	1920 #
Wilbur Cummins	Frankfort	1925 #
Bryce Drew	Valparaiso	1994
Matt Graves	White River Valley	1993
Ron Hecklinski	South Bend St. Joseph's	1974
Scott Hicks	Cathedral	1983
Dan Howe*	Ft. Wayne Southside	1958
Greg Humnicky	South Bend Central	1964
Erv Inniger	Berne	1963
LeRoy Johnson	Mishawaka	1957
Floyd Kerr*	South Bend Washington	1965
Lloyd Kerr*	South Bend Washington	1965
Troy Lewis	Anderson	1984
Dave McCollough	LaVille	1975
Jeff Moore	Scottsburg	1979
Jim Shannon	Anderson	1978
Daryl Warren	Linden	1971
Jake Weber*	Plainfield	1937

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