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#### **TODAY'S VERSE**

Psalm 37:1 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

# Meet Pickles



Pickles is a 1 year old male orange tabby domestic shorthair cat available for adoption from The Animal Welfare League of **Montgomery County** (AWL) since 8/22/24. Pickles is all sorts of **PURRRFECT!** Pickles is sweet, cuddly, cat friendly, and playful. Pickles is neutered, dewormed, and up to date on all of his shots! Come say hi!!



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# Ask Rusty - I Use only VA; Can I **Get Back Medicare Taxes Paid?**



#### Social Security Matters

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email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org.

#### Dear Rusty:

Rusty

I'm 72 years old with 20 years of military service. I am retired collecting Social Security, my military pension, and State retirement benefits. According to my SSA statement, over my working lifetime I paid \$14,302 into Medicare, but I never used that medical plan. I only bring in \$33,000 in annual income. Can I get those Medicare taxes back somehow? I've run into dead ends at SSA, Medicare and IRS websites.

Signed: Veteran Seeking **Answers** 

#### Dear Veteran Seeking

First, I want to thank you for your military service to our country. You may find the "For Veterans" section of our www.amac foundation.org website of interest.

Regarding the contributions you have made over the years to federal Medicare, I'm afraid you cannot get any of those taxes back even though you have never used Medicare healthcare services. That's because Medicare, like Social Security, is a "pay as you go" program where all contributions received from workers are used to pay for benefits for current beneficiaries (contributions aren't put into a separate account to pay for your coverage). It's also important to know that your Medicare taxes were used only to fund Medicare Part A, which is coverage for inpatient hospitalization services. Those contributions (via payroll taxes) did not entitle you to outpatient healthcare services, as provided by

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## **Expert Tips for Staying Healthy This Winter**

What older adults and caregivers need to know

(Family Features) As the colder winter weather settles in, rates of respiratory illnesses like flu, COVID-19 and RSV can rise. These infections pose higher risks for older adults and can cause severe illness and hospitalization.

"We all like to gather indoors in the winter because of the cold weather," said Kari

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#### Be a Weather **Watching Gardener**

by Melinda Myers

Each gardening season seems to offer new growing challenges. Our gardens are exposed to more drastic and variable weather with changing weather patterns. Floods, droughts, wind, temperature extremes, and unseasonable weather episodes can have immediate and long-term impacts on our plants.

Monitoring and noting these occurrences will help you

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# **First Step Toward** Market St. **Overpass**

The long wait might be coming to an end.

For decades, motorists (including emergency responders) have had to deal with train delays on Market Street. The city just announced it has been awarded funding by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration under the Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program to begin a project that could eventually lead to an overpass there.

"This problem has challenged our community for many years and we are excited to finally have a pathway for addressing it," Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton said. "This funding will allow us to plan for a grade separation and will position us well for obtaining the funding to construct it, creating a permanent solution that equips Crawfordsville to come to terms with this problem once and for all. I want to thank everyone for their patience as we've worked through addressing this matter and I especially want to thank Director of Operations and Community Development Brandy Allen for all her hard work on this successful grant

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## **Tipmont Trip** to D.C. Open for Application

Area high school juniors are eligible to apply for the Indiana Youth Tour, an allexpenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by Tipmont.

Applications are available online at tipmont.com/ youthtour or by contacting Tipmont Member Service at (800) 726-3953.

This year's trip is June 15-22.

Applications are due by Jan. 31. Applicants do not need to receive electric or fiber internet service from Tipmont to be eligible. Home-schooled students are also encouraged to apply. Finalists will interview with Tipmont staff, and selected students will be notified in March.

#### TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Regular physical activity keeps the mind

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

- Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales is planning to visit to all 92 Hoosier counties again in 2025. These visits are designed to strengthen community engagement, build valuable partnerships, and highlight office initiatives. Secretary Morales will travel across Indiana to meet with mayors, local officials, business leaders and Hoosiers in each county. After a week into the new year, Morales had already visited several counties with more stops planned throughout the week and month. This is his third official round of visiting all 92 counties. In 2023, he visited all 92 counties within 6 months. Last year, he broke his own record and did it within 3 months.
- ${\sf FEMA}\ is\ accepting\ applications\ for\ the\ Youth\ Preparedness$ Council until March 3. YPC is a program that brings teens together from across the nation who are interested and engaged in community preparedness. Council members are selected based on their dedication to public service, their efforts in making a difference in their communities and their potential to expand  $% \left( x\right) =\left( x\right) +\left( x\right) +\left($ their impact as national leaders for emergency preparedness. Students in grades eight through 11 are eligible to apply. Youth interested in applying must submit a completed application form and provide two letters of recommendation. All applications and supporting materials must be submitted no later than March 3, 2025. To access the application materials, the Youth Preparedness Council page on FEMA.gov.
- The Indiana Department of Environmental Management is taking applications and nominations for the 2025 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence. Do not miss this opportunity for your business, organization, government office or an individual to get this recognition and honor. Citizens, government agencies, businesses, organizations, and educational institutions are invited to submit nominations on behalf of others. Self-nominations (applications) are encouraged. Eligible projects must have occurred in Indiana and been implemented in 2023 or 2024. The deadline for nominations is March 7, 2025. Nomination forms and instructions are available at idem.IN.gov/partnerships/governorsawards-for-environmental-excellence

# **TODAY'S QUOTE**

"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope." Dr. Martin Luther King Jr

#### **TODAY'S JOKE**

Anyone wonder how trees access their emails? They log in silly!

#### **MONTGOMERY MINUTE**

Business Buzz is a casual networking event for **Crawfordsville Montgomery** County Chamber members. The next one is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 30 at El Charro Mexican Restaurant & Seafood. Activities get going at 5 p.m. and it's a great chance to meet with members and make connections! Bring your business card for the business card collage and door prize drawing at 6:15! This month's Business Buzz is sponsored by Industrial Federal Credit Union!

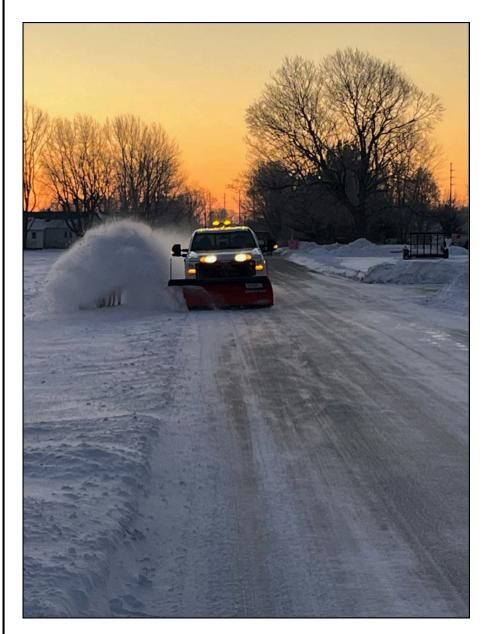
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# HARD AT WORK!





Photos courtesy Montgomery County

Most of us figure the hard work is done when the snow stops. But earlier this week, when high winds blew across the area, the county highway department was hard at work. Several days after the last of the snow fell, crews were out - some all night and others beginning at 4 a.m. - to work on roads that were drifting. As our buddy Honest Hoosier might say, here's a tip of the seed corn cap to all the public works folks in the government for their hard work and dedication! Stay safe (and warm) out there!

# **Want Free Tickets** to Home Show?

The popular Indianapolis Home Show begins today and The Paper has free tickets for you!

The Home Show runs through Sunday, Jan. 26 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds and Event Center.

All you have to do to win tickets (valued at \$15 each) is either send us a selfie of you and our front page (Print or Online Edition) or drop by our office at 127 E. Main St. and let Jacob take your picture!

If you send us a selfie, email it to news@ thepaper24-7.com and be sure to include your name, where you live (city or town, not specific home address) and a little bit about yourself. Then all you have to do is wait and watch. If you see your smiling face in The Paper - you win!

But wait, as the TV guy says, that's not all! If you come by our office - you don't have to wait at all! Jacob will get your photo and then hand you free tickets. Yes, it's that easy!

And what a year to win Home Show tickets! The Indianapolis Home Show returns for its 103rd year! An Indiana tradition, the oldest home show in North America offers the

latest in decorating, landscaping, construction and remodeling ideas. Visitors to the Indianapolis Home Show can talk to hundreds of home and décor experts for advice and explore thousands of the newest home products.

The opening day of the show is special because visitors can pay honor to all our heroes! All active and retired military, police and fire personnel get FREE ADMISSION for the day, plus FREE PARKING at the State Fairgrounds. Just bring a valid ID, and come enjoy the Home Show on opening day!

And on Sunday, Jan. 19, the Home Show, as a thank you to those who help teach our little ones, is giving teachers and school staff FREE ADMISSION. Just bring a valid ID!

The show opens at 10 a.m. each day and on Monday through Wednesday closes at 7 p.m. Closing time for Thursday through Saturday is 8 p.m. and Sundays wrap up at 5

Regular admission prices are \$15 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-12 and free for children 5 and under.

# **Library Spearheads Efforts to Help NC Victims**

Please help the families in North Carolina that have lost so much in the wake of Hurricane Helene's destruction. Children there are in desperate need of shoes and socks this winter! Please drop off new children / teen socks or shoes at the Linden Carnegie Public

Library or at Pleasant Hill Elementary School between now and Jan. 22. Library hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30

#### Legislative Breakfast Set For Feb. 8

The Crawfordsville / **Montgomery County** Chamber of Commerce is hosting a State Legislative Breakfast at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8 at Fusion 54 in Crawfordsville.

The panel consists of State Senators Brian Buchanan (District 7) and Spencer Deery (District 23) along with State Representatives, Jeff Thompson (District 28), Matt Commons (District 13), Mark Genda (District 41) and Beau Baird (District 44).

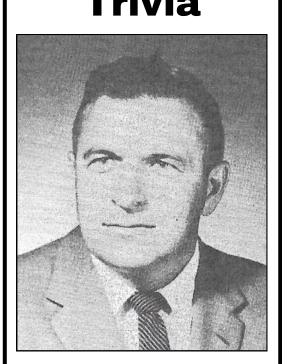
The State Legislative Breakfast is sponsored by Resurrection Automotive and will

include a light breakfast. The event is open to the public. The cost to attend the event is \$10 for Crawfordsville / Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce members and \$15 for non-members.

Space is limited so please register as soon as possible to attend online at Crawfordsvillechambe r.com. For more information regarding the breakfast or the chamber, please contact Stacy Sommer at ssommer@ crawfordsvillechamber .com.



# **Butch Dale's Flashback**



Do You Know this 1944 Darlington Grad?

HINT: As Coal Creek's coach, his teams won the County Tourney in 1965 and 1967, and the Sectional in 1966.

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Medicare Part B (for which there is a monthly premium).

FYI, you must be enrolled in Medicare Part A to collect Social Security benefits after age 65. Medicare Part B isn't mandatory to collect Social Security, but assuming that, as a retired military veteran, you now receive healthcare benefits under the military's TriCare-for-Life program for retired veterans, you must be enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B to maintain your TriCarefor-Life coverage. Your military TriCare coverage coordinates with Medicare to pay for your healthcare costs. Thus, even though it may not be transparent to you, you may be benefiting from your current

VA healthcare services based on their service years, instead of TriCare-for-Life for retired military

recipients of standard VA healthcare services are not required to be enrolled in Medicare but, in any case, cannot receive their past Medicare Part A contributions back if they choose to decline Medicare. You may have interest in this article I previously published on the topic

of VA benefits versus

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Medicare:

veterans. Non-career

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@amacfoundation.org.

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submit a question, visit

Note that some noncareer veterans can use

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enrollment in Medicare.

# **WEATHER** From Page A1

diagnose immediate and future plant and garden problems. It also reminds us to adjust plant maintenance when these stressors occur and watch for potential insect, disease, and plant decline that may

appear in the future.

Create your own weather station with a rain gauge, snow gauge, and high-low thermometer. These gauges monitor the conditions in your backyard as opposed to those reported for nearby locations. Having information from your yard allows you to make any needed adjustments to watering and care to help your plants thrive.

Record significant weather extremes that can negatively impact plant health and longevity. Check with local nature centers, botanical gardens, and extension services for gardening calendars. Many include information on significant weather events in your area. You can then add your observations for future reference. Refer to this information as needed in the future to help diagnose plant problems that may result from these extremes.

Large trees and other established plantings are often overlooked when weather extremes occur. Extended dry periods, temperature extremes, and flooding can stress and weaken these plants making them more susceptible to insect pests, diseases, and decline in the coming years.

Always select plants suited to the growing conditions and start watching for those that appear to be more tolerant of extremes. Visit local public gardens and consult with your University Extension specialists and other plant experts when selecting new plants for your gardens.

Adapt your landscape maintenance and design to reduce the negative impact of flooding, drought, and temperature extremes. Protect plant roots from temperature extremes with a layer of organic mulch. Incorporate organic matter into the soil to improve drainage and increase the waterholding ability of fastdraining soils. Cover

the soil with plants and mulch to help protect the soil from compaction and erosion during heavy downpours. Healthy soil is the key to growing plants that are better able to tolerate environmental stresses.

Manage water that falls on your property. Check with your local municipality for any restrictions or support for these efforts. Create rain gardens to capture, clean and direct rainfall to groundwater to help manage water where it falls. These also support pollinators and provide added beauty to your landscape. Enlist the help of rain barrels, if permitted, to capture rainwater to use on ornamental plantings and containers when needed.

Take this interest one step further and volunteer to be part of a network of volunteer weather watchers. The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) is a nonprofit communitybased network of volunteers that provides daily measurements of rain, hail, and snow that fall in their backyards.

The goal of the Network is to provide more localized weather information to scientists, researchers, resource managers, decision makers and more. The data is used for natural resource, educational and research applications.

Weather watching is a great project for the family or classroom. It helps boost gardening success while increasing our awareness and knowledge of what's happening around us.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including Midwest Gardener's Handbook, Revised Edition, and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' website is www. MelindaMyers.com.

Looking for a part-time job that does not involve the words:

### Would You Like Fries With That?

The Paper of Montgomery County is looking for clerical help. This could be the perfect job for part-time students all the way up to Baby Boomers looking for something to do.

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Photos courtesy Tipmont

Applications for the free trip to Washington, D.C. are due by Jan. 31.



Applicants do not need to be Tipmont customers to be eligible.



"This trip shows young people how our government works and how their voice matters in the political process," said Rob Ford, Tipmont Communication Director and a Youth Tour chaperone. "Education is one of Tipmont's seven cooperative principles, and we're proud to support this leadership development opportunity for high school juniors."

Students participating in the trip will visit the Gettysburg Battlefield,

Smithsonian museums, tour the Jefferson, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Franklin D. Roosevelt memorials, and much more.

Indiana will send a delegation of students from throughout the state. The students travel to Washington, D.C., and convene with other electric cooperativesponsored students from up to 46 states.

Indiana Youth Tour students will also participate in a youth rally hosted by the National Rural **Electric Cooperative** Association and spend a day on Capitol Hill, where they will meet with Indiana's congressional delegation to ask questions and share their thoughts on current issues.

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#### Benson, deputy assistant secretary for aging at the

Administration for Community Living. "But those gatherings are easy places for viruses to spread and for older adults to get sick. The good news is there are many ways for older people to lower their risk of serious illness."

Here are some expert tips for older adults and caregivers from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Pan Respiratory Virus Public Education Campaign, Risk Less. Do More.

#### Get vaccinated against flu, COVID-19 and RSV. Compared to 2023,

vaccinations for flu and COVID-19 have increased among older adults. Vaccines are the best protection against serious illness and can cut a person's risk of being hospitalized for flu or COVID-19 by about half and for RSV by about 70%. Most deaths from flu, COVID-19 and RSV are among people ages 65 and older, and this risk

grows with age.

The 2024-25 flu and COVID-19 vaccines are available for all people ages 6 months and older. RSV vaccines are recommended for anyone 75 and older as well as those 60 and older with certain health conditions or who live in nursing homes. Older adults and caregivers can talk to their doctors about

which vaccines are right for them.

Try to avoid people who are sick. If family or friends you are planning to see aren't feeling well, it's best to reschedule or move your get-together outside. If you must be inside with someone who is sick, wear a mask and ask them if they will wear one, too. hand sanitizer

#### Wash your hands or use frequently. You can also improve ventilation by opening doors and windows and

#### Limit time spent at large, indoor events.

Viruses can spread quickly in large crowds, especially indoors. Spending extended periods in crowded inside spaces - such as large restaurants or concert and sports venues - can be risky, especially if rates of flu, COVID-19 or RSV are high in your community. Consider skipping these events until rates go down or going to outdoor events instead, if

Respiratory viruses can surge during the winter months. However, there are ways to lower your risk of severe illness and hospitalization. To learn more about flu, COVID-19 and RSV, go to cdc.gov/RiskLess DoMore or talk to your doctor. Visit vaccines.gov to get started.

possible.

# **Butch Dale's** Flashback Trivia

**Answer:** Phil Miller

# 'Can't Tell Players Without A Program' Clearly Applies to College Football



Columnist

black these days.

THOMPSON football fans would need one to figure out who is wearing the gold and

If there were

still such a

thing as

gameday

Purdue

programs,

Name a Boilermaker other than running back Devin Mockobee who is expected to suit up this

There have been 32 transfer portal entries from last season's 1-11 roster, which recalls the story of future baseball Hall of Fame outfielder Ralph Kiner's contract negotiations with Pittsburgh general manager Branch Rickey during the 1950s.

"We finished in last place with you," Rickey responded to Kiner's demand for a raise. "We can finish in last place without you."

Some losses did hurt Purdue more than others: safety Dillon Thieneman to Oregon, tight end Max Klare to Ohio State and defensive end Will Heldt to Clemson. Thieneman's departure especially stung since he was the third member of his family to suit up for the Boilermakers.

Eight of the 31 transfers departed for schools that participated in this year's College Football Playoff. In addition to Thieneman, Klare and Heldt, defensive backs Kyndrich Breedlove and Nvland Green chose Arizona State. SMU picked up Damarihe Lewis and Jeffrey M'ba. Former Carmel star Cole Brevard is off to

New head coach Barry Odom is all too familiar with having to rebuild through the transfer portal and high school recruiting. In his two seasons at UNLV, Odom brought in 50 and 55 new players, respectively. The results were impressive: a 9-5 record and a share of the Mountain West title in his first season and a 10-3 mark in 2024. Two of those losses were to Playoffbound Boise State.

With a second transfer portal period taking place April 16-25, don't be surprised if Odom approaches 50 newcomers at Purdue. Second semester classes began Monday and Purdue football welcomed 29 transfers who will join six former UNLV recruits and five holdovers from former coach Ryan Walters' final recruiting class.

Purdue's transfer class is rated 12th in the Big Ten (Plus Eight) but before groaning, keep in mind that rankings aren't always accurate. The Boilermakers' 2024 transfer class was rated eighth, one slot behind Indiana. The only thing those two classes had in common was the number 11. That's the number of victories earned by the Hoosiers and of course, the total losses suffered by the Boilermakers.

Here's a guess at five potential impact transfers for Purdue.

#### Malachi Singleton

The former Arkansas quarterback was rated the fifth-best dualthreat quarterback by Rivals.com coming out of high school. Singleton or fellow QB transfers EJ Colson (Central Florida) and Evans Chuba (Washington State) have to be good or else Odom's rebuilding project will be delayed.

#### Malachi Thomas

The former Virginia Tech running back rushed for 1,132 yards and seven touchdowns in three-plus seasons. He could fill the role alongside Mockobee that propelled Tyrone Tracy Jr. to the NFL.

#### **Tony Grimes**

There's a large void at cornerback and Grimes was one of the stars of UNLV's defense that was ranked 49th in the nation.

#### **Crew Wakely**

Wakely started nine games at safety for BYU in 2024, recording two interceptions and a

#### **CJ Nunnally**

A two-time Mid-American Conference first-team selection, Nunnally totaled 121

tackles and 13 sacks the past two seasons at Akron.

Most of the 29 transfers will probably have to be ready for the 2025 opener against Ball State on Aug. 30. Of those remaining from last season's Purdue roster, here's five who could make a difference.

#### **George Burhenn**

Injuries limited the promising tight end two just two games in 2024 but Burhenn flashed his talent in his freshman season. He caught five passes for 74 yards and a touchdown against Indiana in 2023.

#### Mo Omonode

The stout defensive tackle from West Lafayette has three and a half career sacks entering his senior season. With Brevard gone, expect more snaps for Omonode.

#### Joey Tanona

Opportunity awaits the former four-star offensive tackle from Zionsville. The entire offensive line from 2024 is either in the NFL Draft (Marcus Mbow, Gus Hartwig, Corey Stewart) or at a new home (Mahamane Moussa to Louisville and DJ Winfield to USC). Tanona showed promise after sitting out two seasons at Notre Dame due to a car accident.

#### **Smiley Bradford**

The freshman safety kept his redshirt with just three games played in 2024, but that brief glimpse showed why he was highly regarded coming out of East St.

#### Winston Berglund

The last man standing from the promising Carmel trio of Berglund, Brevard and Heldt, the redshirt sophomore could help fill a giant void at linebacker alongside transfers Alex Sanford (Arkansas), Carson Dean (Arkansas) and Mani Powell (UNLV).

# **Building an All-America**

Junior point guard Braden Smith is a big reason why Purdue has won five consecutive games by 18 or more

points entering Wednesday's late night game at Washington which turned out to be an 11-point Boiler victory.

While a second consecutive first-team All-Big Ten berth seems likely, the numbers Smith has been putting up cannot be ignored by those who vote for the All-America college basketball teams.

The 17th-ranked Boilermakers manhandled Nebraska 104-68 last Sunday, a triumph that marked the first time in school history Purdue has won four consecutive conference games by at least 18 points (81-61 vs. Minnesota; 79-61 vs. Northwestern; 68-50 vs. Rutgers).

Smith surpassed 600 career assists against Nebraska, joining Ohio's D.J. Cooper (2010-12) as the only NCAA players to reach 1,000 points, 600 assists and 450 rebounds in their first three seasons.

During the five-game winning streak, Smith is averaging 20.0 points and 11.4 assists per game. That run has raised Smith's season averages to 15 points and a Big Ten-leading 9.2 assists per game. Smith ranks third nationally in assists.

No Big Ten player in the last 20 years has had more career pointassist double-doubles than Smith's 16.

Smith is on pace to become the first player since Loyola Marymount's Terrell Lowery (1990-91) to average 15.0 points, 8.5 assists, 4.5 rebounds and shoot better than 40 percent from 3point range.

Winning strengthens Smith's All-America case. With Fletcher Loyer at his side for all 91 starts as a Boilermaker, Purdue is

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

#### Local Students Shine at SNHU

Three Montgomery County students are shining brightly at Southern New Hampshire University.

Kirsten Soglin of Crawfordsville has been named to SNHU's Fall 2024 President's List. And Crystal Phillips of Ladoga along with Helena Collins of Crawfordsville were named to the Fall 2024 Dean's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate

students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Fulltime undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16week term or paired 8week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

#### **Kirtley Appointed by State** Supreme Court as Senior Judge

Raymond M. Kirtley has been certified by the Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission for service as senior judge and is now appointed by the Indiana Supreme Court to serve in the Court of Appeals, the Tax Court, or any circuit, superior, or probate court during 2025.

In 1989, the Indiana legislature authorized the creation of the senior judge program, allowing Indiana courts

to use the services of retired judges to supplement existing judicial resources. A senior judge may be used as replacement when the regular judge is unavailable; a complement to the sitting judges; or to oversee the process of certain types of cases or court programs. Judge Kirtley was first certified as senior judge in 2013 and previously served as Judge of the Montgomery County Court from 1985-2002.

# FOR THE RECORD

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#### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY VISITORS & CONVENTION COMMISSION**

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Montgomery County Government Center 1580 Constitution Row - Suite E Crawfordsville, IN 47933

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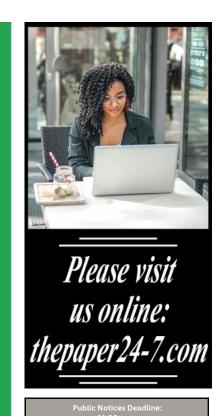


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application. She dedicated much time and effort to ensuring our application resonated with the Federal Railroad Administration and the US Department of Transportation" Barton went on to say."

The funding from the grant will be used for a \$1.6 million Market Street Railroad Crossing Elimination Planning and Development project. This funding will support project planning and project development phases for a grade separation (overpass) at the Market Street / SR32 / SR47 / US136 and CSX Transportation railroad crossing on Market Street in Crawfordsville. The planning process will qualify the city to seek funding for construction. Final design and construction phases will be included in a future grant request once planning and development phases

have been completed.

The convergence of several Indiana State Highways to one point at a busy rail crossing creates serious issues in the community, more than just traffic delays. While there is an overpass rail crossing on Wabash Avenue that should allow traffic to flow unimpeded when a train blocks this crossing, the surrounding road network is not able to accommodate the amount of traffic trying to use Wabash Avenue at once. Often, the combination of frustrated local citizens, visitors to the community unfamiliar with the detour, and truck traffic unable to navigate around the blocked crossing creates an incredibly unsafe situation for residents and visitors to the community alike.

The future project will improve the crossing by eliminating the interaction between vehicles/pedestrians and rail traffic and will incorporate the necessary elements including sidewalks, bike lanes, or multiuse trail paths within the project. Fencing and other access restrictive measures along the rail line will be implemented to further reduce the risk of pedestrian interaction with rail traffic, as pedestrians are also frequently spotted using the railroad as a path.

The community has struggled with this issue for decades and several attempts to receive funding have been made in recent years. in 2018 the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announced the Local Trax Rail Overpass program, for which the City applied.

Unfortunately, INDOT

did not select

Crawfordsville as a recipient community.

Subsequently, the City applied for Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grants from the Federal Transit Administration in 2018 and 2019, both of which were not selected for funding.

Following those failed

attempts to secure

funding the City

shifted to a data focused approach which was used to support the successful FRA grant application. As part of this process, data from the crossing was collected for more than a year and compiled to empirically demonstrate the true impact to residents, businesses, and public safety. The data showed the crossing was blocked more than 277 hours during the study period, impacting the 16,492 vehicles that traverse the crossing on an average day, 9 percent of which are large semi-trucks. Using a formula created by Federal Highway Administration, it was determined that these blockages resulted in a \$2.67 million/year impact to residents and businesses in terms of lost time and productivity. Additionally, the estimated annual CO2 emission value created by idling vehicles waiting on the crossing to be cleared, was valued at nearly \$33,000/year.

engaged in a series of meetings, in which they expressed the negative impacts the crossing has had on their daily lives and an online survey yielded 1,691 participants. 99% of survey participants reported having been stopped at the crossing and 43% had witnessed a pedestrian walk around the gates or through a stopped train. In a public meeting to obtain community input on the issue, one resident provided this accurate summary, "Stopped trains cause an atmosphere downtown that is supercharged with panic, speed, anger, and frustration. Unhealthy for the community and so unsafe."

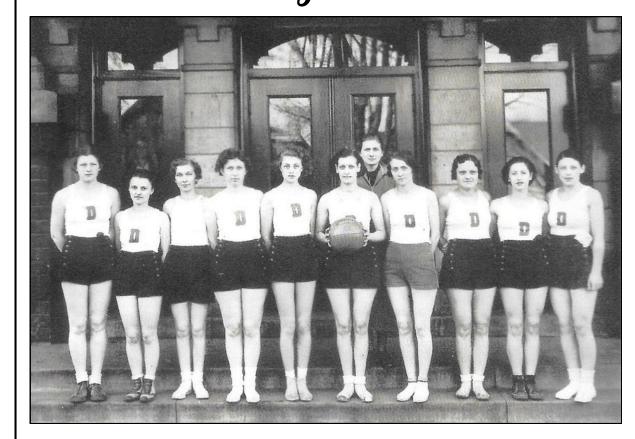
Lastly, the public was

Despite this crossing being located on state highways, the City of Crawfordsville has committed to contributing the required match funding due to the importance of this issue to the

Additional, detailed information regarding the study results and planning process will be provided in a soonto-be released special episode of the Crawfordsville Connection Podcast.

community.

# Back in the Day with Butch Dale



Girls and women's basketball is very popular today. Several high schools had girls teams in the 1900s. But did you know that R.R. Donnelly's (now Lakeside Press) sponsored a women's basketball team? Shown above is the women's team from the late 1930s.

# **Dollar General Grand Opening Saturday**

Dollar General is excited to announce its store at 1905 Indianapolis Rd. in Crawfordsville is now open to provide the community with convenient and affordable access to household essentials, including fresh fruits and vegetables! To celebrate, the Company plans to host a grand opening event on Saturday at 8 a.m., which will include \$10 complimentary gift cards to the first 50 adult customers and DG tote bags to the first 200 customers.

"At Dollar General, we believe the addition of our new Crawfordsville store provides positive economic growth for the community through the creation of new jobs and career growth opportunities; increased accessibility to affordable products; the generation of tax revenue and access to Dollar General Literacy

Foundation grants," said Matthew
Simonsen, Dollar
General's senior vice
president of real estate
and store development.
"As part of our mission
of Serving Others, we
look forward to being a
strong business partner
and good neighbor, as
well as welcoming
customers to our new
store."

While DG is not a grocer, the Company cares about and is invested in the health of its hometowns, currently offering fresh fruits and vegetables in more than 5,400 DG stores, giving the Company more individual points of produce distribution than any other U.S. mass retailer or grocer. Dollar General's produce set offers the top 20 items typically sold in traditional grocery stores, which includes a curated assortment of lettuce, tomatoes, onions,

apples, bananas, strawberries, potatoes, sweet potatoes, lemons, limes, salad mixes and more.

Dollar General plans to create new jobs in the Crawfordsville community as the store is expected to employ approximately six to 10 people, depending on the individual needs of the store. The Company provides employees with competitive wages, world-class and awardwinning training and development programs and benefits including day-one telemedicine eligibility as well as health insurance coverage options, 401K savings and retirement plans, tuition reimbursement, paid parental leave and adoption assistance to eligible employees. Interested candidates can review and apply for available positions

DG strives to be a good

neighbor and is committed to the communities it proudly calls home, evidenced by unwavering support of literacy and education initiatives through the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The addition of the Crawfordsville store opens the opportunity for schools, nonprofit organizations and libraries within a 15mile radius of the store to apply for Dollar General Literacy Foundation grants. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$254 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 21.8 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education. For more information about the **Dollar General Literacy** Foundation and its grant programs, visit www.dgliteracy.com.





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#### Dan Bergfors, Panch Hoar Earn Honors

F.C. Tucker West Central is proud to recognize its December 2024 Agents of the Month: Dan Bergfors and Panch Hoar. These two exceptional agents have demonstrated their dedication to their clients and the local community through their hard work and expertise.

Bergfors, named Sales Agent of the Month, guided four buyers to find their dream homes in December. With a background spanning service in the Air Force and over 20 years in the corporate world, he brings a wealth of experience to his real estate career. Known for his calm demeanor and unwavering dedication, Bergfors takes pride in helping clients navigate the buying and selling process with ease.

He lives in Crawfordsville with his wife Julie and their two

Hoar, named Listing Agent of the Month, brings over a decade of experience to the table, having earned his real estate license in 2010. He first moved to Montgomery County in 1986 and has since built a strong connection to the community. A graduate of Southmont High School and the University of Notre Dame with a degree in chemical engineering, he combines his analytical skills with his passion for helping others.

After working in various industries, he and his wife Jennifer decided to raise their family in Crawfordsville. Now, with three children in local schools, Hoar understands the importance of finding the perfect home for families in the area. Fluent in Spanish and experienced in navigating complex real estate situations, he is well-equipped to serve a diverse range of clients.

# **Deery's Bill Protecting Waterways Clears Committee**

A bill authored by State Sen. Spencer Deery (R-West Lafayette) that would protect rivers and streams from destructive net fishing practices stemming from failed federal immigration policies passed the Senate Committee on Natural Resources with bipartisan support.

"Across our state, rivers and streams are being decimated by individuals who are using nets to clear segments of water of virtually all aquatic life," Deery said. "This has to stop. I am grateful to the anglers and conservation groups who helped me craft this hill to ensure our state is able to protect sportfishing for future generations."

Senate Bill 121 would strengthen existing laws to prevent Indiana's rivers and streams from being damaged by migrant net fishing practices that are killing large amounts of fish, turtles and other marine life.

Deery said he was made aware of the issue of overfishing from locals who expressed their concerns about how the practice could devastate the population of aquatic animals.

"While Indiana is known for its Hoosier hospitality, migrants must follow the law to ensure we are all protected," Deery said. "Ensuring no one is overfishing in our state waterways will help keep the state's vast resources protected, and I am glad to see Senate Bill 121 progress through the legislative process."

SB 121 now moves to the full Senate for further consideration. Deery encourages residents of Senate District 23 to contact him with any questions or comments they may have. Deery can be reached by filling out a "Contact Me" form online at www.Indiana SenateRepublicans.com /Deery or by phone at 800-382-9467.

# **Thompson Given** Sagamore



Photo courtesy Indiana House Republicans

Before leaving office, Gov. Eric Holcomb presented State Rep. Jeff Thompson (R-Lizton) (right) with the Sagamore of the Wabash for his service to the state. As the current chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, Thompson has worked to pass balanced state budgets that keep taxes low for Hoosiers while investing in key priorities including education and infrastructure. Thompson represents House District 28, which includes portions of Montgomery, Boone and Hendricks counties.

#### Deery Bill on Teacher Shortage, **Bullying in Committee**

A bill authored by State Sen. Spencer Deery (R-West Lafavette) that would make it easier for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) graduates to earn teaching licenses was heard in the Senate Committee on **Education and Career** Development.

"Senate Bill 255 would create pathways for STEM students to graduate college with a teaching certificate if they pass a subject matter test, complete nine specific education credits and gain field experience in the classroom," Deery said.

In 2022-23, the state issued just 17 new teaching licenses in chemistry, 15 in physical science and five in engineering.

This has led to districts filling classrooms with individuals who lack classroom training. For example, the state issued 412% more emergency permits in these areas than new licenses.

SB 255 would also prioritize parental communication in bullying investigations in Hoosier schools.

"In 2023, I helped strengthen our laws to prevent bullying in schools, but more needs to be done," Deery said. "When schools investigate bullying incidents, they currently do not need to inform the parents for five days. Whether the child is a victim or perpetrator, parents have a right to know."

The bill would require districts make a reasonable effort to notify parents by the end of a calendar day if their child is the subject of a bullying investigation.

SB 255 is expected to be heard again and voted on in committee next week.

Deery encourages residents of Senate District 23 to contact him with any questions or comments they may have. Deery can be reached by filling out a "Contact Me" form online at www. IndianaSenateRepublic ans.com/Deery or by phone at 800-382-

# **Grateful Patient Honors Doctor**

The Witham Health Services Foundation received a generous contribution from a patient and their family through the Grateful Patient Program. This gift was made in honor of and appreciation for Dr. Hagop Ghareebian in gratitude for diagnosing two chronic diseases and his exceptional and lifesaving medical care.

Dr. Hagob Ghareebian is a board certified endocrinologist at Witham Health Services. He studied at the University of Mosul College of Medicine, did his residency at McLaren Health Care in Flint, Michigan and completed fellowship at the Indiana University School of Medicine.

"Our Grateful Patient program gives patients the opportunity to say 'Thank You' to their caregivers who have enriched their lives," said Cari Ann Guenther, Manager of the Witham **Health Services** Foundation. "The Witham Health Services Foundation is deeply thankful for the generosity of this patient. We are honored to recognize Dr. Ghareebian for the outstanding care he provides to his patients."

The Witham Health Services Foundation is dedicated to Witham's quest to provide high quality care. Through fund development, ambassadorship and education they assist Witham in meeting its strategic goals. If you would like to thank a caregiver through the Grateful Patient program visit www.witham.org/ generosityheals



Photo courtesy Witham Health Services

Dr. Hagob Ghareebian

# Rep. Genda Shares Update



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**GENDA** on and Guest Columnist considering meaningful legislation that is important to Hoosiers and our district.

to working

This legislative session is a budget session, meaning we will craft the state's budget for the next two years. This year's session must conclude by April 29. Over the next several months, we will have important discussions regarding education, taxes, health care and much more.

Hoosiers can visit iga.in.gov to find legislation, view calendars, and watch committee meetings and session.

During this legislative session, I encourage Hoosiers in House District 41 to provide feedback to me on any issues. You can contact me anytime by visiting in.gov/h41 or calling 317-232-9767.

Rep. Mark Genda represents House District 41 which includes portions of Montgomery, Clinton, Boone and Tippecanoe counties.



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## **Last Hurrah!**

Karen Bazzani Zach, Guest Columnist

It's time to take my last bow! I've had 48 years of doing what I truly love to do – researching and writing historical articles, sharing them with my readers. There are so many to thank – one should be my first editor, Pat Cline, her cohort, Gaildene Hamilton then the current one, Tim Timmons. We've had lots of fun through the years and he always loved an idea I'd have, albeit a few crazy ones and we'd muddle through and come up with a great finished product. Without these folks' encouragement, my writing life would likely have been nil.

Wonderful comments from so many of my readers have pushed me to new and exciting research projects. My family, especially hubby, Jim, are always helpful, as well. My writers have been amazing and loved the Montgomery Memories as much as I did. Fourteen years of wonderfulness and so glad it will continue!

Wish I had some great advice for those upcoming, but let's suffice to say, learn what you can from those who have gone before you – there has never been an article I have written that I didn't learn something helpful, fun or a, "Oh, my don't do that!" Truly, I want to thank each and all for the wonderful memories I've tallied through my life and especially in my writing! Bless ya' all!

# **Side Note**

Karen has been my mentor and friend. She is a terrific editor, and one of the most creative people I know. Her years of writing and researching are unsurpassed. She loves Montgomery County, which is evident by her deep commitment to study and share its history.

I first met Karen when I was a 15-year-old car hop at Zach's A & W Drive-Inn - way back in 1974. I could never have imagined that 50 some years later she and I would collaborate in writing for Montgomery Memories.

I'm not replacing Karen - that's impossible! But in my new role with Montgomery Memories, I will do my best to make it interesting and informative. And I know Karen is

there for me, to exchange ideas, put me on the right path when I go astray, and to share a laugh.



Happy retirement from your retirement job, Karen!



# **Passage**

#### DR. JESSE N. TALBOT

August 15, 1840 to January 5, 1908

On January 5, 1908, Dr. Jesse Nicholas Talbot died. A well-respected physician, Dr. Talbot practiced medicine for 40 years. (The Indianapolis News, Tues, Jan 7, 1908).

Born in Illinois on August 15, 1840, Jesse spent his young life near Quincy. By 1852, he was in Sonoma County, California with his parents, Coleman and Drusilla Bowles Talbot, and eight siblings (ibid). According to the 1860 census, the Talbot family farmed.

In 1863, Jesse came to Crawfordsville to attend Wabash College. He was at Wabash until May of 1864 when he enlisted with the 135th Regiment, Indiana Infantry for a 100 day stint (U.S., Civil War Soldiers).

After his service, Jesse returned to school but dropped out when it was no longer affordable. He studied medicine in a doctor's office and completed his studies at Miami Medical College (Directory of Deceased American Physicians, 1804-1929).

Jesse married Lucretia Clore on October 26, 1871. Lucretia was from Boone County, Kentucky. The couple made their home in Wallace, Fountain County, Indiana. They had three children, Lucy, Grace, and Jesse.

The family lived in Wallace until 1885, when they moved to Alamo, Montgomery County, Indiana. Jesse continued to practice medicine in Alamo. He retired to Crawfordsville in 1895 and Lucretia and he lived in the lovely two-story home at 708 E. Main Street. Lucretia passed on March 2, 1906 at only 58 years old, while visiting one of her daughters Jacksonville, Florida. (The Indianapolis Star, Tue, Mar 6, 1906). She was interred at Crawfordsville's Oak Hill Cemetery. Sadly she died after suffering for three weeks with untreated an case appendicitis. It seems an added tragedy knowing Jesse's profession!

Jesse died 22 months later, at the age of 67, from a case of pneumonia. He was laid to rest next to Lucretia.

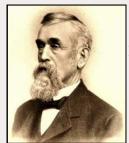


Photo of Dr. Jesse N. Talbot Courtesy of Ann M findagrave.com





#### **Notables**

#### **January 12, 1801**

1st Indiana State Legislative session held. Source: www.in.gov/history

#### **January 10, 1825**

Indianapolis became state capital.

Source: www.timetoast.com/timelines/history-ofindiana

#### January 23, 1879

National Archery Association formed in Crawfordsville.

Source: www.onthisday.com/countries/usa/indiana

#### **Old News**

# CRAWFORDSVILLE RECORD

January 2, 1836

Panther Hunt - A well grown panther of about six feet, has been seen several times within the last ten days, in Coalcreek township seven or eight miles north west of this place. Some boys, taking a common night hunt, found him reared against a tree, with the dogs at bay. As they came up, the dogs closed upon the panther for a hard fight, upon which one of the smaller boys requested the axe to dispatch him; but the largest, who carried the axe, became alarmed, advised a retreat, and they ran to Mr. Brooks', whose sons were principal actors. Three of the four dogs soon came in and for some time the panther was screaming along the country toward the east; the lost dog died a few feet from where they fought, having an ear and one side of his head torn off. and his body ript completely open. The panther has returned and seen since near the thicket where he is sojourning; and the neighbors design stirring him out on the first snowy morning, for a grand chase.

Source: Hoosier State Chronicles

# **Weather Report**

Between January 25 and 27, 1978, the worst blizzard on record came to Indiana. Up to 20 inches of snow fell in the center of the state. There were wind gusts of up to 55 mph. Snow drifted 10 to 20 feet. Wind chills were as low as -50.

Source: National Weather Service Indianapolis Central Indiana Weather History January



# Butch Dale's FLASH BACK TRIVIA

Do You Recognize This 1955 Coal Creek Graduate?



HINT: He was the basketball team's leading scorer at Wingate in 1953 and Coal Creek's leading scorer in 1954.

**Answer on Page 7.** 



# **Memories**

#### **BLIZZARD OF '78**

# CONNIE WILLETT MILLER Guest Columnist



I was living in Terre Haute, Indiana in an apartment above a house. My fiancé shoveled out a parking place for me - he got it done! I jumped in my car to move to the cleared space when an ISU professor pulled in

ahead of me! My fiancé and I were a little bit upset, so when we were digging out another space, we threw the snow on his car!

We drove home from Terre Haute after the roads were cleared -- it was like driving through tunnels. The drifts were 10 to 15 feet tall. It was the coolest thing ever. It wasn't fun when it was snowing or when you couldn't get out, but when you could get out and play in the snow, it was fun fun fun! There were snow mobiles everywhere.



Source: pixabay

# MARK FISCHER Guest Columnist

The bartender at The Green Street Tavern lived above the bar. A few hearty regulars made it to the bar and they drank the place dry - all the beer, wine, and even the old liquor that had been on the shelf for years.



#### **SNOW BOUND LOVE NOTE**

A heart-wrenching story was shared in The Indianapolis Star on January 26, 1978. 31-year-old Timothy Lee was driving from Terre Haute to Crawfordsville to visit his brother Clarence. Eleven miles south of Crawfordsville, on a deserted State Road 231, Timothy got stuck in a snow drift. He waited in the car for seven-and-a-half hours. During that time, he wrote a farewell note to his wife, in which he declared his undying love for her and for their three children. Finally giving up on being rescued, Timothy walked a mile-and-a-half through the blowing snow and drifts to the home of John Roe. After his long ordeal, he was thankful to be alive! He was able to share the note with his wife - in person.





# **Sports Story**

The first girls' basketball team was formed in Chicago in 1895 - four years after the game was invented by James Naismith (www.ihsa.org/data/bkg/records). In my research, the first evidence I found of girls playing for Crawfordsville High School was 1902, although there may have been earlier games. The 1902 C'ville team included six players, five who started. including Forwards Bess Bridges and Elsie Snyder, Centers Alice Warder and Jesse Hutchinson, and Guards Shirley Maxwell and Helen O'Neal (The Indianapolis Journal, April 4, 1902, page 2). According to the Indianapolis Journal article, "The Shortridge girls' basketball team defeated the Crawfordsville five in the most exciting and best played girls' contest ever seen in this city..." The score was 12 to 11.

Honors were bestowed the Crawfordsville Girls Basketball team in March of 1904. Thev defeated Covington, with a score of 15 to 10. Five field goals were made by C'ville's Miss Glen Wicks. (ibid, March 20, 1904). Another victory was reported when they beat the Attica Brownies 7 to 4. Lafayette's Journal and Courier reported that "the small audience was thoroughly disgusted" with the number of fouls called by the ref (Wed, March 08, 1905, page 3). Not much has changed!

Girls' basketball wasn't only played

between high schools. On March 3, 1903, it was reported that women playing for the Crawfordsville Business College defeated DePauw (The Indianapolis News). There were also church teams, and Donnelley's had a team (The INGenWeb Project, Copyright ©1997-2020 (and beyond), Montgomery County GenWeb, www .in genweb.org/in montgomery).

Of note but likely not surprising, early on, other than coaching staff, guys weren't allowed to attend girls' games (the-boneyard.com).



1904 CHS Team Photo Source: *The Indianapolis News, March 17, 1904, page 11* 

# Recipe

Indiana's official state pie, Sugar Cream, is also known as "Hoosier Pie." To celebrate National Pie Day, which is January 23, have a slice with a hot mug of coffee or steaming cup of tea. There's no better treat on a cold winter's day.



You'll need a pre-made 9" pie shell or use your favorite recipe to make your own. Preheat the oven to 425.

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 1/4 c. sugar
1/2 c. flour
2 c. heavy whipping cream
1 tsp. vanilla
3 tbsp. room temperature
butter
1/4 tsp. nutmeg

Sources: onehotoven.com, wikipedia.com, wrtv.com

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

In a mixing bowl, whisk the sugar, flour, whipping cream, and vanilla together until it is smooth. Slice the butter and disperse it over the bottom of the pie shell, pour the mixture on top. Sprinkle the nutmeg over the pie. Bake for 10 minutes at 425 then reduce the heat to 350 and bake for an additional hour.

#### **Word Search**

Winter Weather

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Freezing Blizzard Drifts Plow Shovel Mittens Sleet Winter Wind Cold Slick Scarf Warning Thermals Frost

Solution on Page 7.



# **Poetry**

#### Resolution

That day of the year, first of January, looking to the months waiting in front of us.

Resolving we promise to do our chores, get more sleep, go outdoors, spend less money, save some more, give big hugs to those we adore, lose some weight, forgive old scores.

Whatever we plan this year to do one step at a time will get us through.

Joy M. Willett

#### **Wintertime Blues**

The snow is deep, the wind howls, outside my window all seems foul. Yet I am warm and snug inside where the fire roars, good cheer abides. There is no reason to go outside. If you insist, I'll surely hide.

Joy M. Willett





## **Extras**

# Butch Dale's FLASH BACK TRIVIA

Answer: Gary Smith

## **Ads from the Past**

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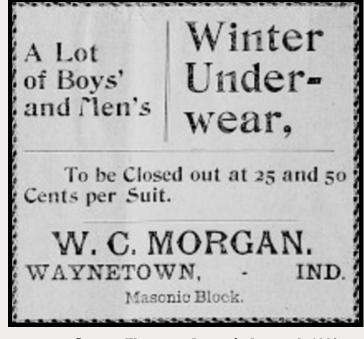
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Office opposite M. E. Church, Residence one door west office

Source: Waynetown Hornet, January 28, 1888

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Source: Waynetown Despatch, January 9, 1903



