

■ TODAY’S VERSE

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Ready to Blast Some Berries?

The public is invited to participate in the Montgomery County Historical Society’s Inaugural Berry Blast Competition at this year’s Strawberry Festival on Saturday June 14! Competitors will test their homemade catapults to see who can launch the farthest! The event will take place from 1-3 p.m. at Lane Place and there will be three age categories: Youth, ages 8-12; Teen, ages 13-18; Adult, ages 19 and up. First-place winners for each age group will win \$100 and second place for each age group will win \$50. You can sign up to participate online through our website, each entry is \$10. The web address is <https://www.lane-mchs.org/2025-berry-blast-ing>.

Near as I can tell, those Kings Hawaiian rolls are about the closest thing to eating grandma’s noodle dough I’ve run across in the last 60 or so years!



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■ BOOMER BITS

How Do I Apply for Social Security?

Dear Rusty: I just turned 65 years old in February 2025. I need to sign up for Social Security but don’t even know where to start. Signed: Seeking Assistance

Dear Seeking: It is fairly easy to sign up for your Social Security benefits, by either calling the Social Security Admin-



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Adviser

istration at 1.800.772.1213 or your local SS office, to make a telephone appointment to apply, or by completing your application for Social Security benefits online at www.ssa.gov/apply. However, to apply for benefits online you will need to first create your personal “my Social Security” account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Once you have your personal account set up, you can apply directly from that account and also see an estimate of your SS benefits at different ages. You may already be aware that age 65 is not your Social Security full retirement age, or “FRA.” Your FRA is when you get 100% of the benefit

you’ve earned from a lifetime of working. By taking benefits at age 65, your monthly amount will be reduced (to about 87% of your FRA amount; a permanent reduction). Born in 1960, your FRA is age 67, which means you will be taking your SS benefit about two years early and also

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Make Summer Safe, Fun

More than 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in the United States each year, and 90% of people who have a cardiac arrest will not survive. The American Heart Association, devoted to changing the future to a world of healthier lives for all, is calling on parents and families to make this summer as safe as it is fun.

Heart Association, more than 23,000 children experience cardiac arrest each year, with nearly 40 percent related to sports and nearly 20 percent occurring in infants. If performed immediately, CPR can double or even triple a person’s chance of survival, yet less than half of people actually receive the help they need from a bystander. With

According to the American

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Tips to Help You Stay Healthy on Summer Travel

By Dr. Amit Arwindekar
Medical Director at UnitedHealthcare Global

As the weather gets warmer and the school year ends, many Indiana residents may be planning a vacation. While some prefer a staycation, 86 percent of Americans plan to travel out of state and 50 percent plan to travel internationally.

Everyone hopes their trip will go smoothly, but more than 1 in 4 Americans report getting sick or hurt on a vacation and 56 percent needed medical treatment as a result. To help you prioritize a healthy and safe trip, consider these tips:

Check-in with your primary

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At the heart of this area, a charming pergola stands as a focal point, above the waterfall. **Flower Lovers Garden Club**

Stone Creek Lodge Next on 17th Annual Tour

Nestled amidst the lush greenery, the garden area of the wedding venue at Stone Creek Lodge offers a breathtaking setting for your special day. Meticulously landscaped, it features a blend of vibrant flowers, manicured hedges, and a stone pathway that creates an enchanting atmosphere.

The highlight of this serene area of Stone Creek Lodge is a stunning waterfall, which cascades gracefully down, filling the air with a soothing, natural melody. This tranquil sound enhances the romantic ambience, perfect

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If you go
Who: Flower Lovers Garden Club
What: 17th Annual Garden & Arts Tour
When: Sunday June 29 11-5 (Rain or Shine)
Cost: This is a ticketed event and tickets are \$12, 12 and under free at ProGreen Garden Center, Davidson’s Greenhouse, Ryan’s Flowers, Country Hearts & Flowers, Just Because, Milligan’s Flowers and Crawfordsville Library.
Tickets: Available the day of the tour at Pike Place from 11-2

Montgomery Minute

The Master Gardeners of Montgomery County along with Purdue Extension - Montgomery County will hold a Native Plant Jamboree Saturday, 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Montgomery County 4-H Fairgrounds. Native Plants Unlimited of Fishers and ProGreen Nursery will have more than 100 varieties of Native Plants for sale. In addition, we will have booths

from the Indiana Native Plant Society of Lafayette, Montgomery County Soil & Water District, the Seed Library at Crawfordsville District Public Library and others. Tricia Herr, Extension Educator/Agriculture & Natural Resources, will have a seminar at 10:30 on the Importance of Native Plants. There will be an activity for the kids to participate in also.

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

“There should be a special place in hell for fathers who abandon their children.”
— Nikki Giovanni

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

June Bugs are like College Dropouts. They sleep all day, they party at night, and after a month, you don’t see them anymore.

■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana recently granted the ACLU of Indiana’s request for a preliminary injunction against Indiana University over its “expressive activity” policy. The Court found that the policy likely violates the First Amendment. In a lawsuit filed last year, the ACLU of Indiana argued that the policy was overly broad because it prohibited “expressive activity” between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., even when the activity is not disruptive. Finding that the plaintiffs are likely to succeed in the lawsuit, the preliminary injunction temporarily prohibits IU from enforcing the policy while the case moves forward.

2. Indiana food and beverage companies served up their best products to a global audience of foodservice professionals at the National Restaurant Association Show, held recently in Chicago. “The National Restaurant Association Show provides an incredible platform for Indiana’s food businesses to shine,” said Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith, Indiana’s Secretary of Agriculture. “Having six Hoosier companies showcase their locally crafted products to thousands of industry professionals is a testament to Indiana’s vibrant food and beverage innovation.” Six Hoosier companies showcased their locally crafted products to thousands of industry professionals looking for the next great addition to their menus and markets. They were: Culver Duck in

Middlebury, Old Major Market in Indianapolis, Tell City Pretzel Company in Jasper, Triple XXX Root Beer in West Lafayette, Tulip Tree Creamery in Indianapolis and Smoking Goose Charcuterie in Indianapolis.

3. Our friends at Gambling ‘N Go asked 3,056 respondents to rate their favorite parks on real-life factors like field quality, sports options, amenities, crowd size and that all-important “vibe” score. Three Hoosier green spaces were rated among the best in the U.S., Brown County State Park, Eagle Creek Park and Fort Harrison State Park. Some of the tops in the country? Central Park, New York, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee, Myrtle Beach State Park and, of course, Golden Gate Park in San Francisco.



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■ BUTCH’S FLASHBACK TRIVIA



Do You Recognize This 1966 Coal Creek Graduate?

HINT: She married a classmate who was the star athlete on the basketball team.
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SMASH Saturdays Coming to Carnegie

SMASH Saturdays – short for Science, Math, Art, Space, and History – will be held on five Saturdays this summer, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. During each drop-in event, there will be instructor-led activities as well as opportunities to free explore. Each Saturday will feature a different topic, and participation is free.

We kickoff with Art this Saturday. Laurie Vellner, Crawfordsville Middle School art teacher, will lead three activities: rock painting, origami paper folding, and watercolor painting. All materials will be provided, and participants will be able to take their art projects home with them.

In addition to the SMASH Saturdays activities, the Carnegie Museum’s annual Summer at the Museum program is currently underway. This free program lets kids ages 4-12 earn prizes for completing activities at the museum. Summer at the Museum

SMASHing Good Times

The full SMASH Saturdays schedule is:

- Art – June 7
- Space – June 21
- Science – June 28
- History – July 12
- Math – July 19

activities include scavenger hunts, science experiments, crafts, puzzles, and much more. This year’s program features the museum’s Construction Zone! and two other building spaces.

During the months of June and July, the Carnegie Museum will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and other times by appointment. In August, we will return to our normal public hours of Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the Carnegie Museum is free, and the building is wheelchair and stroller accessible.

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■ BACK IN THE DAY



Back in the day, just about every farmer had at least one milk cow to supply the family with milk and cream. Shown above are my cousins, Donnie and Dick Dale in the 1940s trying their best to milk old Bossie, while their little brother David watches.

Baird Bill Promotes Ag Research, Innovation

Congressman Jim Baird (IN-04) and Representative Andrea Salinas (OR-06) recently introduced the NSF and USDA Interagency Research Act to strengthen a longstanding interagency research partnership between the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to promote cross-cutting and collaborative research and development to enhance agricultural sustainability through advanced technological solutions.


“As a farmer myself, our agriculture industry should have access to cutting-edge technologies, including artificial intelligence, to transform farming practices, improve severe weather predictions, better protect our crops, and grow crop yields,” Baird said. “Operating in a silo is never a good practice when it comes to research and development. By strengthening the partnership between the NSF and USDA, we can drive innovation, produce groundbreaking research, and tackle challenges facing our agricultural sector.”

“Our bill will empower the National Science Foundation and Department of Agriculture to collaborate on research, development, and educational activities related to agriculture,” Salinas said. “It would support our rural communities by developing strong workforce pathways, and it would ensure local producers can take advantage of the latest technologies. As our climate changes, farmers increasingly face changing growing seasons, worsening wildfires, and more frequent extreme weather events. This affects consumers too, who pay for these disruptions in the form of higher grocery prices. I thank Rep. Baird for his partnership on this legislation to ensure rural communities and farmers have the tools they need to thrive.”




The bill Congressman Jim Baird co-sponsored will strengthen a long-standing interagency research partnership between the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. File photo

KENNY THOMPSON



With decades of experience as an award-winning sports writer and sports editor – most of it covering Purdue athletics – Kenny Thompson has a perspective and inside knowledge that few others have. Whether it’s putting what’s going on in the Big Ten in historical perspective or shooting straight from the hip on what’s happening today, no one has a better take on Purdue and sports than Kenny!

Catch Kenny every Friday in The Paper of Montgomery County!





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City, Architecture Firm Win Award

The Indiana Chapter of the American Planning Association has awarded American Structurepoint and the City of Crawfordsville an honorable mention for outstanding economic development, celebrating their strategic efforts to drive local growth.

American Structurepoint's Planning + Economic Development Group partnered with Crawfordsville leaders to create the Crawfordsville Retail Recruitment Strategy Plan. The data-driven

plan includes a retail gap analysis that identified the city's retail potential. It also outlines several strategies to provide a clear path for future growth, particularly in attracting grocery retailers.

"Our goal was to create a practical, digestible plan that city leaders could immediately act on," said American Structurepoint Planning + Economic Development Group Leader Matthew O'Rourke. "We are grateful for the opportunity to help Craw-

fordsville position itself for long-term success in attracting retailers."

American Structurepoint's planning experts conducted a detailed analysis of consumer demand for various business categories. The team then developed targeted strategies to market Crawfordsville to commercial developers and national retailers. Results from the study have led to new economic development in Crawfordsville, including the construction of a new ALDI store.

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reader Takes Issue With Response

Dear Editor,
It never ceases to amaze me how simply stating facts can set off the lunatic fringe. John Roberts' pathetic response to my recent letter to the editor is a perfect example. His senseless diatribe no more

addressed the issues I raised than the man in the moon. But then, that's the norm for Democrats, who always ignore the truth and instead resort to virtue signalling, distraction and panic peddling. The man had the unmitigated audacity to not only blame President Trump for COVID, but for the high rate of unemployment as

a result of the pandemic. Who in his right mind would do such a thing -- in writing, no less? Roberts chose to dig deep into a thesaurus to try to impress readers rather than attempt to defend his party's positions. It didn't work.

Ron Carmony
Former resident of
Crawfordsville

Rusty

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means that – if you are still working – you will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET). The AET limits how much you can earn before some of your benefits are taken away. For 2025, the annual earnings limit is \$23,400 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit (they take benefits back by withholding future payments long enough to recover what you owe).

So, you can apply for your Social Security benefits, as indicated above, either online or by calling SS for an appointment. Just be aware that by applying at age 65 your benefit will be perma-

nently reduced, and you will be subject to Social Security's earnings limit (the earnings limit lasts until you reach your FRA, after which you can earn as much as you like without penalty).

Also, because you are 65, if you wish to enroll in Medicare, please be aware that you don't need to take your Social Security benefits to enroll in Medicare. You can enroll in Medicare (only) by calling Social Security as explained above or enrolling in Medicare online. Here is a link which explains how to enroll in only Medicare: <https://www.ssa.gov/medicare/sign-up>.

I hope this information is helpful, and please know that the AMAC Foundation is always available to answer your questions. If it's easier,

you can also speak directly to one of our certified Social Security Advisors by calling us during normal EST business hours at 1.888.750.2622. We cannot submit your SS application for you, but we can answer all questions you have about applying.

This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance. Russell Gloor is the, National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens. To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org.

Travel

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ry care doctor before traveling. Schedule an appointment with your doctor prior to your vacation. During your visit, inform your doctor of your travel plans to see how best to support your health while traveling, including getting any recommended or required vaccinations. Before leaving, refill any prescriptions you might need while away and pack enough to last your entire trip. Check travel health information and recent travel notices for destinations abroad so you know what to expect when you arrive.

If you haven't had an annual wellness exam and preventive screenings recently, this may be a good time to make sure you are on top of any health concerns. Health plans usually cover preventive care, which means you may pay \$0 out of pocket for certain covered preventive services if you go to a network provider.

You may also consider options like virtual visits for non-emergency care. Virtual visits may be both cost-effective and more convenient.

Talk to your health plan and doctor about virtual care options that might be available to you while traveling. Virtual care may help you quickly and affordably access needed care with a network provider while on the road.

Pack properly and make sure you have enough essentials. Prior to leaving home, check the weather at your destination and pack accordingly. Prepare a travel health kit with essentials like hand sanitizer, over-the-counter medications, sunscreen and bug spray. Remember to pack important items like prescription medications in your carry-on luggage in the event of an emergency, or if your checked bags get lost during travel.

Take care of your health during your vacation. Physical activity may help reduce stress and promote well-being. Plan to incorporate some form of activity during your vacation, such as sightseeing walks, bike rides or daytime hikes. To help avoid dehydration, carry a water bottle and refill it throughout the day. Also, make sure to wear and reapply sunscreen to protect your skin and use bug spray to keep yourself safe from

bug bites.

Prepare for possible jet lag. Data shows that 60-70 percent of long-distance travelers may experience some form of jet lag. Preparing for time changes and getting good sleep prior to travel may help reduce symptoms of jet lag. Make sure to drink lots of water. At your destination, soak in the sunlight as this may help reset your internal clock to help promote better sleep, which may be key to reducing jet lag and supporting your immune system.

Consider travel medical insurance and travel protection. Accidents happen. That's why it's important to be prepared for the unexpected. That may include making sure you have health coverage while you're away, which may help you avoid major costs in the event of an accident or sudden illness. If you plan to travel, check with your health plan to see what coverage you may have at your destination — especially if you're traveling internationally as many health plans may not cover medical expenses while abroad.

These tips may help you stay on top of your health so you can enjoy a worry-free vacation and return home reenergized.



The 17th Annual Garden & Arts Tour visits Stone Creek Lodge. Flower Lovers Garden Club

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for exchanging vows or capturing unforgettable moments in photos.

At the heart of this area, a charming pergola stands as a focal point, above the waterfall. This picturesque structure offers shade and shel-

ter, providing a beautiful backdrop for your ceremony or a peaceful retreat for guests.

Whether bathed in sunlight or glowing under soft evening lights, the combination of the waterfall, pergola, and landscaping creates an idyllic setting that will make your event truly

magical.

An added attraction to this stop on the Garden & Arts Tour is the Flower Lovers Garden Club's Plant Sale. A popular feature on the club's previous garden tours, be sure to check out the variety of outdoor plants, native plants, houseplants etc.

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school out for summer, children will be away from teachers and coaches who might be trained in CPR, making it crucial for parents to know this life-saving skill.

The Association offers this checklist for a heart healthy summer and beyond:

Learn CPR and join the Nation of Lifesavers™. In Indiana, families can take an online CPR course, watch a 60-second video to learn Hands-Only CPR for adults or watch this video to learn how to save an infant or child using CPR with breaths. Travelers can also get trained in Hands-Only CPR in about five minutes while they wait for their flights with an airport kiosk, located in airports across the country. For more information on how to learn CPR, visit heart.org/nation.

Pick one healthy habit for you and your family to work on. Staying on track with your family's health goals during summer can be a challenge. Set manageable goals and choose one aspect of physical or mental health to focus on. The American Heart Association's Life's Essential 8™ are key measures for improving and maintaining cardiovascular health throughout your life: embrace healthy eating, move your body, quit

The American Heart Association

The American Heart Association is a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives. Dedicated to ensuring equitable health in all communities, the organization has been a leading source of health information for more than one hundred years. Supported by more than 35 million volunteers globally, we fund groundbreaking research, advocate for the public's health, and provide critical resources to save and improve lives affected by cardiovascular disease and stroke. By driving breakthroughs and implementing proven solutions in science, policy, and care, we work tirelessly to advance health and transform lives every day. Connect with us on heart.org, Facebook, X or by calling 1-800-AHA-USA1.

tobacco, sleep well, maintain a healthy weight, control cholesterol, keep blood sugar in check and know the blood pressure basics. There's even a Life's Essential 8 for kids.

Plan ahead. Schedule doctor's appointments and refill prescriptions to make sure you have enough medication to get home safely if you're traveling. Check if your summer destination has an emergency plan or cardiac emergency response plan (CERP) in place. A CERP establishes specific steps to reduce death from cardiac arrest in any setting – be it a school, community organization, workplace or sports facility.

Join a local Heart Walk. Every walker who joins and every dollar donated means more people trained in lifesaving CPR, more lifesaving research funded and longer, healthier lives for every-

one. In Indiana, Heart Walks will take place in Indianapolis (Sept. 20) and in Lake County (Sept. 27).

"Summer is a time for fun and relaxation. It's also a great opportunity to make sure you're prepared in an emergency," said Haley Rudolph, executive director in Indianapolis. "We each have to do our part to model health for our families and communities, whether that means organizing a CPR training at work, scheduling check-ups for the family or finally quitting tobacco."

The American Heart Association is committed to turning a nation of bystanders into lifesavers. The long-term goal: to ensure that in the face of a cardiac emergency, anyone, anywhere, is prepared and empowered to perform CPR and become a vital link in the chain of survival.

Soil conservation, water supply management focus of recent bills



Sen. Spencer Deery
Columnist

Being a political conservative means conserving the values that have made our state and our country exceptional.

These include traditional values such as hard work, strong families, religious convictions and their free exercise, civility, entrepreneurship, and personal responsibility. Conservatism also means defending the principles found in our founding documents such as a commitment to natural

A Fair Prospect

As the summer season arrives, counties across Indiana will soon begin holding a much-loved tradition - county fairs. These fairs allow 4-H exhibitors to showcase the projects they have worked on in recent months, opportunities for locals to support charitable organizations and spotlights on our local businesses.

rights, limited government, individual liberty, equal protection, and the rule of law.

For me, conservatism also means conserving the natural resources we all depend on like clean water, good soil and healthy air. I believe we can protect these resources without resorting to heavy-handed government or sacrificing our other conservative principles. One of Indiana’s most valuable resources is our soil. Too many farms allow this precious land to erode downriver and into other states. That’s why I am a strong advocate for our soil and water conservation districts and the important work

they do assisting farmers in resilient agricultural practices. Conserving our soil also means eliminating subsidies that encourage removing prime farmland from agricultural production. That’s why I drafted and continue to advocate for Senate Bill 253 that would end these subsidies on prime farmland. Another top priority is responsibly managing our water supply. While the final version of Senate Enrolled Act 4 may not fully accomplish everything I, or our community want in a state water policy, I was

able to amend it to the point that it earned my support. The amendments I added ensure that if an entity attempts to build a pipeline from Tippecanoe County to the LEAP district in Boone County, or any other distant location, the project would need to be studied and approved or rejected based on the public interest. The flow of water would be capped, and the permit could be revoked if its terms are not followed. Initially, these protections applied only to

pipelines with capacity exceeding 30 million gallons per day, but one of the amendments I passed reduced that threshold to 10 million gallons per day. Do you have thoughts on what it means to you to be a conservative or how I can better represent your values?

State Sen. Spencer Deery (R-West Lafayette) represents Senate District 23, which includes Fountain, Parke, Vermillion and Warren counties, and portions of Montgomery and Tippecanoe counties.

Mexican National Sentenced Following 8th Illegal Re-entry, 7th deportation

Manuel Vasquez-Mongia (a/k/a Manuel Vasquez-Mungia), 32, of Mexico, has been sentenced to 13 months in federal prison followed by three years of supervised release after pleading guilty to illegal re-entry of a removed alien. According to court documents, between 2011 and 2015, Vasquez-Mongia was found to be illegally in the United States on seven separate occasions. Each time, he

was ordered removed to Mexico by an immigration judge and prohibited from entering the United States for a period of five to twenty years. On October 15, 2015, after illegally reentering the United States a seventh time, Vasquez-Mongia was found guilty of Transportation of Illegal Aliens and sentenced to six months in federal prison. Following release, he was again deported to Mexico and prohibited from enter-

ing the United States at any time. Nearly a decade later, on September 11, 2024, Vasquez-Mongia was located and arrested in Indianapolis after entering the country illegally for the eighth time. This is his fifth federal conviction for immigration offenses. “Vasquez-Mongia has repeatedly shown blatant disregard for the law,” said John E. Childress, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of

Indiana. “Despite multiple deportations and warnings not to return, he reentered almost immediately—even bringing others with him. He clearly thought he could evade justice, but today’s sentence proves otherwise. We will continue working with ICE and our partners to locate and remove individuals who illegally enter our country.” Immigration Customs and Enforcement and U.S. Marshals Service

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force investigated this case. The sentence was imposed by U.S. District Judge James P. Hanlon. Acting U.S. Attorney Childress thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith Wood prosecuted this case. This case is part of Operation Take Back America, a nationwide initiative that marshals the full resources of the Department of Justice to repel the

invasion of illegal immigration, achieve the total elimination of cartels and transnational criminal organizations (TCOs), and protect our communities from the perpetrators of violent crime. [use if applicable] Operation Take Back America streamlines efforts and resources from the Department’s Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OC-DETF) and Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)

■ NORTH MONTGOMERY MIDDLE SCHOOL SEMESTER 2 - 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR

All A Honor Roll

- **6th:** Christian Brown, Naomi Neal, Charles Powell
- **7th:** Harper Allen, Easton Barker, Colton Benge, Will Dark, Grady Finlayson, Brynlynn Fitch, Reese Fultz, Trevor Hintz, Madison Horton, Isabella Hutson, Nathan Kamakian, IcyAnna Killian, Ethan King, Haleigh King, Cooper Moseley, Olivia Nuppnau, Ellie Shirar, Graham Swyers, Alice Templeman, Aidan Todd
- **8th:** Kendall Barnett, Dawson Bell, Warren Brown, D’let Herrera, Annie Hess, Garrett Hudson, Addison Johnson, Korbin Lewis, Sophia Long, Danielle Martin, Kinley McCoy, Erin McKinney, Gracelyn Neal, Hattie Patton, Kendra Pulley, Emily Seaman, Olivia Selleck, Haydee Viveros, Tyler Welshimer

A/B Honor Roll

- **6th:** Noah Aldridge, Meya Bauer,

Skyler Bolgren, Ada Bonwell, Rachelle Brackman, Melanie Bravo, Annie Brock, Caroline Brooks, Hunter Burge, Qwinton Carey, Paola Carrion, Adalyn Caswell, Nolan Catlin, Jaxon Cohee, Hunter Conkright, Hunter Cook, Gavin Cope, Treycin Cope, Alexander Cordboa-Hueto, Harper Crawford, Hunter Delp, Tyler Dutton, Corah Edwards, Drake Elliot, Warren Emmert, Ethan Fruits, Londyn Gayler, Jaxson Hayes, Kabree Hughes, Matthew Hunsberger, Alaina Hunter, Jozlyn Hyams, Zara Johnson, Leston Jones, Nolan Kelp, Chloe Kinnett, Cristian Lagunes Gonzalez, Elan Laughlin, Dixon Lutes, Audrey Maish, Kalisa McComas, Giavanni Minick, Daniel Murdock, Matthew Myers, Alexander Nielson, Kyran Oppy, Eloise Osborne, Annabelle Paschke, Mackenna Peebles, Brooklyn Pierce, Archer Schmitt, Shiloh Seymour, Haylee Shirley,

Asher Simpkins, Bryson Stephens, Brody Temple, Kamden Tyler, Dane Utterback, Edgar Viveros, Scarlett Webb, Aaron Welch, Boston Wheeldon, Monroe Wilcox, Addilynn Wood, Lucas Woolwine

- **7th:** Santiago Amigon, Luke Arthur, Aydon Bishop, Anna Bowlers, Landon Bratcher, Jaxson Bretney, Cohen Carpenter, Malea Carpenter, Jillian Clark, Sophia Codgill, Cash Cole, Dastan Cooper, Westin Craig, Elli Crane, EmmaRae Davis, Lillyian Fletcher, Easton Fried, Tucker Green, Mason Grimes, Kaden Grundy, Ryan Hunter, Nolan Jeffery, Trey Johnson, Brighym Joyce, Austin Lidester, Bryson Lough, Yira Merino Zamora, Kolbi Murphy, Carson Neal, Charles Hunter Neel, Estella Newton, Trystan Orduna-Reyes, Brayden Orr, Kayden Page, Savannah Ratcliff, Phillip Rooze, Elisama Santana-Rodan, Strom Schenck,

Genevieve Schultz, Cameron Simms, Amelia Snyder, Addison Stephens, Kathleen Whittinghill, Amelia Wilson, Rynne Woody, Jackson Youngblood

- **8th:** Guadalupe Amigon, Henry Brooks, Clayton Brown, Ethan Brown, Kaiden Byers, Austin Campbell, Jane Campbell, Adam Cazee, Preslee Claycomb, Wyatt Cornell, Parker Cowan, Anthony Cruz-Perez, Colee Cunningham, Andrew Fedor, Coleston Foxworthy, Ricardo Garcia, Scarlett Hamm, Alexander Heisel, Reagan Hernandez, Ronald Herrera, Anna-Belle Horton, Noah Hunsberger, Landon Ireland, William Kendricks, Bridgette Laws, Ava Leader, Kipton Linzie, Malachi Meyers, Mary Katharine Patterson, Charlotte Powell, Jetta Rexing, Bailey Richmond, Annabelle Rose, Jayna Simpkins, Makenzi Snellenbarger, Delilah Stone, Nolan Warren, Conner White

■ SOUTHMONT HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 2024-2025

Semester 2

- **Grade 9 High Honor Roll:** Annie Alesi, Zoe Arthur, Jasmine Ashment, Owen Ball, Ella Barry, Ava Bradshaw, Paxton Burris, Brita Cleek, Daxton Cottrell, Ezekiel Endicott, Jenna Evans, Gavyn Gleason, Hannah Hester, Madison Hester, Makinzie Highland, Judah Hoenshell, Emberlyn Hoskins-Sprague, Ethan Hutchison, Katarina Jennings, Rebekah Johnson, Roslyn Keck, Margaret Klein, McKiah Lairson, Ella Largent, David Long, Mariah Luera, Claire McCutchan, Caden Miller, Ziva Moody, Arlon Musick, Lillie Otenburg, Carter Pattengale, Rhys Pearson, Kaycee Perez, Camryn Priebe, Naomi Quasebarth, Astrid Rabeyrin, Amy Roeder, Kaelynn Sanburn, Damien Severe, Lane Slavens, Hunter Thompson, Liam Trautwein, Allison Turner, Kaylee Turner, Elizabeth Veach, Kaylee Wallace, Ava Wells.
- **Grade 9 Regular Honor Roll:** Madisen Bensen, Jackson Brown, Isabella Cade, Emily Campbell, Kooper Charles, Isabella Colombo, Graci Cornelius, Hayden Cornelius, Bethany Cregger, Reva Douglas, Jasper Evans, Ella France, Kaleb Frazier, Jackson Fruits, Brayden Fullenwider, Creed Gardner, Maggie Gililand, Emma Gleason, Aubrey Hall, Vivyan Hartom, Hayden Harkrider, Lakynn Halt, Quentin Hartman, Maycie Jennings, Bryor Johnson, Makenzie Lacy, Marli Lawrence,

Haiden Leslie, Sophia Lockard, Paul Malone, Lucas Mitchell, Keelyn Pruitt, Marin Rhoads, Drake Severe, Malcom Simpson, Molly Slavens, Khloe Spencer, Espen Sutton, Caden White, Brooklynn Willhite, Lillian Zimmerman.

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With TV Calling Shots, Purdue Others Stack Up Friday Games

This year, Black Friday will mean more than finding bargains on Christmas presents. Thanks to NBC, Purdue will play Indiana for the second time on a Friday in series history. Make plans to bundle up because the battle for the Old Oaken Bucket on Nov. 28 is 7:30 p.m.

The Boilermakers' men's basketball team is scheduled to host Eastern Illinois the same day. It's a reasonable assumption that tipoff will come in plenty of time for fans to make the short walk from Mackey Arena to Ross-Ade Stadium.

Purdue fans hope history repeats itself against the Hoosiers. The first Friday Bucket game took place in Bloomington on Nov. 24, 1995. That day, Mike Alstott closed out his Purdue career with a career-high 264 rushing yards and three touchdowns in a 51-14 victory against Indiana. Alstott also set a Purdue single-season record with 1,436 yards. The Boilermakers finished 4-6-1 that year under Jim Colletto.

Fast forward 30 years and another Purdue running back could be playing his final game with an outside chance to break Alstott's career record of 3,635 yards. Senior Devin Mockobee enters 2025 with 2,462 career yards. His career high is 968 yards during his freshman season.

Purdue won't be lacking motivation in this game, even though Mockobee is one of just a handful of Boilermakers who were a part of the worst loss in school history, 66-0.

Coming off perhaps the worst season in school history (1-11), it came as no surprise that Purdue's first two games at home, Ball State on Aug. 30 and Southern Illinois on Sept. 6, will be seen on the Big Ten Network. While Ball State will be a noon start, for some reason Southern Illinois will be played at 7:30 p.m.

CBS and Purdue legend



Ken Thompson
Columnist

Gary Danielson, who had the misfortune of calling Purdue's 66-7 loss to Notre Dame and a 49-10 defeat at the hands of Penn State last season, hopes for a closer game when USC comes to Ross-Ade Stadium on Sept. 13 for the first time since 1976. Game time is 3:30 p.m.

Purdue gets another 3:30 kickoff on NBC the following week at Notre Dame. The Boilermakers will have a night game (7 or 7:30) at Minnesota on Oct. 11. TV is yet to be determined. Homecoming against Rutgers is noon Oct. 25. Again, no TV decision has been made.

Coming off an 11-2 season and a berth in the College Football Playoffs, Indiana is a much more desirable school for the networks. Fox Sports 1 will show the opener against Old Dominion at 2:30 on Aug. 30, and has slotted the Sept. 6 contest against Kennesaw State for noon.

The first of two Friday night games for Indiana comes Sept. 12 against Indiana State. The Big Ten Network will announce later whether kickoff will be at 6:30 or 7 p.m.

Boilermaker debuts on Hall ballot

Ryan Kerrigan, who starred at defensive end for Purdue before embarking on a lengthy NFL career, is the lone Boilermaker representative on the 2026 College Football Hall of Fame ballot.

Kerrigan was a unanimous first-team All-American in 2010 after leading the nation with 26 tackles for loss. He also tied the NCAA record with 14 career forced fumbles. Kerrigan led the Big Ten in sacks as a junior (13) and senior (12.5). His 33.5 career sacks rank second in Purdue history.

Not on this year's ballot is wide receiver Taylor Stubblefield, who set

the NCAA career receptions record during his All-American senior season in 2004.

Running back Vaughn Dunbar and quarterback Antwaan Randle-El represent Indiana once again on the ballot.

Notable names up for election include Heisman Trophy winners Robert Griffin III of Baylor, Cam Newton of Auburn and Alabama running back Mark Ingram. Wide receiver Marvin Harrison of Syracuse and Iowa tight end Dallas Clark give the Indianapolis Colts representatives on the ballot.

Alex Yunevich, a running back on Purdue's 1929 undefeated Big Ten championship team, is once again a Divisional Coaching nominee. Yunevich had six undefeated teams at Alfred (NY) in a career that spanned from 1937-41 and 1946-76.

Instant impact?

Does Indiana have a talented successor to Kurtis Roarke at quarterback? Which of the 55 transfers at Purdue could make a name for himself during the 2025 college football season?

Those were among the questions Tom Fornelli of CBSSports.com attempted to answer earlier this week.

"It's possible he could be better than Rourke," Fornelli writes of former California quarterback Fernando Mendoza. The numbers back up that speculation. In 20 games with the Golden Bears, Mendoza threw for 4,712 yards, with 30 touchdowns and 16 interceptions.

Cornerback Ryan Turn-

er, whose college football journey began at Ohio State before matriculating to Boston College, is Fornelli's choice for Purdue.

"He's the kind of versatile defensive back with whom first-year Purdue coach Barry Odom has had plenty of success," Fornelli states.

Also on Fornelli's list is former Purdue tight end Max Klare, who could be the beneficiary of the defensive attention on Ohio State's NFL-caliber wide receivers.

Purdue atop The Athletic poll

With the transfer portal closed and the NBA Draft withdrawal deadline passed, CJ Moore of The Athletic has Purdue atop his summer college basketball Top 25 rankings.

More interestingly, Moore projects Israeli freshman guard Omer Mayer and transfer center Oscar Cluff will join Purdue's big three of Braden Smith, Fletcher Loyer and Trey Kaufman-Renn in the starting lineup when play begins in November.

"One coach told me Omer Mayer was the steal of the international signings, and his performance at the Nike Hoops Summit backed that up," Moore writes. "Mayer could start at point guard right now for any team in America. He just happens to be going to the one team that returns the best point guard in college basketball, but I'm convinced he and Braden Smith can co-exist. Mayer will allow Smith to get some rest; Purdue's best team of Smith's first three years running point

had Lance Jones as a secondary handler."

That team, as you know, won a school record 34 games and reached the national championship game.

"Oscar Cluff and Daniel Jacobsen should help address Purdue's '24-25 shortcomings: two-point defense and rebounding. The offense was already championship-level good. If the defense can be top-20ish, the Boilermakers will back up this preseason expectation."

Houston, which edged Purdue in last season's NCAA Sweet 16, is No. 2, followed by Connecticut, Michigan and Florida. The Big Ten also is represented by No. 11 Illinois, No. 18 UCLA, No. 21 Michigan State and No. 25 Ohio State. Among the teams Moore considered were Indiana, Iowa, Oregon and Wisconsin.

CBS joins Purdue bandwagon

Of the dozen Big Ten schools which seem to have reasonable NCAA Tournament expectations, Isaac Trotter of CBSSports.com believes Purdue and Michigan possess the talent to win a national championship in 2026.

Trotter's prospective starting lineup differs from The Athletic in that he retains guard C.J. Cox, who started the final 23 games of his freshman season, alongside Braden Smith and Fletcher Loyer.

"Purdue has the fewest flaws of any Big Ten team," Trotter writes. "Smith should spearhead an elite pick-and-roll offense, and Kaufman-Renn is one of the elite low-post scorers who

possesses an unguardable floater. Those two All-Americans alone give Purdue a chance to have a special season, and all the additions make sense."

"Oscar Cluff should buff up Purdue's shoddy interior defense and rebounding while providing another physical bruiser that can use post-ups to punish solo coverage."

"Omer Mayer is yet another off-the-dribble shot-maker, which is a massive priority for Purdue coach Matt Painter, and Liam Murphy adds some 3-point shooting. But a healthy Daniel Jacobsen could be the biggest 'addition' of them all. The 7-4 center was a Day 1 starter before suffering a leg injury in his second collegiate game. Cluff allows Purdue time to work Jacobsen back to full strength, but he's got all the tools to single-handedly raise the floor of this Purdue defense with his elite rim protection. Plus, his offensive skill is so tantalizing."

"Oh, have we mentioned Fletcher Loyer, C.J. Cox and Gicarri Harris? Yeah, they're all back too. Purdue could struggle to defend big wins and it's not the most athletic perimeter unit in the country. But it has Smith, the best point guard in college basketball. And no one else does."

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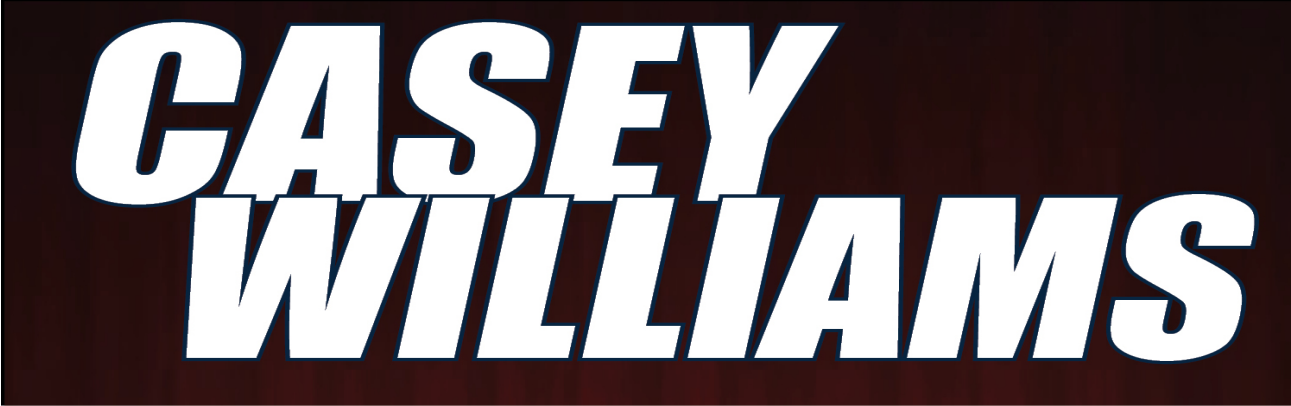


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From left, Lillian Leslie, Haley Iverson, Nykera Gardner, Komoca, Annabeth Elston and Dana Bixler. Photo courtesy Harmony Theater

‘Beehive, The 60s Musical’ Hits Stage Tomorrow

The Harmony Theater, formerly Myers Dinner Theatre, brings “Beehive, The 60s Musical” to the stage. This high-energy jukebox musical, created by Larry Gallagher, features nearly 30 classic hits from the 1960s. “Beehive, The 60s Musical” is directed by Kate Walker and plays at The Harmony Theater June 6 through June 29. “Beehive” celebrates the powerful female voices of the 1960’s with such timeless hits as “My Boyfriend’s Back,” “Be My Baby,” “Son of a Preacher

Man” and “Me and Bobby McGee.” Told from the perspective of six young women who come of age in this enigmatic decade, “Beehive” takes us from their first Beehive Dance to the challenges we faced as a nation. Returning alum to this production is Haley Iverson (as Pattie). New to the Harmony stage are Komoca (as Gina), Dana Bixler (as Laura), Annabeth Elston (as Alison), Nykera Gardner (as Jasmine) and Lillian Leslie (as Wanda). “Beehive” will feature

a food menu filled with dishes inspired by menus from the 1960s. Selections will include meatloaf, pork chops, chicken a la king, mashed potatoes and gravy, creamy rice, green beans and creamy corn; for dessert, jello salad with fruit, fruit cobbler and vanilla cake. As usual, all meals will begin with house salad, fresh-baked homemade rolls and the signature broccoli salad - a tradition passed down by Richard and Donna Myers. During the run of “Beehive,” two special con-

certs will be presented. The Logan Kirby band will perform on June 14 and Jake & Mikayla will perform on June 28th. Later this summer, gospel group, The Foresters, will take the stage at The Harmony Theater for the first time. More information on concert dates, “Beehive, The 60s Musical” and the 2025 Season can be found at the theater’s new website, theharmonytheater.com. Tickets for all events may be purchased by calling the Box Office at 765-798-4902, ext. 2, or by visiting

theharmonytheater.com. For certain performance days, meal and show times will be changing for 2025. Wednesday matinee seating for meals will remain at 11:30 a.m. with curtain at 1:30 p.m. Friday and selected Saturday evening performances will now have seating for meals at 5:30 p.m. with curtain at 7:30 p.m. Saturday matinees will have seating for meals at 11:30 a.m. with curtain at 1:30 p.m. Sunday matinees will still have seating for meals at noon and curtain at 2 p.m.

Performance dates and times can vary, so consult the online calendar for updated information. Regular theater prices are \$59.54 for dinner and show, \$47.50 for children (ages 4-18), and show-only for \$39.50. Prices do not include taxes, handling fees or gratuity for waitstaff. Season tickets, group pricing and bus parking are also available. The Harmony Theater (formerly Myers Dinner Theatre) is located at 108 Water St., Hillsboro and is handicapped accessible.

Waveland Strong Kicks Off Summer Friday the 13th

The first summer event at Waveland Town Park is scheduled for June 13 starting at 5:30 p.m. It will be hosted by Waveland Strong. A cruise-in will feature classic cars, bikes, fire truck, and other vehicles. All vehicles are welcome to check-in at 5 p.m. There is no entry fee and each vehicle will receive a dash plaque, goody bag with coupons and car items. Waveland Strong will also have food and concessions for sale. Brown Lucky Leaf 4H club will be serving, starting at 5:30 p.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle for the 4H club to help them with end of year awards. Stop by and help the local 4H kids! The corn hole tournament will begin at 6 p.m. It will be \$10 per person with blind-draw. There will be a raffle for wash buckets which was donated by several automotive stores in Crawfordsville and Rockville. Tickets will be \$3 or two for \$5. The Waveland Community Library will be sponsoring a blood drive from 4 to 7 p.m. Make sure to stop by and donate. Sunday Sundaes will be



The Dapper Dan Band will take the stage at 6 p.m. Shawn, Danny, Joey and the Blanton family will rock it out to classic rock, blues, and country. Photo courtesy Waveland Strong

there serving their delicious ice cream during the evening. All proceeds go toward the revitalization of the Town ball

fields. The Dapper Dan Band will take the stage at 6 p.m. Shawn, Danny, Joey and the Blanton family

will rock it out to classic rock, blues, and country. Following the band will be the playing of the movie Top Gun: Maver-

ick. Make sure to stay and enjoy a movie under the stars. Grab your lawn chairs and bring the family for

a fun evening together. This event is being sponsored by Hilltop Liquor, Stevenson’s Automotive and Mishler Dental.