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■ TODAY'S VERSE

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

■ AWL LUNA



Luna is a beautiful 6 year old female American Pit bull Terrier available for adoption from The Animal Welfare League (AWL) since 8/20/2025. Luna is great on walks, cuddly, and affectionate! Luna is all sorts of perfect and has even won the prestigious award of MOST BEAUTIFUL! Luna is ready to find a furrever home to call her own! Luna is spayed, dewormed, and up to date on all of her shots! AWL is open Monday - Friday from 2p-5p and Saturday's from 12-3p. Come say hi, snuggle cats, walk dogs, or lend a helping hand!!

■ MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The annual United Way Golf Scramble is nearing and there are still spots left for you to get involved, either as a golfer or a sponsor! The day begins with breakfast and registration at 8:30 on Friday, Sept. 26 at Rocky Ridge in Darlington. A shotgun start kicks off the golf at 10 a.m. The cost is only \$400 per team and that includes breakfast, green fees, cart and more. Reserve you or your team's spot at <https://uwlafayette.org/montgomery/golf2025/>. Sponsors are still needed and you can show your company's support by getting involved. Breakfast, Drink Cart, Corporate and Hole Sponsorships are available and prices start at only \$200. For more information, reach out to our local director, Kayla Miles at (765) 362-5484.



Tonight's offerings of Friday Night Lights means we're halfway through the high school football season. Where does time go?

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Don't look at your feet to see if you are doing it right. Just dance."

- Anne Lamott

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

Stop blaming yourself for your failures...

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■ BOOMER BITS RETIREMENT

What Benefits Am I Entitled To?



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I plan to stop working very soon. My health

is not good. I am 66 years old, born in June 1959, so my full retirement age is 66 years and 10 months. My wife passed away in March 2024, and she was collecting SS benefits when she died. I have no dependent children. In general, what benefits am I entitled to?

Signed: Unhealthy and Struggling

Dear Unhealthy and Struggling: Sorry to hear that your health is failing, and that you will need to stop working soon. But do not fear

– Social Security will be there for you. Here is some info to help you decide your next possible steps:

Since you will not reach your full retirement age until next year (in April 2026), your earnings limit from working for this year is \$23,400 (or \$1950/month). The earnings limit will apply only if you decide to claim Social Security early (this year). If you decide to take Social Security this year, your earnings from before you take SS won't count, but your monthly earnings for the remaining months of this year will be subject to the 2025 monthly limit (\$1950). If your monthly earnings

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■ BOOMER BITS HEALTH

When Can Medicare Advantage Plans Switch?

Q: I have a Medicare Advantage Plan now, but I would like to change it. When can I change that plan for a different one? Is there someone who can help find the best plan for me?

year. Premiums can increase; provider coverage can change; dental premiums may change; and you may see changes to which prescription drugs are covered under your plan.

A: Medicare's Annual Enrollment Period is October 15 – December 7. During this time, you can make changes to various aspects of your Medicare Advantage and Part D drug coverage.

Every September, Medicare enrollees receive an Annual Notice of Change (ANOC) letter from their insurance companies to let you know what changes may affect your plan

During the annual enrollment period, you can do the following:

- Change from Medicare to a Medicare Advantage plan
- Drop a Medicare Advantage Plan
- Change from one Medicare Advantage plan to a different one
- Change from one Part D prescription drug plan to another

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You can make a difference and could very well save a life by donating blood or platelets. It's easy to do this month. Make plans to be in Darlington on Monday, Sept. 29 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the American Legion Post 302, located at 201 W. South St. For more details, or to make an appointment visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Make A Difference; Save A Life

September is National Preparedness Month, and the American Red Cross reminds people to give hope by making blood donation a priority. It's the blood products already on the shelves that can make a difference in urgent on medical care.

Here in Montgomery County, one opportunity to do exactly that takes place Monday, Sept. 29 in Darlington at the American Legion Post. From 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. that day, you can give blood and make a difference. The Red Cross is looking for donors of all types, especially those with types O positive and B negative blood. If you fall into one of those two categories, or are willing to donate no matter what blood type you are, please consider making an appointment to give.

All you have to do to book a time to give blood or platelets is visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

National Preparedness Month is almost over and it's a time to remember lifesaving blood products are an essential part of preparedness for every type of disaster, whether it be home fires or natural disasters, such as hurricanes, flooding and wildfires. Severe weather can disrupt blood collections by causing blood drive cancellations and impacting donors' ability to give. Additionally, trauma patients may need blood product transfusions within minutes of entering emergency rooms. Those who give now could help someone in dire moments.

People coming together to care for one another is the humanitarian spirit

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■ BOOMER BITS TECHNOLOGY

Secretary of State: Beware Government Hoax Scams



Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales

Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales is warning Hoosiers to stay alert for government impersonation scams targeting residents through email, text, phone and social media.

The Indiana Securities Division has seen a rise in reports of scammers posing as government employees or agencies, tricking victims into believing their accounts have been hacked or tied to illegal activity. Scammers then pressure victims to move their money – often resulting in devastating financial losses.

Recent cases include:

- An elderly woman who lost over \$800,000 after being told her computer contained illegal content and ordered to transfer her savings into cryptocurrency and gold.
 - Another Hoosier who lost nearly \$2 million after scammers posing as Homeland Security agents convinced him to wire funds and hand over gold bars.
- These scams often follow three steps:
1. Tech Support Imposter – A pop-up, text, or email directs victims to call "tech support," giving scammers access to personal computers and financial accounts. They

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■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. The Indiana Department of Transportation is in search of dedicated, qualified individuals who want to help serve their fellow Hoosiers this winter. INDOT will host winter seasonal hiring events on Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at six locations across the state, and on Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. at four locations in the Southeast district. Winter seasonal positions run from November through early April. Pay starts at \$21 per hour for full-time operations and \$25 per hour for on-call snowplow-only operations. Registration is not required to attend INDOT's hiring events, and interviews will be conducted on-site the same day. For a full list of hiring event locations and more information, visit INDOTJobs.com.

2. The Indianapolis International Airport is among 20 airports throughout the U.S. who are contenders in the *USA TODAY 10BEST Readers' Choice Awards* "Best Airport for Art" contest. Voting runs through Oct. 6. Hoosiers and the traveling public can cast their vote for Indy each day of the contest. It's just like our annual Readers' Choice contest AND Chicago politics – vote early and vote often!

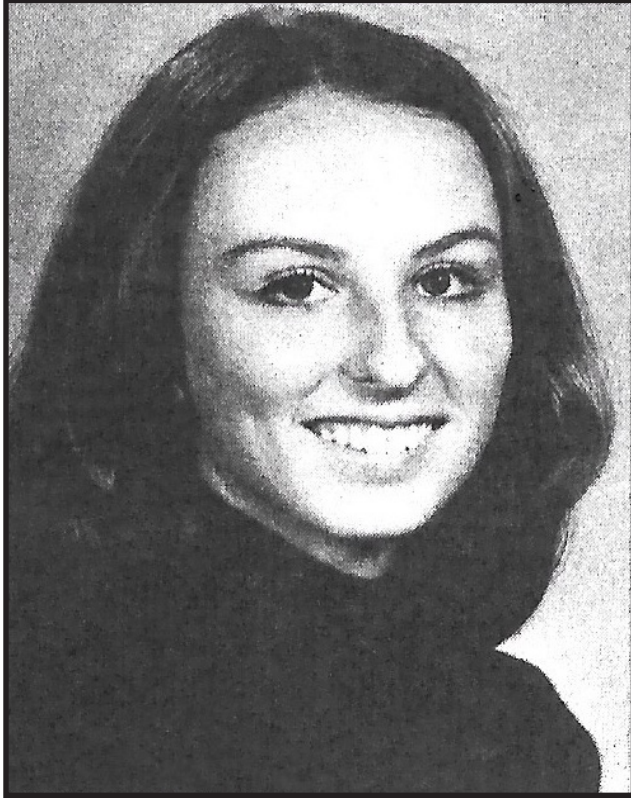
3. The American Soybean Association expressed cautious optimism following the Make America Healthy Again Commission's release of the Make Our Children Healthy Again Strategy. The strategy acknowledges the Environmental Protection Agency's robust, science-based pesticide approval process, a welcome shift from earlier critiques, and highlights the benefits of precision agriculture while proposing policies to expand access to these tools. "Soybean farmers are thankful the MAHA Commission recognized EPA's approval process as the global gold standard," said ASA President Caleb Ragland. "Between the May report and today's strategy, the Commission was accessible and open to learning more about modern farming practices. We truly felt like we had a seat at the table, and for that, we are incredibly appreciative."

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■ BUTCH'S FLASHBACK TRIVIA



Do You Recognize This 1975 CHS Graduate?

HINT: She was a cheerleader during her junior and senior years.

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OBITUARIES

Joan M. Kreps

April 27, 1923 - September 15, 2025

Joan M. Kreps, 102, passed away on September 15, 2025 in Indianapolis. Born Joan (pronounced Jo-Ann) M. Roche on April 27, 1923 in Lafayette, IN to Michael L. Roche and Yetta (Kalies) Roche. She was the third of five children. As a young girl, Joan enjoyed music and literature and graduated from Lafayette Jefferson High School in 1941. Immediately upon her graduation of high school, she enrolled in the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing in Lafayette.



After her graduation, she enrolled in the United States Army Nurse Corps (ANC) and served stateside at the Ashford General Hospital in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia during World War II. Formerly known as the Greenbriar Hotel, the facility was converted to military use in 1942 and treated over 24,000 wounded soldiers. During her time there, she was able to meet many important military leaders, including General Dwight D. Eisenhower and General Omar Bradley. She was honorably discharged from the army on March 22, 1946, holding the rank of Second Lieutenant.

Joan continued her career as a nurse in the private sector. One of the highlights of her career was working for Doctors James Marion Kirtley and Samuel C. Millis in their private practice. After retiring from nursing she continued to serve in a volunteer capacity as a Pink Lady for many years.

In July of 1948, Joan was married to Ray H. Kreps of Crawfordsville, Indiana. They were married for 32 years until Ray passed away in March of 1981. They had one son, Michael, and were legal guardians to Ray's niece, Joyce, whom they considered their daughter.

Joan's life was hallmarked by her genuine care and concern for other people. She continually put the needs of others before her own. She lived a life of service to all and has been an example and a blessing to those around her. She had an intense love of family. She was a devoted mother; grandmother; and great grandmother; remaining active in their lives until the last few months of her own. She was also an active member of St. Bernards Catholic Church for the many years that she lived in Crawfordsville.

Joan was preceded in death by: her parents; her brother, William "Bill"; sister, Elizabeth "Betty"; and husband, Ray. She is survived by her son, Michael (Donna) Kreps; daughter Joyce (Kreps) Foye; sisters, Carolyn (Roche) Schilling; and Sara (Roche) Bramer; and many grand-children and great grand-children.

Visitation for Joan will be held on Monday, September 22, 2025 at Sanders Funeral Care, 315 S Washington Street in Crawfordsville from 9:30am until the time of the service at 11:00 am. officiated by Pastor Jonathan Ember. Burial will follow at Oak Hill North Cemetery. Share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

Donald Denham

September 13, 1949 - September 12, 2025

Donald "Wayne" Denham, age 75 of Crawfordsville, passed away on Friday, September 12, 2025. He was born in Crawfordsville on September 13, 1949 to the late Arvil and Betty (Newlin) Denham.



Wayne graduated from Waveland High School in 1968 and proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He was heavy machine operator and belonged to the Operators Union Local 103. In his younger years he enjoyed bull riding and then when he was older, he enjoyed watching bull riding and basketball.

He is survived by his sister, Donna (Ed) Priebe; three nephews, Brad (Yvonne) Jones, Zach Denham and Eli Denham; several great nieces, a great nephew; great-great nephews; a great-great niece; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Allen Denhman and Arvil Denham Jr.; and a nephew, Darcy Jones.

Cremation was chosen with a Celebration of Life at the Ripley Twp Volunteer Fire Department on Franklin Street in Alamo on Saturday, September 20, 2025 from 12:00pm - 4:00pm. Sanders Funeral Care entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com. Sanders Funeral Care entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

Ramona S. Clouse

October 9, 1945 - September 13, 2025

Ramona "Mona" Sue Clouse, age 79 of Crawfordsville, Indiana, passed away on September 13, 2025, at Franciscan Health in Lafayette, Indiana. She was born on October 9, 1945, to Howard and Grace (Bayless) Melvin, raised in Alamo, Indiana. Mona married Richard Clouse on August 22, 1965, at Alamo Christian Church.



Mona graduated from Alamo High School in 1963, where she was a varsity cheerleader. She graduated from Indiana Business College with a degree in bookkeeping in 1964.

She worked at McCord's Candy in Lafayette, Indiana, as a Secretary for Purdue University Athletic Director "Red" Mackey and for Head Basketball Coaches Ray Eddy and George King, as a manager for the Montgomery County 4-H Extension Office, and as a Prospect Researcher for 20 years in the Development Department for Wabash College. In addition, Mona was also a Referee for women's high school basketball and volleyball, and an official for track and field.

Mona was a member of the American Prospect Research Association (APRA) professional organization, and was a member of First Baptist Church in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

In addition, Mona was a loving and dutiful stay-at-home mother for her three children until her youngest son started school, after which she became a full-time working Mom. Even though she was a busy working professional, Mona was an avid supporter of her husband's coaching and her children's various sports, music, academics, and the arts activities, and rarely missed her children's events.

When Mona wasn't busy with working and taking care of her family, she was a very talented and creative artist, painting Old World Santas and other ceramics, scrapbooking, and making beautiful cards for friends and family. Mona was also a Campfire Girls Leader, and volunteer EMT for S&W Rescue.

Mona is survived by her husband, Richard; 2 children, Nicole (Heath Evans) Brann and Lance (Elizabeth) Clouse; 6 grandchildren, Jamie Brann, Natalee (Brian) Laube, Nickolas Brann, Aaron Evans, Mason Clouse and Gavin Clouse; great grandchildren, Jayce Brann, Emberly Kent, Carson Laube; brother, Max (Mary) Melvin.

She was predeceased by her parents; son, Bradley Clouse; great granddaughter, Aeris Kent; and siblings, Mike (Bonnie) Melvin, Joe Melvin, and Sharon Melvin.

The family will be holding a memorial service on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at First Baptist Church, 1905 Lebanon Road, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, with a calling from 10-12am and a memorial service starting at 12 noon with Pastor Brian Hudson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made in Mona's memory to the following: Jesus Seekers, c/o Rich Clouse, 33 Copperleaf Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933; and/or Mountie Mission, PO Box 54, Ladoga, IN 47954.

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Baird Applauds Passage of *Defense Act*

Congressman Jim Baird (IN-04) applauded the passage of H.R. 3838, the *Streamlining Procurement for Effective Execution and Delivery and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (SPEED Act and FY26 NDAA)*. This legislation included an amendment submitted by Congressman Baird to require the U.S. Secretary of Defense to brief the House and Senate Armed Services Committees on the feasibility of using pulsed lasers.

“I was proud to vote for this year’s NDAA to codify President Trump’s peace through strength agenda and improve the quality of life for our service members and their families,” said Congressman Baird. “This bill provides our troops with a well-deserved pay raise and enhanced benefits for our military families. This year’s NDAA supports the Department of Defense’s border security operations and removes

woke, DEI policies from our military so our troops can focus on becoming the most capable, ready, and lethal fighting force the world has ever seen. I also want to thank Chairwoman Virginia Foxx and Chairman Mike Rogers for including my amendment on assessing pulsed laser capabilities in this year’s bill. As a decorated combat veteran, I am proud to help advance this bill to strengthen our national defense and provide service members with the tools they need to successfully complete their missions and defend our country.”

Additional Background on H.R. 3838:

- Eliminates statutory provisions relating to DEI in the Department of Defense.
- Fully funds and provides additional authorities to DoD to support DHS border security efforts.
- Fundamentally reforms the DoD

acquisition process speeding up the delivery of innovative new technologies to the warfighter.

- Provides service-members with a 3.8% pay raise and improved benefits for military families.
- Authorizes full funding for the Golden Dome, F-47 fighter aircraft, submarines, warships, and autonomous systems.
- Includes new authorities to support President Trump’s effort to force our allies to pay more for their own defense.
- Provides over \$20 billion in savings, including \$15 billion from DOGE-initiated reforms assumed in President Trump’s budget request.
- Codifies President Trump’s Executive Order to promote energy independence and utilize new nuclear power technologies.

■ BUTCH’S BACK IN THE DAY



Today’s farmers can harvest many acres of corn in one day. But back in the day, corn was harvested by hand . . . one ear at a time, and tossed into the wagon pulled by a team of horses. Farmers often bragged about how fast they could shuck the corn, and husking contests became a fun activity in many places around the country.

LIFE

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shared by our Red Cross community and fans of PEANUTS for the past 75 years. Those who come to give by Sept. 21 will receive an exclusive Red Cross x PEANUTS mystery bag with one of four special T-shirt designs, while supplies last. Thousands of golden tickets are also randomly hidden in mystery bags throughout the country. Donors who find a golden ticket when they open their bag

can redeem it through an online form for all four T-shirts!

Those who come to give platelets Sept. 22-Oct. 5, 2025, can also receive a classic Red Cross x PEANUTS sweatshirt featuring Snoopy as the coolest beagle in town, Joe Cool, while supplies last. See RedCrossBlood.org/Peanuts for details on all offers.

To book a time to give blood or platelets, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Additionally, all who come to give Sept. 22-Oct. 19, 2025, will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. Visit RedCrossBlood.org/Fall for details.

RUSTY

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exceed that amount, you won’t be entitled to SS benefits for that month, unless your total earnings for 2025 are less than \$23,400. If you don’t exceed the annual limit, your 2025 Social Security benefits won’t be affected by your work earnings.

Next year, the year you attain your full retirement age (FRA), your earnings limit will be much higher (about 2.5 times more, or something more than about \$63,000). If your 2026 earnings up through March do not exceed that limit, then you can claim your SS benefits a bit earlier in 2026 (before your FRA), and your benefits won’t be affected, except that your monthly benefit amount will be permanently reduced by .556% for each month you claim before your FRA. For example, if you were to claim for your SS to start in January 2026, you would get 98.3% of your FRA amount. So, provided your work earnings won’t exceed about \$63,000 between January and March 2026, you could claim effective January 2026 without worrying about Social Security’s earnings test. So, depending upon your health, you could claim SS to start in January 2026, likely without worry about the earnings test, and would get about 98.3% of your FRA benefit. Or, health permitting,

you could wait to claim SS starting in April 2026 to get 100% of the benefit you’ve earned from a lifetime of working. Point is, you just need to be careful not to exceed Social Security’s earnings tests prior to reaching your full retirement age, or SS will take away some of your benefits. They “take away” by withholding future monthly payments as long as needed to recover what you owe. Worse case penalty for exceeding the 2026 monthly limit would be no benefits for any month you exceed about \$5300, or a penalty of \$1 for every \$3 over the limit if you exceed the 2026 annual limit before your FRA.

You do, however, have another option as your wife’s surviving spouse: You can claim your benefit as a surviving spouse prior to claiming your own SS retirement amount. But the earnings test described above (if you claim before your FRA) would also apply to your survivor benefits. So, again, your plans for working enter this decision. If you decide to stop working this year, you could, for example, decide to claim your survivor benefit this year and collect that until you reach your FRA in April 2026 when you would get 100% of your personal SS retirement amount. In fact, you might even decide to

collect your survivor benefit longer, allowing your own SS benefit to grow until you are 70, at which time you would get about 25% more than your FRA amount. Indeed, if your survivor benefit is higher than your personal age 70 amount, you can just continue to claim the higher amount.

I suggest that when you decide that you must stop working full time, you contact Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 to discuss whether it is best to claim your survivor benefit from your wife first and delay claiming your own until a later time (to get a higher amount). You can make an appointment to discuss your options with SS over the phone, before deciding when (and what) to claim. And, of course, if you have any further questions, we are always here to assist you with your decision.

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.

Local Students Earn President’s List

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2025 President’s List. The summer terms run from May to August.

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. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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Eileen O’Hair of Crawfordsville

Jordan French of Crawfordsville

Shanna Turpin of Crawfordsville

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Cradle of QB Papa Bob DeMoss on List; Cheating DOES Pay



Ken Thompson
Columnist

Before there was such a thing as the “Den of Defensive Ends” at Purdue, one of their future members

was a 6-foot-7 giant who was so fleet of foot that he also was a favorite target of quarterback Len Dawson in the mid-1950s.

Two other Den of Defensive End members are included in this week’s countdown of the best Boilermakers by number. Also profiled this week is a Rose Bowl hero, the first John Mackey Award winner and two passers who prospered in an era of three yards and a cloud of dust.

81 Lamar Lundy

The Richmond native was the first African-American student athlete to receive a scholarship from Purdue.

Standing 6-7, Lundy’s other firsts include being voted team MVP as a senior in both football and basketball. He is one of two athletes enshrined in both the Indiana Basketball and Indiana Football Hall of Fame.

Lundy led Purdue in receiving as a senior in 1956 and was a two-time second-team All-Big Ten selection. Drafted by the Los Angeles Rams as a receiver, Lundy was soon shifted to defensive end. He teamed up with Deacon Jones, Merlin Olsen and Roosevelt Griener to form the “Fearsome Foursome.”

Lundy played 13 seasons in the NFL before being diagnosed with myasthenia gravis.

82 John Standeford

The odds would have been mighty long in 2000 to predict a tall, skinny wide receiver from Monrovia, Ind., would leave Purdue as the all-time Big Ten Conference leader in receptions (266) and receiving yards (3,788).

Teammate Taylor Stubblefield would later become the NCAA career leader in receptions (325) in 2004, and fellow Boilermaker Dorien Bryant surpassed Standeford as well with 292 catches from 2004-07.

As a junior, Standeford was a semifinalist for the Biletnikoff Award as the nation’s outstanding receiver while earning first-team All-Big Ten honors after catching 75 passes for a school record 1,307 yards and a school record-tying 13

touchdowns. As a senior, Standeford added 77 receptions for 1,150 yards and four touchdowns.

83 Forest Farmer

Farmer was part of Purdue’s emphasis on recruiting the state of Ohio in the late 1950s and into the late 1960s under Jack Mollenkopf, who coached Toledo Waite to three national high school championships in the 1940s before coming to West Lafayette.

“When we played Ohio State my sophomore year, we started nine Ohioans; they started eight,” Farmer recalled in a 2002 interview.

That year, 1960, Farmer was selected United Press International’s Offensive Player of the Week after making four catches for 69 yards and recording two sacks in Purdue’s 23-14 upset of No. 1 Minnesota. Farmer also helped Purdue defeat No. 3 Ohio State and No. 12 Notre Dame that season.

“The Minnesota game was the greatest game we played that year and one of the greater games I played in my career,” Farmer said.

84 Leo Sugar

The son of Polish immigrants, Sugar chose Purdue in 1948 over Notre Dame and Michigan State after starring at Flint (Mich.) Northern High School.

Sugar became a consensus All-American defensive end and first-team All-Big Ten as a senior in 1951. Purdue coach Stu Holcomb called Sugar “the best defensive end I ever coached.” Decades later, Sugar would become a member of Purdue’s Den of Defensive ends.

He went on to play nine seasons in the NFL, earning Pro Bowl honors in 1958 and 1960. Sugar was inducted into the Leroy Keyes Purdue Athletics Hall of Fame in 2006.

85 Keena Turner

The Fred Sanford of Purdue’s “Junk Defense” in the late 1970s, Turner led Purdue in tackles for loss for three consecutive seasons. In that streak was a then-school record 25 as a junior in 1978.

The Den of Defensive Ends member helped Purdue compile a 19-4-1 record during his final two seasons under Hall of Fame coach Jim Young. Turner was inducted into the Leroy Keyes Purdue Athletics Hall of Fame in

2006.

Switched to outside linebacker by the San Francisco 49ers, Turner played 11 seasons in the NFL. He earned Super Bowl rings in 1981, 1984, 1988 and 1989.

86 George Catavalos

Catavalos was a three-year starting defensive back from 1964-66 who is best remembered for his interception in the end zone that denied Southern California the go-ahead two-point conversion in the 1967 Rose Bowl.

He spent 17 years in college coaching, including a stint at Purdue from 1971-76. Catavalos joined the Indianapolis Colts’ coaching staff when the team moved from Baltimore in 1984. He was with the Colts from 1984-93 and 1998 to 2001. Catavalos spent 28 seasons as an NFL assistant coach.

87 Bob DeMoss

The father of Purdue’s Cradle of Quarterbacks, DeMoss launched the modern era of Boilermaker football when he led Purdue to a 35-13 victory at No. 4 Ohio State as a freshman in 1945.

After starting for four seasons, DeMoss spent a year in the NFL with the New York Bulldogs before embarking on a 42-year tenure at Purdue as an assistant coach (1950-69), head coach (1970-72) and assistant athletic director (1973-92). His quarterback pupils included Dale Samuels, Len Dawson, Bob Griese, Mike Phipps and Gary Danielson.

DeMoss was inducted into the Leroy Keyes Purdue Athletics Hall of Fame in 1999.

88 Cecil Isbell

While technically a half-back, Isbell was Purdue’s first great passer. He was also an excellent runner and in 1936 was responsible for 15 of Purdue’s 23 touchdowns.

Voted an All-American as a senior in 1937, Isbell gained acclaim months later for leading the College All-Stars past the Washington Redskins 28-16. He was voted the game’s Most Valuable Player.

During his brief NFL career with the Green Bay Packers, Isbell led the team to the 1939 title and teamed up with Hall of Fame receiver Don Hutson to set NFL passing records in 1941 and 1942. Shockingly, Isbell retired after throwing for an NFL record 24 touchdowns

and 2,021 yards to return to Purdue as an assistant coach in 1943. A year later he was promoted to head coach and went 14-14-1 before accepting the head coaching position with the Baltimore Colts.

Isbell was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1967.

89 Tim Stratton

The first winner of the John Mackey Award as the nation’s best tight end, Stratton left Purdue in 2001 with a school record 204 receptions.

Stratton also was a three-time first-team All-Big Ten selection, joining a select group of Boilermakers (Bob Hadrick, Chuck Kyle and Rod Woodson) to accomplish that feat.

He left Purdue with 2,088 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns as one of Drew Brees’ go-to receivers.

90 Ryan Baker

A four-star defensive lineman for Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, Baker was the subject of an intense recruiting battle with Notre Dame. Baker initially committed to the Fighting Irish in January 2004 but declined to sign a letter of intent. Finally he chose Purdue in March.

A three-year starter for the Boilermakers, Baker overcame the odds as an undrafted free agent to spend parts of four seasons with the Miami Dolphins.

Who says cheaters never prosper?

Purdue’s Matt Painter is ranked 16th among The Athletic’s top 25 college basketball coaches of the quarter century.

Painter’s rating is aided in no small part by the improved recruiting over the last decade that brought the likes of Caleb Swanigan, Carsen Edwards, Jaden Ivey, Zach Edey and Braden Smith to West Lafayette.

“Similar to John Beilein, Painter is a coach who trusts his eye in recruiting and finds gems like Zach Edey, the 436th-ranked player in his recruiting class,” The Athletic’s CJ Moore writes. “Painter has adjusted his style to his personnel, but he’s also willing to build differently than everyone else. In the recent era, he has built Purdue through big men when everyone else has tried to shoot a bunch of 3-pointers. (His teams usually are good at that too.) He’s also bet on high



school recruiting rather than living in the transfer portal.

“Painter is in the middle of his prime right now, reaching 10 straight NCAA Tournaments and three of the last four Sweet 16s. In 25 years, don’t be surprised if he’s even higher, especially if he’s able to break through and win a national title. His next team is No. 1 in my preseason rankings.”

But what struck me about the list was the number of coaches that, to put it mildly, have bent or flat out broken NCAA rules in the time period before what I call “Now It’s Legal” or as it’s better known as NIL.

The two coaches atop The Athletic’s list, Bill Self of Kansas and Roy Williams formerly of Kansas and North Carolina, have had their issues with the NCAA. Self’s program was put on three years probation and lost scholarships in 2023 in the aftermath of the FBI investigation into corruption in college basketball. The Jayhawks’ 2018 Final Four appearance and Big 12 regular season and tournament titles were vacated by the NCAA.

Williams approved player gifts of cash and clothing from Kansas boosters from 2001-03, having the nerve to tell the NCAA he thought that was legal. Williams avoided NCAA sanctions at North Carolina for academic fraud.

At No. 5, Rick Pitino started young. At the beginning of his career, Pitino was cited for eight recruiting violations while an assistant at the University of Hawaii. He lost his job at Louisville when the NCAA found the program had been providing escorts for potential recruits as well as a play-for-play plan.

John Calipari, ranked eighth, remains in a class of his own. His Final Four appearances at Massachusetts and Memphis were wiped out of existence by NCAA violations. He nearly pulled off the cheating Triple Crown at Kentucky, avoiding sanctions due to a grade change in a high school Algebra class that allowed star Eric Bledsoe to become eligible.

Calipari’s repeat offenses angered Indiana legend Bob Knight. “We’ve got a coach at Kentucky who put two schools on probation and he’s still coaching,” Knight said at an Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame function. “I really don’t understand that. We’ve gotten into this situation where integrity is really lacking and that’s why I’m glad I’m not coaching.”

Kelvin Sampson at No. 10 is an NCAA repeat offender at Oklahoma and Indiana.

Connecticut’s Jim Calhoun (13th) was suspended three games in 2012 for failure to maintain an atmosphere of compliance and recruiting violations.

Jim Boeheim (1th) was suspended nine games in 2015 for NCAA violations involving academic misconduct, extra benefits and Syracuse University’s drug testing policy.

Bruce Pearl (20th) was given a three-year show cause by the NCAA for violations at Tennessee. Pearl lied about inviting then-high school junior Aaron Craft to his home during an unofficial visit and then asking those in attendance to keep it a secret. Pearl is also a four-letter word to Illinois fans for turning in the Fighting Illini for recruiting violations involving Deon Thomas while an assistant at Iowa.

Five Level I NCAA violations at Arizona cost Sean Miller (24th) his job in 2021. That didn’t bother his former employer, Xavier, which rehired him following the 2021-22 season. Miller is now coaching at Texas.

One of the clean coaches on the list was former Butler head man Brad Stevens, ranked 11th despite just being on the college sidelines for six years.

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pretend to run a virus scan on your computer and falsely claim the victim's computer has been hacked.

2. Financial Institution Imposter – Victims are told their accounts are compromised and instructed to transfer money “for safekeeping.” The victim is directed to transfer their money via a wire transfer, cash, crypto ATM transfer, often to overseas recipients.
3. Government Imposter – Scammers pose as federal

agencies, sometimes using fake letterhead or emails to appear legitimate. The scammer continues to emphasize that the victim's funds are “unsafe”, and they must be moved to a new “alias” account for protection.

“Scammers are preying on hardworking Hoosiers, stealing their life savings under the guise of protecting their assets. Urgency and secrecy are two of the biggest red flags. If you're asked to convert cash into cryptocurrency, wire funds, or send gift cards, there's a good chance it's a

scam. Ask questions and do your homework before handing over your hard-earned money,” said Diego Morales, Indiana Secretary of State.

Hoosiers should remember:

- The U.S. government will never ask for money through wire transfer, cryptocurrency, or gift cards.
- Do not click on unsolicited pop-ups, links, or attachments.
- Verify before acting—contact the Indiana Securities Division at 317-232-6681 before sending money.

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- Cancel your Part D plan
- Enroll in a Part D plan

Any changes you make will go into effect January 1, 2026. There is also a Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period, from January 1 – March 31 each year. During these 3 months, you can:

- Switch to another Medicare Advantage plan (with or without drug coverage), or
- Disenroll and return to Original Medicare. If you do so, you can also join a Part D prescription drug plan.

One of the best tools that can help you during the Medicare Open Enrollment is the Medicare Planfinder at www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan.

It takes you step-by-step through available Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug plans while taking your prescription drug costs into consideration.

You do not need to register with the Website to use it; however, you can safely enter your Medicare number in the tool to view your own current plan enrollment information and specific plan costs. This can help you compare plans and their costs specific to you.

SHIP, the State Health Insurance Assistance Program, can help you compare plans and to use the Planfinder Tool. Changes to Medicare supplement insurance

policies (Medigap) can occur any time of year. However, your premium maybe increased due to your current health status or you may be denied a new policy if you are not in a guaranteed issue period. That is when you first turn 65 or lose other coverage.

Every year, you should review both your Medicare health and drug coverage to ensure you are getting the best coverage for your needs at the best price. If you or someone you know have questions about Medicare or any other Medicare related topic, contact SHIP at (800) 452-4800, or online at www.medicare.in.gov. You can also find us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

Delving Into Facts Surrounding Seed Oils

For decades, vegetable and plant-based oils like canola, soybean, safflower, corn and peanut oil were seen as healthy and affordable staples. Recently, however, ‘seed oils’ have come under scrutiny on social media, with concerns that their omega-6 fatty acids may cause inflammation and heart disease. With many mixed opinions, we will explore what long-standing, bipartisan research really says about seed oils and your health.

So, let's get into it!

To lay down the basics, let's cover what kinds of fatty acids are out there. There are saturated fats and unsaturated fats. Saturated fats are high in animal products, like butter, shortening, lard, beef tallow, and coconut oil, and tend to be solid at room temperature. Unsaturated fats are high in plant-based oils and are liquid at room temperature. There are two kinds of unsaturated fats: mono-unsaturated fatty acids (MUFAs) and poly-unsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs). The “mono-“ or “poly-“ part of the word refers to how many double bonds the molecular structure has. Poly-unsaturated fats include your omega-3s and omega-6s.

Omega-3s have always been perceived as “healthy,” and for good reason. Research shows that omega-3s are heart healthy by decreasing LDL-cholesterol (the bad cholesterol) and triglyceride levels in the blood, while increasing HDL-cholesterol (the good cholesterol). Some foods that have omega-3s

include avocados, walnuts, salmon, and olive oil. Contrary to recent claims, omega-6s are also healthy for the heart as high consumption was shown to reduce the risk of coronary heart disease, especially when replacing saturated fats. An omega-6 called linoleic (lihn-oh-lay-ick) acid is an essential fatty acid, which means our bodies need it but can't produce it on their own. This is why it's important to eat foods with omega-6s, like corn, soy, nut, and seed products, for example vegetable and plant-based oils.

Linoleic acid has been under fire recently since it can change in the body into what is called arachidonic (uh-rack-ih-dohn-ick) acid, or ARA. Claims are being made that ARA is causing chronic inflammation. ARA is, in fact, involved in inflammation, but not in the way it's being made out to in the media. ARA is important for your body's acute inflammatory response, which is activated when your body senses an immediate threat, like a wound, parasite, or even pregnancy. ARA metabolites do not build up in the body as you eat omega-6s and has not been linked to chronic inflammation; and even so, the conversion of omega-6s to ARA is minimal since they are designed for short bursts of inflammation. They are used for their purpose and when the body no longer needs it, it flushes it away through your urine or feces. To further add to its benefits, ARA is also the building block for the mediator molecules, like Lipoxin or prostacyclin, that help stop inflamma-

tion, and plays a key role in cell communication all over your body including in the brain, nerves, muscles, and immune system.

While omega-3 and omega-6 fats are essential, we only need them in small amounts. The Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend keeping total fat intake around 10 percent of your daily calories, with a focus on reducing saturated fat. You can still enjoy foods like steak and pork occasionally—just focus on getting more fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, whole grains, and low-fat dairy for most meals. Many foods containing seed oils are also high in sugar, sodium, and calories, and low in nutrients. Limiting processed foods can help manage fat intake overall.

For more reliable information on seed oils, visit the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics at www.eatright.org and search ‘seed oils,’ or listen to the Purdue Extension podcast *Bite by Bite: Nutrition For Life* episode ‘Seed Oils & Inflammation: Fact vs. Fiction’ with Dr. Martha Belury. When researching nutrition topics, stick to credible sources like registered dietitians and food scientists to help you steer clear of the hullabaloo.

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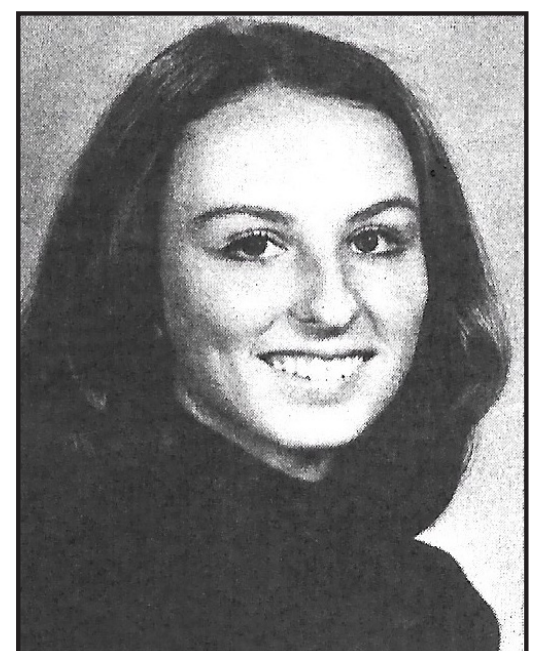
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United Way Golf Scramble Coming

The annual United Way Golf Scramble is nearing and there are still spots left for you to get involved, either as a golfer or a sponsor!

The day begins with breakfast and registration at 8:30 on Friday, Sept. 26 at Rocky Ridge in Darlington. A shotgun start kicks off the golf at

10 a.m. The cost is only \$400 per team and that includes breakfast, green fees, cart and more. Reserve you or your team's spot at <https://uwlafayette.org/montgomery/golf2025/>.

Sponsors are still needed and you can show your company's support by getting involved.

Breakfast, Drink Cart, Corporate and Hole Sponsorships are available and prices start at only \$200.

For more information, reach out to our local director, Kayla Miles at (765) 362-5484.

Suicide Prevention Walk Sept. 27

A Suicide Prevention Walk is scheduled at Milligan Park on Saturday, Sept. 27. The event is free of charge, and the first 100 individuals to arrive for 8:30 check-in will receive a free commemorative T-shirt. Suicide prevention materials, memory beads, water and snacks are also

provided free to participants.

Local mental health agencies will be present to make information available as well. The walk will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude with a butterfly release, poignantly entwining loss and hope as the butterflies rise in

the sky.

To learn further details and register for the walk, one should visit the YSB website: <https://mcysb47933.wixsite.com/mcysb> and click on the Suicide Prevention Walk Registration link.

Drive-Thru Flu Shots in Vermilion County

Lakeview College of Nursing, in partnership with the Vermilion County Health Department, will host a Drive-Thru Flu Clinic on Tuesday from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

prevents millions of illnesses and flu-related doctor visits each year.

Dr. Gina Brassard, Dean of Nursing at Lakeview College of Nursing, said, "We are proud to support the Student Government Association in hosting this year's Flu Clinic. Preventative care is a vital part of public health, and this initiative reflects our students' commitment to keeping our campus and community healthy. I encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to protect themselves and those around them."

The clinic will take place in the parking lot east of Lakeview College of Nursing at 903 N. Logan Ave., Danville, IL. The clinic is open to the public and aims to make it simple and accessible for community members to protect themselves during the flu season, without leaving their vehicles.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone 6 months and older receive a flu shot every season to protect against the flu. The flu vaccine

Adult flu shots at the clinic will cost \$43 for those 19 years of age or older. The Health Department will bill Medicare, Medicaid, state

employee health plans, and most private insurance plans for adult flu shots. Individuals should be prepared to present proof of these types of coverage at the time of vaccination.

Cash and checks are acceptable payment options. The Health Department can accept credit and debit card payments for vaccinations, but the department charges users a small service fee for the convenience.

The Vermilion County Health Department encourages everyone to take preventative measures to decrease the spread of germs this flu season.

Local Student Graduates IU Kokomo

KOKOMO, Ind. — Indiana University Kokomo congratulates the 123 students who earned degrees in August 2025,

including one from Crawfordsville. The graduates represent 29 Indiana counties and six states. Joshua James

Montgomery, Crawfordsville, received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Franciscan Accepting Applications for Revive & Survive AED Program

Each year, more than 357,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in the United States and nearly 90 percent of those are fatal. In the event of a cardiac arrest, immediate CPR and early defibrillation can significantly improve a victim's chances of survival.

help identify non-profit organizations in the counties listed below that may be eligible for free AEDs through the Revive and Survive AED Program, facilitated by Franciscan and made possible through support from North Central Health Services.

- 1 to 3 AEDs per site (based on square footage and facility specifications)
- AED wall cabinet with alarm
- AED wall sign
- AED supplemental emergency response kit
- CPR and AED training for up to five people per AED placement (held at Franciscan Health Lafayette Education Center)

The Revive & Survive AED Program is working to increase access to AEDs and CPR AED training in local communities in an effort to improve out-of-hospital cardiac arrest survival rates.

The program funds AEDs for not-for-profit organizations in Montgomery County as well as Carroll, Clinton, Fountain, Jasper, Newton, Tippecanoe, Warren and White counties.

Learn more about at https://franciscanhealth-care.formstack.com/forms/wi_aed

Franciscan Health Lafayette is looking for community partners to

Organizations that meet the eligibility requirements will receive the following:

Mayor's Community Forum Wednesday

Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton has scheduled his monthly Community Forum for Wednesday from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Mayor's Office in the City Building.

to do so every month – except during the COVID pandemic.

This event is designed to allow the public to come ask questions, discuss concerns, interact with the mayor and learn more about anything regarding the city.

This will be Barton's 147th Community Forum since taking office.

Holding a monthly community forum was something Barton pledged to do during his first campaign for mayor and he has continued

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