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TODAY'S VERSE

Matthew 25:40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'" (NIV)

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People who call our community their own.



Chris Stockdale, owner of Harry's Hideout, smiles brightly while purchasing produce for his restaurant. Thank you for your smile, Chris!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Given that campus case numbers are dropping and severity continues to remain low, effective Friday (Feb. 18), Purdue University will make face masks optional on the West Lafayette campus, except for instructional, research and health care settings, as well as where contractually required. Purdue Athletics venues will be among the indoor spaces where masks will be considered optional.

2 In honor of President's Day, there won't be a Monday, Feb. 21 edition of your favorite Montgomery County Daily. The Paper does not publish on postal holidays, but no worries. That's only a few days a year. There's not another postal holiday until May 30 when the unofficial kickoff to summer gets here - Memorial Day.

3 The Songwriters' Association of Mid-north Indiana (SAMI) is accepting applications for the 2022 Shirley Martin Scholarship for young songwriters, in addition to the Mike Lane Horizon Award. The scholarship and awards are for songwriters aged 14 to 19, who live in any of these Indiana counties: Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Jasper, Montgomery, Newton, Pulaski, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Warren, or White and are permanent residents of Indiana. Applications for the scholarship are accepted between now and April 15, 2022. The Scholarship winner receives the following: A \$500 cash award to be applied towards the winner's education, musical instrument, or other songwriting endeavor. For additional information about SAMI or to apply online, go to www.samisong.com. If you have any questions, please contact scholarship coordinator, Justice Fuller, at scholarship@samisong.com or the SAMI Secretary, Cheryl Fletcher at secretary@samisong.com.

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The City Invites The Public For Input On Crawfordsville's Retail Market Potential

The City of Crawfordsville is in the process of conducting a Retail Gap Analysis, a process that will help us better understand the types of business needed in Crawfordsville. As a valuable stakeholder in the community, we would like to invite you to participate in a public open house to give your thoughts on the existing retail market and input on the direction of the City's future retail market potential.

Your participation will give us valuable insight into

the strengths and weaknesses of the retail market in Crawfordsville and will be used to help develop strategies for City leaders to use in business recruitment efforts.

We would love to hear from you and ask that you plan to attend a one-time group meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at Fusion 54, 4th floor, 101 W. Main St. Crawfordsville, IN 47933 so we can engage in this conversation.

About the City

of Crawfordsville: Crawfordsville is home to more than 16,000 residents and is the county seat in Montgomery County, Indiana. About an hour west of Indianapolis, the growing city is known for its state and nationally recognized paramedicine program, extensive outdoor recreational opportunities at Shades State Park and Sugar Creek River, and is home to the Ironman Lucas Oil AMA Pro Motocross Championships and Wabash College.



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

Butch Recalls The High School Prom In The "Old Days"

Do you baby boomers remember your high school Junior-Senior Prom? It was a rite of passage and a milestone event in a high school student's life. The proms at Darlington High School were similar to the ones held at all of the other little schools in Montgomery County. The Junior class members spent countless hours decorating the gym for the big event. Wires were strung from wall to wall, and crepe paper was then hung to create a dance ballroom. My year-



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

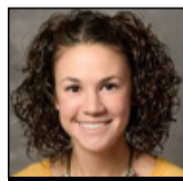
book describes our "Moonlight Magic" prom, which was held on the first weekend in May, 1966... "An exotic atmosphere was created with a touch of the Orient lent by thousands of orange blossoms and colors of ice blue and turquoise. Guests entered through a garden featuring an actual miniature waterfall in which swam real goldfish. Daisies, daffodils, and violets luminated the garden with an array of colors. Descending onto the dance floor, a gazebo attracted everyone with its dainty latticework, which took on the many colors of its rotating light wheel. Another garden was found at the opposite end and displayed a tiny bridge with

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Healthy Living In 4-H & At Home

One of the four "H's" that we celebrate in 4-H is healthy living. According to National 4-H, the 4-H program "empowers youth to be healthy - body and mind - with the skills to make healthy decisions and lead healthy lifestyles". In the midst of a global pandemic and the stresses of every day life, healthy living programs within the 4-H program encourages youth that they can face daily challenges and have the confidence to be a leader in their community, career, and life.

What do we cover in the 4-H program that makes up healthy living? Program areas focus on social and emotional well-being, fitness, health, nutrition, safety, mentorship, and leadership. In a 2014 study by National 4-H Council and Molina Healthcare, teens reported that they saw their health as holistic, encompassing mind, body, and soul. This means that teens "care just as much about their emotional and mental health



ABBY MORGAN
Purdue Extension Office

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:36 a.m.
SET: 6:27 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 33°F
Low: 16°F



Wacky Holiday Today

- National Drink Wine Day
- National Caregivers Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1977 The Space Shuttle takes off on its maiden flight
- 1930 Pluto is discovered



Births On This Day

- 1954 John Travolta American actor, singer, producer
- 1838 Ernst Mach Austrian physicist

Deaths On This Day

- 1564 Michelangelo Italian painter, sculptor
- 1906 John Batterson Stetson American businessman, founded the John B. Stetson Company

HONEST HOOSIER

Happy what would have been your 91st birthday Johnny Hart, creator of The Wizard of Id. God rest your soul!



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Get an eye exam regularly - some eye diseases don't have any symptoms until it's too late.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Have you voted yet?

Readers' Choice '22 has kicked off and the most popular and largest contest in Montgomery County is already hot! The Paper's Readers' Choice contest debuted more than 15 years ago and has been copied and imitated, but no one else does it as good as the folks who originated it. Weigh in by simply going to www.thepaper24-7.com and clicking on the top Readers' Choice banner! It's that easy!

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Never be satisfied with less than your very best effort. If you strive for the top and miss, you'll still 'beat the pack.'"
Gerald Ford

TODAY'S JOKE

Today's tip: Always pay your exorcist. You don't want to get repossessed.

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The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **KEITH LEES** of Crawfordsville for subscribing!



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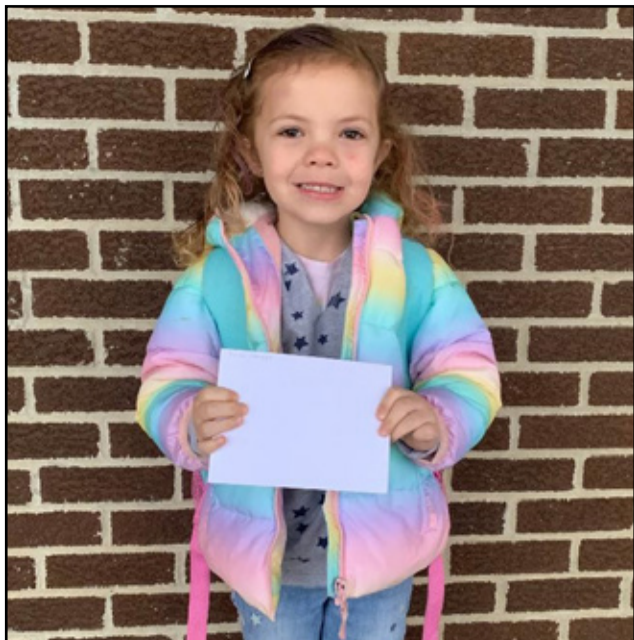


Photo courtesy of Linden Carnegie Public Library

Parker Kemple was the winner of the Linden Library's Reindeer Search drawing

Linden Library's Reindeer Search

Parker Kemple, daughter of Blake and Christy Kemple, was the winner of the Linden Library's Reindeer Search drawing from December. Kids had to

find the eight missing reindeer hidden around the library to be entered into the drawing. Parker and her family won a \$25 gift card to Pizza Corner in Linden.

Rokita Defends Liberty With New Action Against Federal Vaccine Mandates

Attorney General Todd Rokita took new action this week to fight an unlawful vaccine mandate foisted on federal contractors by President Joe Biden.

Attorney General Rokita is asking a federal appeals court to strike down the mandate nationally because it improperly intrudes on states' traditional powers and represents an unauthorized exercise of regulatory power, among other reasons.

"Liberty is too precious for us to accept partial victories," Attorney General Rokita said. "As

long as these unlawful mandates are enforced anywhere in the nation, they threaten our freedoms here in Indiana."

Attorney General Rokita has already prevailed in getting courts to prevent the federal-contractor mandate from being applied to employees of Indiana agencies that provide services to the federal government, but it remains in force for other state workers at companies with federal contracts.

"We will keep pressing onward," Attorney General Rokita said. "Hoo-siers can count on it."

The Last Time That I Saw Harris ...

I almost deleted the e-mail, thinking it was spam, but lately I have nothing else to do, so I read everything. I didn't recognize the sender's address but I clicked on it, anyway. Maybe it was some rich guy in Uganda who wanted to send me a million dollars—after I send him \$5,000 for shipping and handling, of course. I didn't want to miss out on an offer like that.

I stared at the correspondence in disbelief. It wasn't from a chief financial officer in Africa. Or any kind of chief. It was from Harris, my freshman year roommate at college. The e-mail went something like this:

"Hi there! Remember me? Harris? Your long-lost roommate? I think the last time we saw each other was 1967. How have you been? I've been fine. I Googled you and found your phone number. I'll give you a call tonight and we can catch up."

Signed, Harris, class of '69

My mouth dropped open. I hadn't talked to this guy in 55 years—including the year we shared a dorm room. We didn't have a lot in



DICK WOLFSIE
Life in a Nutshell

common. He was a night person and I was a morning person, which made for lousy roommates, although 14 years later that combination made for the start of a very successful marriage for me.

What would Harris and I talk about? How do you "catch up" with someone you never "caught" anything with in the first place? I was panic stricken. When my wife came home, I shared my concern.

"Mary Ellen, who is the last person in the world you'd think would email me?"

"Your cousin, Leo. He doesn't have a computer."

"No, it was an email from Harris. And he's calling me tonight."

"Harris? Your freshman roommate from col-

lege? That's wonderful. You two can talk about old times."

"I don't think so. We didn't have any old times."

About 8:30 the phone rang. "Hi, it's Harris. I hope I caught you at a good time. How have you been?"

"Let's pick a decade, Harris. I've really had some ups and downs."

"You were always a comedian. So, what's been going on with you?"

"Well, I got married after college, we had a kid and I've been working for the last 40 years until I recently retired. What have you been up to?"

"Wow! That is an amazing coincidence. That's pretty much exactly what has been happening with me, also."

(Looooooooooooong pause.) Finally, Harris picked the conversation back up. "My wife's name is Sherrie."

"My wife's name is Mary Ellen. I guess that ends those amazing coincidences right there."

"Let's see...you don't have a dog named Hector, do you?"

"No, every dog we ever had is dead. I forgot to mention that, when you

asked me what's been happening."

"How's the weather there?"

"Uh...since we last saw each other, there's been some global warming. Have you heard about it, Harris?"

"No, I live in Michigan now."

(Another long pause.) Harris spoke again:

"Hey, I gotta go. We could probably talk forever. We should do this again."

"Harris, I'm afraid if we talk every half century, this was probably our last conversation."

"Well, it was fun to catch up with you, Eric."

"Eric? Wait, Harris, my name is Dick. Wasn't Eric your roommate sophomore year?"

"Oh! I'm sorry. Eric is my 8:45 call. It was fun talking to you, anyway. Just like old times."

"Yup, exactly like old times."

Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.

BBB Serving Northern Indiana Welcomes New Vice President

BBB serving Northern Indiana welcomed a new Vice President on Jan. 17, 2022, when Jan Diaz joined the helm of the 100-year organization serving 23 counties in Northern Indiana.

Diaz previously served as the BBB Board Chair and was the Director of Partner Relations and Marketing for The Talent Ladder before joining the BBB full time. She is an experienced business professional with a demonstrated history of working in the public, private and social sectors



Jan Diaz

including higher education. Diaz started with IWU - National & Global in 2017 as a Corporate Representative and joined the Talent Ladder Team in 2019.

Diaz obtained her asso-

ciate degree in Business and a bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies from Indiana Wesleyan University.

With Diaz's background in business development, sales management and public service, BBB's Board of Directors felt she brought a host of skills to the BBB leadership that would uniquely qualify her to help lead the Northern Indiana BBB team.

Diaz succeeds previous BBB Vice President/COO Rick Walz who assumed President/CEO duties on

Jan. 1, 2022.

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Home Buyer Tip #1
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Notice to Taxpayers of Hearing on Proposed Cumulative Capital Development Fund under I.C. 36-9-15.5
Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana that the Crawfordsville Common Council will consider the reestablishment of a Cumulative Capital Development Fund under Indiana Code Section 36-9-15.5 for all uses set out under that statute at its regular meeting place, Council Chambers, 2nd floor, City Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, at 6:00 P.M., on the 14th day of March, 2022.
The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within the taxing district and will not exceed \$.05 per \$100 of assessed valuation payable in the year 2023, continued until reduced or rescinded. Taxpayers appearing at the meeting will have a right to be heard. The proposed reestablishment of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund is subject to approval of the Department of Local Government Finance, who will require a Notice of Submission to be given to taxpayers by publication. After the publication of the Notice of Submission, 50 or more taxpayers in the taxing district may file a petition with the County Auditor not later than 30 days after publication, setting out their objections to the proposed levy. If accommodations are required to attend this meeting, please call 765-364-5150.
Dated this 15th day of January, 2022
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The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within the taxing district and will not exceed \$.0333 per \$100 of assessed valuation payable in the year 2023, continued until reduced or rescinded. Taxpayers appearing at the meeting will have a right to be heard. The proposed reestablishment of the Cumulative Capital Fire Fund is subject to approval of the Department of Local Government Finance, who will require a Notice of Submission to be given to taxpayers by publication. After the publication of the Notice of Submission, 50 or more taxpayers in the taxing district may file a petition with the County Auditor not later than 30 days after publication, setting out their objections to the proposed levy. If accommodations are required to attend this meeting, please call 765-364-5150.
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Post-Pandemic Entrepreneurship: Tips For Business Owners

At the height of the pandemic, many people lost their jobs and were forced to embrace entrepreneurship. There was a marked increase in business registrations. On the other hand, established businesses were affected significantly by the pandemic. While some have been forced to shut down permanently, others have experienced growth.

Amid this erratic economic climate, launching a business may seem foolish. It can seem like more of a gamble than an investment. Even as we emerge from the pandemic, safety concerns and the economic downturn have transformed the business environment from what it was pre-pandemic. As most businesses continue to weather the storm, agile entrepreneurs are taking advantage of the situation to innovate and establish successful businesses that suit the post-pandemic economic environment.

If you do not want to wait around for another job which you might also lose, you should consider taking the plunge into entrepreneurship. This article (presented by The Paper of Montgomery County) highlights effective tips for aspiring entrepreneurs.

Tips for Building a Successful Business

- Adapt to changing trends

In a world where business trends change every two years unlike the past when

they took 7 to 10 years, businesses that can change fast survive. You can only adapt fast to changing trends if you are light and lean. Focus on soft assets like robust systems and brands instead of heavy assets.

- Focus on digital Advancements in technology and the pandemic restrictions made consumers move online for their shopping needs. This shift from in-store service to e-commerce has been happening but the pandemic accelerated levels. It is safe to assume that this trend is here to stay. For new entrepreneurs, implementing digital technology into their new businesses is easier since there is no transition from old habits.

- Pick an industry you are an expert in

Before you launch a business, you should have an understanding of the core operations, competencies, and skills necessary in the industry of your choice. Choose an industry in which you are already an expert or willing to become one.

- Seize new opportunities While the pandemic has led to the closure of many businesses and the collapse of several industries, it has spawned new ones. These new industry opportunities require plenty of support structure including digital payments, remote working, and online entertainment.

These are opportunities waiting to be seized. New entrepreneurs can leverage these changes for increased chances of success.

Profitable Business Ideas to Consider

If you are considering entrepreneurship, there are plenty of profitable business ideas. Here are several entrepreneurial opportunities that aspiring entrepreneurs can take advantage of in a post-pandemic world.

- E-commerce The rise of e-commerce has been happening for several years but during the pandemic, it grew in leaps and bounds. It cannot be overlooked as a good business idea. Starting an online business is cheaper than launching a business in a physical location.

- Transcription and translation

There is a constant demand for transcription and translation services from various industries. This makes it an ideal business to get into for an entrepreneur with a good ear or knowledge of a foreign language.

- Online fitness and wellness

As people stayed at home, the popularity of online fitness videos rose to unprecedented levels. While the return to normalcy post-pandemic means many people will go back to their gyms, online fitness will continue to be a lucrative business opportunity.

- Delivery service Home delivery was a major hit

during the pandemic as governments gave stay-at-home directives. People could order just about anything from the comfort of their homes and have it delivered. Re-opening of physical stores will have many people return to making in-person purchases but most are unlikely to give up home deliveries.

Sourcing Funding for Your Startup

Small businesses typically have a hard time gaining access to funds. The Covid-19 pandemic made the situation even worse. As we come out of the woods, several financing options mostly backed by the government are now available to small business startups.

- Online lenders

Business startups typically have a hard time securing business loans from established institutions. Online lenders are able to provide various forms of small business financing to startups. They offer lines of credit, short and medium-term loans, and invoice factoring with less stringent qualification requirements but higher interest rates. Securing a loan from these lenders can take as little as one day.

- SBA loan programs Small Business Administration loans are geared towards specific industries, businesses, or owners. The government partially guarantees loans from a nonprofit lender or a bank

allowing the institution to offer loans to small businesses that may otherwise not have received loans.

- Small banks, community banks, and non-profit lenders

Business startups are unlikely to receive long-term loans from major banks. They are more likely to receive loans from smaller community banks. Post-pandemic entrepreneurs should consider building relationships with non-profit lenders and community banks to benefit from low-cost financing.

- State-specific initiatives State governments also started rolling out loans and grants to small businesses in the wake of the pandemic. These state-specific initiatives target certain communities, industries or situations depending on need. When launching your business post-pandemic, you should find out if you are in a category that can benefit from such funding.

- Finding investors

If you need to take on investors to help fund your business, consider registering as a corporation. It's easier to transfer shares of your business when you're a corporation, and investors tend to favor its predictable structure. Make sure to research corporation formation requirements and regulations in Indiana before moving ahead.

Hiring professional help When you launch your business, you may be forced to wear several hats but as the venture grows, you will need to hire professional help to make it work. Hiring the right employees is critical to the success of your business. Before you make your hires, you must first apply for an Employee Identification Number (EIN) on the IRS website. An EIN allows you to set up a payroll system once you begin hiring employees.

In addition to allowing you to hire employees, getting an EIN (aka Tax ID Number) has several benefits. It is the identification you use to file annual or quarterly company taxes with the IRS. The IRS also tracks payroll taxes using the EIN. The EIN provides your business credibility, allows you to open a business bank account, speeds up access to credit among other benefits.

Finally As we emerge from the pandemic and economies work towards recovery, the business climate is set to improve. Many businesses may have suffered due to the pandemic but it also created plenty of opportunities that savvy entrepreneurs can take advantage of to create successful businesses.

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State Accepting Nominations For Governor's Century, Half Century Business Awards

The state of Indiana is currently accepting nominations for the Governor's Century and Half Century Business Awards, which honor Hoosier businesses that have remained in operation for at least 100 or 50 years, respectively, and have demonstrated a commitment to serving the community.

Qualifying criteria are

as follows:

The business must have had continuous operations in Indiana for 100 or 50 years by Dec. 31, 2021.

The business must have participated in the same line of work for the duration of its operations. If different, an explanation of the evolution into the current business must be provided on the

nomination form.

The business must have had its base in the state of Indiana since it was founded.

The business must recognize, acknowledge and agree that it is in full compliance with the Indiana Secretary of State.

The business must not have previously received a Century or Half Century award from the state

of Indiana. Previous Half Century award recipients may qualify for a Century award.

Eligible companies are encouraged to complete the online application by April 1, 2022. Please visit the Indiana Economic Development Corporation website for additional details.

About IEDC
The Indiana Economic

Development Corporation (IEDC) is charged with growing the State economy, driving economic development, helping businesses launch, grow and locate in the state. Led by Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers, @SecChambersIN, and governed by a 15-member board chaired by Governor Eric J. Hol-

comb, @GovHolcomb, the IEDC manages many initiatives, including performance-based tax credits, workforce training grants, innovation and entrepreneurship resources, public infrastructure assistance, and talent attraction and retention efforts. For more information about the IEDC, visit iedc.in.gov.

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Boilermaker Brainstorms: Blurbs from Kenny's Digital Notebook

Let's take a look at sports news and notes that are overflowing my digital notebook:

Two years before the Indiana Pacers invited Ann Meyers to become the first female to try out for an NBA team, Lusia Harris made history of a different kind in professional basketball.

Harris was the first female to be officially drafted by the NBA in 1977. That footnote in history was so buried that many basketball fans, myself included, did not know that until reading that Harris died Jan. 18 at age 66

The mere idea of women playing college basketball was a relatively new thing in the United States. Purdue didn't start its women's basketball program until 1975, four years after Indiana fielded its first university sanctioned team.

Harris was never a household name outside of Mississippi, even after scoring the first points in Olympic basketball history in 1976 at Montreal. So when the New Orleans Jazz chose the Delta State University star with the 137th pick, it was widely criticized as a publicity stunt. Still, Harris was chosen ahead of 36 other men in the eight-round draft that year.

Years later, the Jazz coach at the time - Frank Layden - joked that the 6-3 Harris was better than any player he had on the roster other than Hall of Fame guard Pete Maravich.

Recognizing the draft pick for what it was, Harris declined the opportunity to try out for the Jazz and instead started a family.

"I just thought it was a publicity stunt, and I felt like I didn't think I was good enough," Harris was quoted as saying in her tribute story at NPR.com. "Competing against a woman, yes. It's a different story competing



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

against a man. So I decided not to go."

Fifteen years after the Jazz selected her, Harris became the first female collegiate player and first Black woman inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Her childhood idol, Indiana high school legend Oscar Robertson, escorted Harris at the ceremony. ...

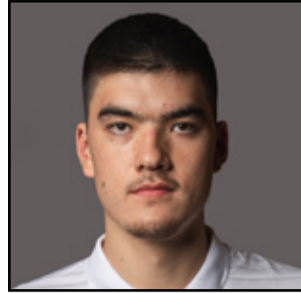
Formerly the 440th best recruit of the Class of 2024, Purdue sophomore center Zach Edey is one of 10 finalists for the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award given to the nation's top center.

Big Ten rivals Hunter Dickenson of Michigan and Kofi Cockburn of Illinois also made the cut. Also on the watch list are Auburn's Walker Kessler, Connecticut's Adam Sonogo, Duke's Mark Williams, Gonzaga's Drew Timme, Kentucky's Oscar Tshiebwe, North Carolina's Armando Bacot and Providence's Nate Watson.

Edey joins a list of former Purdue finalists that includes A.J. Hammons, Isaac Haas and teammate Trevion Williams. ...

Jaden Ivey will have a chance to join Carsen Edwards as Boilermakers to win the Jerry West Award, given to the nation's top shooting guard. Ivey is among 10 finalists on a list that includes Wisconsin's Johnny Davis.

Also making the cut were Arizona's Benedict Mathurin, Baylor's Adam



Zach Edey

Flager, Iowa State's Izaiah Brockington, Kansas' Ochai Agbaji, Kentucky's TyTy Washington, Syracuse's Buddy Boeheim, UCLA's Johnny Juzang and Villanova's Justin Moore. ...

Fittingly, Edey and Ivey are on the list of midseason candidates for the Naismith Trophy Player of the Year Award.

The Boilermakers, Auburn, Duke and Gonzaga are the only schools with two players on the list. The Big Ten leads all conferences with seven selections, including Kofi Cockburn of Illinois, Trayce Jackson-Davis of Indiana, Johnny Davis of Wisconsin, E.J. Liddell of Ohio State and Keegan Murray of Iowa. ...

Purdue guard Sasha Stefanovic is a finalist for the Senior CLASS Award, given to a senior/graduate student who has notable achievements in community, classroom, character and competition.

Former Boilermaker Rob Hummel won the award in 2012. This year's winner will be announced during the NCAA Final Four.

Stefanovic has his degree in finance and is currently a graduate student in the Human Resource Management program. He is a three-time selection to the Big Ten All-Academic Team.

As of Feb. 17, Stefanovic was averaging 11.6 points and 3.4 assists while shooting nearly 41 percent from 3-point range. With at least six games remaining in his career, Stefanovic is 91



Jaden Ivey

points from joining Purdue's 1,000-point club

Outside the classroom and court, Stefanovic has run youth camps in his home town of Crown Point, with proceeds going to charity. Stefanovic also is a regular visitor to elementary schools and part of the basketball program's holiday shopping spree for underprivileged families in the area. ...

Faced with the probable loss of Ivey along with seniors Trevion Williams, Eric Hunter and Stefanovic, Purdue will get an early test in the 2022-23 season thanks to its invitation to play in the Phil Knight Legacy over Thanksgiving weekend in Portland, Ore.

The Boilermakers are in the Legacy side of the Bracket along with Duke, Florida, Gonzaga, Oregon State, Portland State, West Virginia and Xavier. A separate bracket includes Iowa State, Alabama, Michigan State, North Carolina, Oregon, Portland, Connecticut and Villanova. ...

ESPN.com writer Jordan Reid offers a bad news/good news NFL Draft forecast for fans of the Chicago Bears.

Let's start with the bad news. Reid believes former Purdue star George Karlaftis will fall to the Green Bay Packers at No. 28 in the first round. The bitter rival of the Bears have a definite need for pass rusher.

"He has a chance to land in the top 20, but in this scenario he'd fall right in the Packers' lap," Reid writes. "Green Bay must



Sasha Stefanovic

get some depth along the defensive line, and Karlaftis' combination of power and heavy hands could help him thrive in the NFC North."

Now for the good news. Reid forecasts that the Bears will use their first pick in the 2022 Draft (no first round pick thanks to the trade with the New York Giants which was turned into the latest hope at quarterback, Justin Fields) on Purdue All-America wide receiver David Bell.

Bell, who could quickly become a favorite of Fields, is slotted to be selected 39th overall by Reid.

"New general manager Ryan Poles has his work cut out at the receiver position, with only Darnell Mooney under contract next season," Reid writes. "Bell ... is a smooth route runner with consistent hands. He proved over the past two seasons that he can be counted upon as a go-to option. Bell doesn't have outstanding speed, but he executes the details on his route stems and has a knack for finishing catches at the catch point." ...

Spring football is around the corner at Purdue and the Boilermakers' 2022 season opener against Penn State is ranked among the top 10 Week 1 college football games by Athlon Sports writer Steven Lassan.

Ranked seventh, the Sept. 1 Big Ten opener could be a sign of Purdue's ability to contend for a division championship. "The Boilermakers will

be a sleeper team to watch in the Big Ten West title race next year, and a win over the Nittany Lions ... would be a great start for coach Jeff Brohm's squad. The trek to West Lafayette is an early test for a rebuilt Penn State squad."

The Big Ten moved the Purdue-Penn State game from Saturday, Sept. 3 for a national television audience. Time and network have yet to be determined.

Notre Dame at Ohio State came in at No. 1 on Lissan's list. ...

Triple-doubles are a rare species when looking into Purdue men's and women's basketball history.

The Boilermaker men have just one and that was accomplished 45 years ago by future All-American Joe Barry Carroll.

Three Purdue women's players have done it. If I gave the avid Boilermaker fan 10 guesses, they'd probably only come up with Stephanie White. She was the first to accomplish the feat in 1999 against Indiana with 22 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists in a 97-62 victory.

Eight years later, center Danielle Campbell put up 12 points, 11 rebounds and a school-record 11 blocked shots in a 69-53 victory against Butler.

This season, Jenae Terry joined the club but one-upped White and Campbell by accomplishing the feat twice. The junior transfer from Illinois collected 11 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists against Miami (Ohio) on Dec. 19, an 82-76 victory. In an 80-66 victory against Minnesota on Jan. 27, Terry amassed 12 assists, 11 rebounds and 10 points.

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US Dept. Of Labor Urges Healthcare Facilities, Providers To Implement Safety, Health Programs

U.S. healthcare workers experienced a staggering 249 percent increase in injury and illness rates in 2020, based on employer-reported data, as they encountered serious safety and health hazards while serving those in need and labored countless hours battling the pandemic. In fact, healthcare and social assistance workers combined for more injuries and illnesses

than any other industry in the nation. As the nation observes National Caregivers Day on Feb. 18, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration urges healthcare employers, and those in related industries, to take immediate actions to help make 2022 safer for these workers. "We recognize our

caregivers for the extraordinary sacrifices they continue to make working on the frontline throughout the pandemic to keep us healthy and safe – and we owe it to them to ensure their employers are doing all they can to protect them," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Douglas Parker. "The dangers healthcare workers face continue to

be of the highest concern and measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are still needed to protect them." OSHA is working expeditiously to issue a final standard to protect healthcare workers from COVID-19. As the agency works towards a permanent regulatory solution, employers must continue to comply with their obligations under

the General Duty Clause, the Personal Protective Equipment and Respiratory Protection Standards, as well as other applicable OSHA standards to protect their employees against the hazard of COVID-19 in the workplace. To combat workplace injury and illness most effectively, employers should create and use a proactive safety and

health program that addresses hazards, training and preventive measures to keep workers safe. Companies may contact their local OSHA On-Site Consultation program to discuss details and schedule an on-site safety and health evaluation. Find the On-Site Consultation program nearest you by calling 1-800-321-OSHA (6742) or visiting OSHA's program website.

CDC Recognizes Partnership With U.S. Cooperative Extension System

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, and the center's deputy director for science have expressed gratitude to the nation's Cooperative Extension System, including Purdue University Cooperative Extension, for addressing vaccine hesitancy by educating and raising awareness about the importance of getting vaccinated for COVID-19 in rural America.

"Rural America continues to be especially hard hit by the pandemic, and the lives of families and communities continue to feel the impacts," said Dr. Carrie Castille, director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). "Because our communities are faced with making important decisions about vaccinations, having a trusted, independent community agent to aid in decision making is essential. Cooperative Extension agents and educators are well placed to have that discussion and provide objective educational information. Talk with your Extension agent, and then decide."

Through an interagency agreement with the CDC and NIFA, Cooperative Extension units at land-grant universities

across the nation received funding and launched the Cooperative Extension Immunization Teaching and Engagement (EX-CITE) in June 2021 to address health disparities among rural and other underserved communities.

Samuel F. Posner, acting director of the CDC National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, said in a letter to the U.S. Cooperative Extension System, "Agents and educators are trusted messengers working in every county across the nation and are uniquely situated at local levels to engage with their communities and build partnerships to improve community health."

"As my team listens to our partners in the field, we hear story upon story of the need for one-on-one, honest discussions with trusted messengers to address concerns about COVID-19 vaccines."

Purdue Extension is currently addressing COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy in five Indiana counties with high Latinx populations: Cass, Clinton, Daviess, Elkhart and Wayne counties. The efforts aim to dispel misinformation and increase confidence by sharing science-based information in Spanish. Purdue Extension launched a Pandora advertising campaign on Spanish-lan-

guage stations in the targeted counties. The ad links to a web page available in Spanish with information and resources about the COVID-19 vaccine and links to additional information provided by the Indiana state government and the CDC.

The Cooperative Extension System is operated through the nation's land-grant university system in partnership with the federal, state and local governments. As the federal partner, NIFA develops methods to address national priorities, funds and awards grants, and provides program leadership. The agency supports both the universities and local Extension offices to bring science directly to the regional and county level.

NIFA invests in and advances agricultural research, education, and Extension across the nation to make transformative discoveries that solve societal challenges. NIFA supports initiatives that ensure the long-term viability of agriculture and applies an integrated approach to ensure that groundbreaking discoveries in agriculture-related sciences and technologies reach the people who can put them into practice. In FY2020, NIFA's total investment was \$1.95 billion.

Materials Prices Soar 20 Percent Between January 2021 And January 2022

Prices of construction materials jumped more than 20 percent from January 2021 to January 2022, according to an analysis by the Associated General Contractors of America of government data released today. The association recently posted a new edition of its Construction Inflation Alert, a report to inform project owners, officials, and others about the challenges volatile materials costs, supply chain disruptions, and labor shortages posed for construction firms.

"Unfortunately, there has been no letup early this year in the extreme cost runup that contractors endured in 2021," said Ken Simonson, the association's chief economist. "They are apparently passing on more of those costs but will have a continuing challenge in getting timely deliveries and finding enough workers."

The producer price index for inputs to new nonresidential construction—the prices charged by goods producers and service providers such as distributors and transportation firms—increased by 2.6 percent from

December to January and 20.3 percent over the past 12 months. In comparison, the index for new nonresidential construction—a measure of what contractors say they would charge to erect five types of nonresidential buildings—climbed by 3.8 percent for the month and 16.5 percent from a year earlier.

A wide range of inputs contributed to the more than 20 percent jump in the cost index, Simonson noted. The price index for steel mill products soared 112.7 percent over 12 months despite declining 1.6 percent in January. The index for plastic construction products climbed 1.8 percent for the month and 35.0 percent over 12 months. The index for diesel fuel jumped 5.1 percent in January and 56.5 percent for the year. The index for aluminum mill shapes jumped 5.6 percent in January and 32.7 percent over 12 months, while the index for copper and brass mill shapes rose 4.1 percent in January and 24.8 percent over the year. Architectural coatings such as paint had an unusually large price gain of 9.0 percent in January

and 24.3 percent over 12 months. The index for lumber and plywood leaped 15.4 for the month and 21.1 percent year-over-year. Other inputs with double-digit increases for the past 12 months include insulation, 19.2 percent; trucking, 18.3 percent; and construction machinery and equipment, 11.4 percent.

Association officials said construction firms are being squeezed by increases costs for materials and labor shortages. They urged federal officials to take additional steps to address supply chain disruptions and rising materials prices. These include continuing to remove costly tariffs on key construction components.

"Spiking materials prices are making it challenging for most firms to profit from any increases in demand for new construction projects," said Stephen E. Sandherr, the association's chief executive officer. "Left unabated, these price increases will undermine the economic case for many development projects and limit the positive impacts of the new infrastructure bill."

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Songwriting Scholarship Applications Open

The Songwriters' Association of Mid-north Indiana (SAMI) is accepting applications for the 2022 Shirley Martin Scholarship for young songwriters, in addition to the Mike Lane Horizon Award.

The scholarship and awards are for songwriters aged 14 to 19, who live in any of these Indiana counties: Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Jasper, Montgomery, Newton, Pulaski, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Warren, or White and are

permanent residents of Indiana.

Applications for the scholarship are accepted between now and April 15, 2022. The Scholarship winner receives the following:

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Opportunity to play at the annual Shirley Martin Scholarship for Young Songwriters awards ceremony and other events throughout the year.

For additional information about SAMI or to apply online, go to www.samisong.com.

If you have any questions, please contact scholarship coordinator, Justice Fuller, at scholarship@samisong.com or the SAMI Secretary, Cheryl Fletcher at secretary@samisong.com.

HEALTHY

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as physical health". Concerns expressed by teens included not getting enough sleep and learning methods to help with stress.

With this information, I would like to provide you and the youth that you know with a simple healthy living activity that you can do at home together but is also an example of an educational activity that may be done at a 4-H club meeting.

A "calm down jar" is a tool that can be used for when youth need to calm down from having really big emotions or feeling too anxious. When youth shake the jar, they can practice taking deep breaths and visualize watching their feelings (glitter in jar) move in the jar and slowly settle to the bottom.

Items Needed: chunky glitter, fine glitter, glycerin (or corn syrup, or glitter glue), Gorilla glue, warm water, a few drops of soap, and a small glass jar/container with a lid.

Directions:

1. Add glitter to the bottle (1/2 inch thick).
2. Add a little bit of warm water and shake gently and avoid clumps.
3. Add glycerin until the bottle is 1/4 to 1/3 full.
4. Add more warm water until the jar is almost full.
5. Add 2-3 drops of dish soap.
6. Close the jar and turn it a few times to mix everything up.
7. Open the jar and use your finger to gently stir and mix it up. Close the cap and shake again.
8. Once you are happy with the combination of

glitter and glycerin, you can add more warm water or glycerin and close the bottle for good. You can use gorilla glue to close the bottle for good.

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an artificial brook." Well, no one would have known it was our basketball court...that's for sure!

I honestly don't remember any of those details, but I'll bet that most of the girls in my class remember all of it! For a boy and a girl who were already a "couple," the prom date was a certainty. For those currently "unattached," it could be a nerve-wrecking time...hoping and praying they would be asked by someone special... or avoiding anyone not so special. Parents often insisted that "you will be polite and go with whom-ever asks you first!"

Once the prom date was chosen, there were other details to work out. I could not afford

a tuxedo, so my only option was to borrow my cousin's white sport coat, which he had worn to his 1958 prom. It fit perfectly, but was it really necessary to wear a bowtie and cummerbund? According to my mother...yes. All of the girls chose great looking gowns, with some being strapless and cut surprisingly low at the top... Holy Cow! And the girls really got "dolled up" with generous amount of eye shadow, mascara, lipstick, and blush... also adorning themselves with fancy earrings and a necklace, and of course their hair coiffed by local beauticians and sprayed with layer upon layer of hairspray. The boys shelled out money for a corsage, and the

girls reciprocated with a boutonniere, which they pinned to our lapel.

What about a cool car? I knew that my gal was not going to be impressed by our family Chevy station wagon, but unfortunately that was it. A few boys had sporty cars or were able to borrow a "hot" car from an older relative or friend. At many high school proms, the boy took his gal to eat at a fancy restaurant beforehand, but at our prom, the mothers prepared the meals in the school cafeteria, and the freshmen served the dinners to us. Many of the high school teachers and their spouses attended the prom, and it was always hilarious to watch them dancing. Have you

ever seen your teacher or coach dance "the pony," the "watusi," the "mashed potato," the "jerk", or the "twist?" It is a moment never to be forgotten! And I can still see Emerson and Mabel Muterspaugh, along with Don Hannon and his wife, doing the "bunny hop" and "the stroll" at the prom when I was a junior. Coach Smith even tried the "limbo!" Some of my classmates were quite depressed to see their parents show up as chaperones, who of course wanted as many photos as their Kodak cameras could muster. Most proms played 45 or 78 rpm records for the dance, but a few were able to hire an actual band, usually a local group of complete un-

knowns who entertained for a mere pittance.

During the course of a three-hour prom, I surmise that most couples actually danced less than an hour during that time. A few boys would absolutely NOT dance at all, and instead, sat there and made fun of all the boys who danced with two left feet and stepped on the toes of their partner. I don't remember anyone bringing alcohol to the prom, even though there were rumors to that effect. The next day, many couples spent the day at Turkey Run, Lake Shafer, or an amusement park.

And what do I remember the most about my senior prom? Well, it was dancing cheek to cheek...slow dances of

course (the best song being "Moon River" by Andy Williams)...with my steady girl...and becoming intoxicated...not with alcohol...but with the smell of her enticing "Shalimar" perfume and Aqua-Net hairspray... and thinking someday that she might be my wife. And that summer, after we had graduated, when we were still both seventeen years old, I proposed...and she said "yes"...and I wore that same white sport coat to my wedding. "Shalimar" does it every time!

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