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➔ TODAY'S VERSE

John 16:33 I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. (NIV)

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Ashley Simms smiles brightly while helping this photographer buy a newer car from Wilson's Towing Service and Auto Repair. Thank you for your smile, Ashley!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Governor Eric J. Holcomb is directing flags to be flown at half-staff to honor the life and legacy of former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Flags should be flown at half-staff immediately until sunset on Sunday, March 27. Gov. Holcomb is asking businesses and residents in Indiana to lower their flags.

2 Michael and Maria Spressler have been dining out at The Lobster House in Cape May, NJ for 34 years and Michael's favorite starter is usually a dozen clams on the half shell. On a recent visit to the eatery, their loyalty – aided by Michael's taste for clams – earned them not only the reward of a satisfying meal but a .35 inch pearl, as well, that could be worth several thousand dollar. But Maria told KYW-TV, Michael has "eaten dozens and dozens of clams, and we've never found anything like that, so it was pretty exciting ... [and so] I would like to have it set into a nice piece of jewelry, maybe a mermaid or something nautical. It's a beautiful remembrance of that day and what we have is so special."

3 Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre is looking to cast the young performer roles in its upcoming production of Disney's Mary Poppins. Roles to be cast are Jane Banks and Michael Banks. Those interested should email a photo and resume to auditions@beefandboards.com. Audition/callback will be announced at a later date. No phone calls, please.

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United Way In Montgomery County
Announces Kindergarten Countdown Camp

United Way in Montgomery County is partnering with the Crawfordsville Community School Corporation to offer Kindergarten Countdown Camp (or K-Camp) in June 2022. This camp is designed to prepare children with little to no preschool experience for their new roles as kindergarten students. The camp is taught by licensed, experienced teachers

and will take place at Hose Elementary School. K-Camp is a free summer camp. "One of our Cradle to Career commitments is for children to enter Kindergarten ready to succeed," said Gina Haile, United Way in Montgomery County Area Director. "Our staff in Greater Lafayette have been running K-Camp for over 10 years and we are thrilled to

expand into Montgomery County." Haile added. "Working with Assistant Superintendent Ryker, Hose Principal Starlin, and other Corporation leadership has been a great collaboration. We are bringing our ideas together to meet the needs of incoming Crawfordsville kindergartners and ensuring their

➔ See CAMP Page A6

Butch Says Maybe You Can Run For Congress

Have you ever considered running for Congress? For the House of Representatives, you must be at least 25 years old and a U.S. citizen for at least seven years. For the Senate, you must be at least 30 years old and a U.S. citizen for at least nine years. No license



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

is required. Doctors, teachers, beauticians, plumbers, electricians, lawyers, and hundreds of other occupations require training and a license. So why not members of Congress? After all, the decisions and laws they come up with greatly affect all of us. So to solve this dilemma, I have come up with a test that will determine if a potential candidate can meet the standards of our current Congress. I call it the "S-C Politician Test." You must answer "YES" to the following questions:

1. I have frequent temper tantrums
2. I start many sentences with "I need..."
3. I am unwilling to compromise
4. I lash out if I don't get my way
5. I demand special treatment
6. I am manipulative
7. I have a sense of entitlement
8. I don't care if my behavior inconveniences others

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Wrapping Up Readers' Choice 2022

Readers' Choice is wrapped up for another year, and once again, The Paper's annual promotion to recognize your favorites in a multitude of categories was a huge success. Back when our company was founded, the staff at The Paper brought Montgomery County this fun and good-natured promotion that features local businesses, people, products and more and gives you, our readers, the opportunity to vote for your favorites. We often joke that this is like Chicago politics and encourage you to vote early and vote often. You see, this has never been about the rigidity of the process. Instead, it is designed to be an absolutely fun and very positive way for our readers to cast a good light on their favorites. And oh, how you



have responded! We annually see ballots that number in the hundreds of thousands – so many in fact that we had to find a way to automate the counting process. This year, rather than unveil all the winners at one time like we have in the past, we are revealing several categories a day. Today's categories can be found inside and a quick list is also provided here. When the final winners, runner-ups and

Want MORE?
Please turn to page A3 and A4 for the winners, runner ups, and honorable mentions in the **FOOD** category and page A5 for the **MEDICAL** category. Stay tuned for these categories: **SERVICE** and **ENTERTAINMENT** next week!

honorable mentions are revealed, we will compile all of them into one keepsake edition that will stay posted on our website for the entire year. Lastly, we encourage you to pay attention to the many businesses who are saying thank you with their ads. Without those supporters, local news and specifically your daily edition, wouldn't be here.

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Reflecting On National Ag Day

As I enjoyed National Ag Day on March 22nd, I myself realized I do not appreciate and recognize all the steps my food went through before consuming. I was just plopping my fruits, yogurt, and spinach



TRICIA HERR
Purdue Extension Office

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Happy birthday to the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin. I sure do miss you!



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Chronic sinus and nose problems can often be solved by using a salt water nasal irrigator like a neti pot or Sinus Rinse®. 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
Want To Go?

It's that time of year again! The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs 9th Annual Charity Golf Outing is May 13. This year, all proceeds will go to the IDVA 2022 Non-Profit Partner: Pets Healing Vets. Visit the link to sign up your foursome now: <https://www.in.gov/dva/golf-outing-registration-form/>.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you." Maya Angelou

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common?
They have the same middle name.

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



Focusing On Carl

I lost a friend and colleague this week. I visited Carl Finchum the day before he passed. The bond between a photographer and a reporter is like a marriage, with some ups and downs as well as zooms and pans. Our working relationship lasted a decade, from 1994 until about 2004. Much of the success I had during those years was due to Carl's expertise at his job, his flexibility with my method of reporting and patience with my erratic style. He was a true professional.

At his funeral, most of the eulogies included remembrances about Carl's faith, his passion for cars and his love of Laurel and Hardy. I had no idea about that last part. I wanted to share some favorite memories, but time ran out and the service ended. Here's one of my recollections:

In about 1997, we were doing a remote shoot right down Meridian Street from WISH-TV at the old advertising agency Caldwell Van Riper (CVR). They were promoting some sporting events and wanted to highlight upcoming Pacers games. CVR was right next door to WRTV (Channel 6), a fierce competitor with my station (Channel 8). If you remember, I had a Beagle companion named Barney who accompanied me on every shoot. Barney was always escaping and running away while I did my segments.

That morning we were taping on the front lawn of CVR, so I tied Barney's leash to a flagpole. As always, he managed to get loose. Carl was in his usual position, pointing the camera at me, ready to go live. He never knew what I was going to do. And neither did I.

Out of the corner of my eye, I saw that Barney had wandered over to the Channel 6 front lawn, and was sniffing their signage. Carl saw Barney, as well,



DICK WOLFSIE

Life in a Nutshell

and realized that the sign was just too easy a target for a Beagle. I motioned to Carl to pan his camera over to Barney, who I knew was about to leave his mark on the WRTV logo. Carl thought this was an unwise thing to do, number one because it would showcase a competitor; and number two... well, let's just leave it at number one for now, although I was pretty sure Barney would leave number two, as well. Carl just kept shaking his head "no," fearing that both of us would get in serious trouble if the boss saw this.

Finally, live on camera, I said, "I'm asking Carl to show what Barney is doing and I want our general manager to know I take total blame for this." Carl shrugged his shoulders, flashed a huge grin and panned over just in time to catch Barney in the act. No, both of the acts.

On the way back to the studio, I thought about what we had done. "Carl," I said, "I think we are in deep doo-doo." Carl burst out laughing: "Yeah," he said, just like the Channel 6 sign."

Later, there was a note in my mail slot from the boss. "Funniest thing I have ever seen," he said. "You guys are a great team." Yes, we were. Like Laurel and Hardy.

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.

MCHS Job Openings

The MCHS is hiring a new Assistant Director and a Covid-19 Oral History Interviewer:

The Assistant Director is responsible for volunteer management; newsletter and membership mailings; marketing and communications; assisting the Executive Director with administrative tasks, educational programming, special events, and exhibit development.

The Covid-19 Oral History Interviewer will

assist the Montgomery County Historical Society staff with interviewing county residents about their experience with the COVID-19 pandemic. The position is temporary with a stipend.

For full job descriptions please look on our website at www.lane-mchs.org/projects-2. If interested in applying, please send a cover letter and resume to MCHS Executive Director Jill Coates-Matthews at jcoates@lane-mchs.org.

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Low Tuition Rate Increases, Generous Financial Aid Positively Impact Students

Most Hoosier students do not pay the full price to go to college due to efforts from Indiana's public institutions to maintain some of the lowest tuition rate increases in the nation and from state lawmakers to provide generous financial aid resources, according to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education's latest College Costs and Financial Aid Report.

The Commission's first-of-its-kind report provides an analysis of the total cost of attendance at all Indiana public institutions, which includes tuition, mandatory fees, books, room and board, transportation and other needs. The report also analyzes the average debt load for college graduates and the impact state and federal financial aid has on reducing the cost for Hoosier students and families.

"Cost is one of the most important factors for anyone considering education and training beyond high school and the findings in this report will help students and families make informed decisions regarding their higher education pathways and bring awareness to the financial aid opportunities available in Indiana," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers.

Each year, the State of Indiana makes \$385 million in grants and scholarships available to students. When combined with federal financial aid, on average, Hoosier financial aid recipients receive more than \$8,000 in grant and scholarship aid per year. Additionally, tuition rate increases for both two- and four-year institutions in Indiana are lower than the national average (7.5 percent for four-year institutions, compared to a national rate of 11 percent).

While Indiana has been committed to increasing its financial aid expenditures, higher education appropriations as a percentage of the state budget have decreased over a decade and lag the national average by nearly \$2,000. Higher education appropriations fund programs such as

Indiana's public institutions' operations and state financial aid support.

"Insight into the true costs of college has never been more important as the college-going rate in Indiana and nationally has continued to decline over the past several years," said Lubbers. "We need to provide assurances to Hoosiers that higher education can be an affordable option."

State aid keeps the cost of higher education within reach for Hoosiers with financial need.

Indiana ranks first in the Midwest and fifth in the nation in providing need-based aid, and these resources help bring college within reach for many low-income Hoosier students and families. After grants and scholarships, students from families with a household income of less than \$30,000 pay just over a quarter (30 percent) of the average college costs per year.

One example of Indiana's need-based aid is the 21st Century Scholarship. The program, which requires students to apply while they are in seventh or eighth grade, offers income-eligible Hoosiers up to four years of paid tuition at a participating Indiana college or university.

"The 21st Century Scholars program eliminates the largest cost of college – tuition – for low-income Hoosier students," said Lubbers. "By decreasing financial barriers, we are seeing Scholars go to college at higher rates than their peers, including students from high-income households."

Indiana's outcomes-based funding formula pays for what the state values.

For nearly two decades, state policymakers have embraced an outcomes-based funding formula for public institutions that rewards completion and places a large premium on on-time completion. The formula includes an on-time graduation rate metric which recognizes the value of 2- and 4-year institutions increasing students' likelihood of success by

graduating on time while reducing the overall cost per degree. Extended-time completion leads to unnecessary costs for students. Two additional years in college can cost \$50,000 or more in lost wages, tuition and related costs.

"The most cost-effective degree is an on-time degree," said Lubbers. "Indiana's outcomes-based funding formula drives dollars to colleges based on student success outcomes that ensure personal prosperity and economic mobility. The Commission has reviewed and updated the formula over time to respond to and reflect changes taking place for learners and for the state's needs."

Recommendations

The Commission releases recommendations with each of its reports, offering strategies aligned to its strategic plan, Reaching Higher in a State of Change, which calls for a decrease in the cost of college and a reduction in the reliance on student debt to increase completion and promote lifelong success. Recommendations include:

- Increasing college readiness with high school students by encouraging greater access to dual credit opportunities and requiring all high school seniors to file the FAFSA (with opt-out provisions embedded)

- Continuing to make college more affordable by urging Indiana public institutions to adhere to the Commission's non-binding tuition and fee recommendations, continuing to incentivize students and institutions for on-time completion through an outcomes-based funding formula and encouraging institutions to use Open Educational Resources to reduce costs

- Supporting low-income and first-generation students by advocating for all institutions to provide transparent information about financial aid opportunities available to first-generation students and explore options to offer financial support for socioeconomic barriers such as food, transporta-

tion, housing and child-care

- Increasing financial literacy with students and families through partnerships with community organizations such as INvestEd which work directly with K-12 students so they make informed, responsible borrowing decisions to limit excessive debt after college

Read the full College Cost and Financial Aid Report at che.in.gov.

Data come from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, Indiana State Budget Agency, U.S. Department of Education and The Institute for College Access & Success.

Explore resources available to help students plan, prepare and pay for college at www.LearnMoreIndiana.org.

About Indiana's College Costs and Financial Aid Report

Indiana's College Costs and Financial Aid Report is part of a series of reports provided by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education to clearly define Indiana's progress in preparing Hoosiers for college and the workforce. The report provides an analysis of the total cost of college at all Indiana public institutions and analyzes the average debt load for college graduates and the impact state and federal financial aid has on reducing the cost for Hoosier students and families. Read the full report at che.in.gov and all the Commission's reports at che.in.gov/reports.

About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana's financial aid programs, including the 21st Century Scholars early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission's Reaching Higher in a State of Change strategic plan at www.in.gov/che.

Senator Braun Calls For Millions Of So-Called "COVID Relief" Funds To Be Repaid



Senator Braun

spa," "\$6.6 million to replace irrigation systems at two golf courses," "tens of millions of dollars for tourism marketing cam-

paigns" and many other examples.

Senator Braun is calling for these taxpayer funds to be repaid, and blasted President Biden and Democrats who passed the \$1.9 trillion "COVID relief" bill which was full of waste and liberal pet projects rather than COVID aid.

"Last year I said Biden & Democrats' 'COVID relief' bill was less than 10% related to COVID and jammed with wasteful spending and liberal

pet projects. Now as you pay for record inflation at the grocery store and the gas pump, we see what your money is really being wasted on: Luxury hotels, ballparks, and ski slopes," Senator Braun said. "I'm calling on these state and local governments spending COVID aid money on these projects to repay those taxpayer funds to the federal government so we can put it toward paying down our \$30 trillion national debt."



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Readers' Choice 2022 Results - Food Category

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bakery Winner – Jack’s Donuts Runner Up – Maxine’s on Green Honorable Mentions – Warehouse Bakery, Kroger, Wal-Mart, Casey’s General Store ****• Banquet Facility Winner – Stone Creek Lodge Runner Up – Crawfordsville Country Club Honorable Mentions – Historic Ladoga – Old Normal, Cochran’s, Eagles, Hidden Hollow Farms ****• Bar and Grill Winner – Backstep Brewing Co. Runner Up – Applebee’s Honorable Mentions – Canning Factory, Barefoot Burger, Waveland Pub, Francis and Mount ****• Caterer Winner – The Juniper Spoon Runner Up – Maxine’s on Green Honorable Mentions – Cochran’s Catering	<p>& Cakes, Bon Appetit, Robin Pirtle, Francis and Mount, Miller Quality Meats, Harry’s Hideout ****</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chinese/Japanese Restaurant Winner – Beijing Runner Up – China Buffet Honorable Mentions – China Inn, Yamato’s ****• Coffee Shop Winner – Joshua Cup Runner Up – Good To Go Xpresso Honorable Mentions – 1832 Brew, Jack’s Donuts, Starbucks ****• Fast Food Restaurant Winner – Culver’s Runner Up – Wendy’s Honorable Mentions – Steak n Shake, Beijing, Buffalo Wild Wings, Subway (US 231) ****• Ice Cream Place Winner – Dari-licious Runner Up – Culver’s Honorable Mentions – Big Dipper, Lindy Freeze, Dairy Queen,	<p>Steak n Shake, Emporium 109 ****</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Italian Restaurant Winner – Brother’s Pizza Runner Up – Valentino’s Honorable Mentions – Pizza Hut, Mama Fazio’s, Italian Pie & Bakery, Greek’s ****• Liquor Store Winner – Ken’s Runner Up – Malt Shoppe Honorable Mentions – Kork & Keg ****• Meat Processor Winner – Four Seasons Market Runner Up – Moody Meats Honorable Mentions – Miller Quality Meats, This Old Farm, Back 40 Amish, Ladoga Frozen Foods ****• Mexican Restaurant Winner – Little Mexico Runner Up – El Charro	<p>Honorable Mentions – Rancho Bravo, Mi Corcel, Aki Les Voy Takeria ****</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Best Omelet Winner – The Breakfast Co. Runner Up – Forum Honorable Mention – Neighborhood Café ****• Best Tenderloin Winner – Sunoco Runner Up – Culver’s Honorable Mentions – Alice’s Restaurant, Francis and Mount, Creekside, Neighborhood Café ****• Best French Fries Winner – McDonald’s Runner Up – Culver’s Honorable Mentions – Barefoot Burger, Steak n Shake, Arby’s, Alice’s Restaurant ****• Best Milk Shake Winner – Dari-licious Runner Up – Big Dipper Honorable Mentions – Culver’s, Dairy Queen, Steak n Shake, Lindy	<p>Freeze, Emporium 109 ****</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Best Onion Rings Winner – Sunoco Runner Up – Culver’s Honorable Mentions – Applebee’s, Buffalo Wild Wings, Arby’s, New Ross Steak House ****• Best Cup of Coffee Winner – Good To Go Xpresso Runner Up – Joshua Cup Honorable Mentions – 1832 Brew, Mary Lou, Jack’s Donuts, Starbucks ****• Dine-In Restaurant Winner – Applebee’s Runner Up – Little Mexico Honorable Mentions – Cracker Barrel, Creekside Lodge, Barefoot Burger, Cozy Corner ****• Best Donut Winner – Jack’s Donuts Runner Up – Warehouse Bakery Honorable Mentions – Casey’s, Kroger, Wal-	<p>Mart ****</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Best Burger Winner – Culver’s Runner Up – Barefoot Burger Honorable Mentions – Crawfordsville Country Club, Creekside, McDonald’s, Steak n Shake ****• Best Chili Winner – Wendy’s Runner Up – Arni’s Honorable Mentions – K&K Café, Neighborhood Café ****• Best Cookie Winner – Subway Runner Up – McDonald’s Honorable Mentions – Steak n Shake ****• Best Bagel Winner – The Breakfast Co. Runner Up – Forum Honorable Mentions – Neighborhood Café ****• Pizza Place Winner – Arni’s Runner Up – Brother’s Pizza Honorable Mentions – Pizza Hut, Ladoga Pizza King, Little Caesar’s, Pizza Pie & Bakery
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All Time Best Boilermakers Plus Thoughts From Kenny

If Purdue fans think that 7-4 Zach Edey and 6-10 Trevion Williams are difficult matchups for opponents, consider this fantasy challenge: a front line that features Hall of Famers Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Bill Walton.

That’s the scenario composed as part of a project by ESPN.com writer Myron Medcalf, who was tasked with picking the all-time starting fives for this year’s NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 field.

Not surprisingly, Abdul-Jabbar and Walton were two – pardon the pun – big reasons while UCLA’s all-time starting five ranked No. 1 on Medcalf’s list. Indiana Pacers great Reggie Miller, 1977 Wooden Award winner Marques Johnson and a pretty fair guard named Gail Goodrich rounded out the Bruins’ lineup coached by Purdue legend John Wooden.

Medcalf ranked Purdue’s lineup ninth but there was, to me, an obvious omission.

Three picks were gimmes: Rick Mount at one guard slot, Glenn Robinson at forward and center Joe Barry Carroll. Three All-Americans and pretty fair scorers who would give opponents headaches trying to choose which to concentrate on defensively.

Mount averaged 32.3 points a game during his career at Purdue, an era (1967-70) when there was no 3-point line. The 1966 Indiana Mr. Basketball led the Boilermakers to the 1969 NCAA



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

championship game against UCLA and Abdul-Jabbar, whose name then was Lew Alcindor.

Robinson, the national player of the year in 1994, was the nation’s top scorer that season at 30.3 points a game to go with 11.2 rebounds. His back injury following a Sweet 16 victory against Kansas probably cost Purdue a Final Four berth.

The 7-foot Carroll earned first-team All-America honors in 1980, Purdue’s most recent Final Four season. Carroll averaged 22.3 points a game as a senior.

The debate really begins with Medcalf’s other two selections. It’s possible that recency bias led to his choices of Carsen Edwards and Jaden Ivey.

Edwards will be forever remembered for averaging nearly 35 points a game during the 2019 NCAA tournament. Had fate not been cruel against Virginia in that tournament, perhaps a stronger argument could be made that Edwards is an all-time great.

As for Ivey, it’s difficult to assess a career

still in progress. I won’t argue with Medcalf that the sophomore guard is one of the most talented players in Purdue history. But just because Ivey is a projected top five NBA Draft pick this summer is not automatic entry into the Boilermakers’ greatest starting lineup. Recognizing Ivey’s status in the NBA Draft also violates Medcalf’s self-imposed rule of only considering collegiate achievements.

To me, any all-time Purdue starting five has to include 6-7 forward-center Terry Dischinger.

The Terre Haute native was so talented that at age 19 he was the youngest member of the 1960 Olympic team, the first to be labeled a “Dream Team.” Dischinger was a starter and the fourth-leading scorer for the U.S., which fielded a lineup of Oscar Robertson and Jerry West in the backcourt, and big men Jerry Lucas and Walt Bellamy.

Dischinger was coming off a sophomore season when he averaged a Big Ten-best 26.3 points and 14.3 rebounds. A first-team All-American as a junior, Dischinger was again the Big Ten scoring champion at 28.2 points to go with a 13.4 rebounding average.

At 30.3 points a game, Dischinger wrapped up a third Big Ten scoring title and again averaged 13.4 rebounds. When he left Purdue, he owned nearly every school scoring record and remains sixth on the career scoring list with 1,979 points

in just 70 games. His career averages of 28.3 points and 13.7 rebounds are mind-boggling but so are his career percentages of 55.3 field goal shooting and 81.9 percent at the free throw line.

Dischinger and his Olympic teammates were voted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 2010.

Ask me two weeks from now and I may have a different fifth starter on my list. But, since we’re going on collegiate accomplishments only I’ll take John Wooden as my point guard.

The first man to be elected to the Naismith Hall of Fame as a player (1960) and then later as a coach (1973), Wooden had a big role in Purdue’s only recognized national championship in 1932. That was seven years before the first NCAA tournament.

Wooden was the first player to be a consensus first-team All-American three times. As a 5-10 guard, he earned the nickname “The Indiana Rubber Man” for his frequent dives on the court pursuing loose basketballs.

Gene Keady, a seven-time Big Ten coach of the year, was Medcalf’s choice to coach the all-time Boilermakers. It’s the right decision today as Purdue’s winningest coach but a decade from now the answer could be Matt Painter.

At age 51, Painter already has 17 seasons and 384 victories entering Friday night’s Sweet 16 matchup with Saint

Peter’s in Philadelphia. Barring a repeat of 2012-13 and 2013-14 seasons or leaving for another job, Painter could pass Keady’s 512 victories in the 2027-2028 season by averaging just over 21 wins. That’s a total Painter has achieved 12 times at Purdue.

Thoughts and notes

Are you as tired as I am of seeing the backs of referees during all too frequent replays?

Replay has become a crutch for mediocre officials, which the Big Ten and this NCAA tournament has far too many. During an interview with The Athletic, the NCAA’s national coordinator of men’s basketball officiating actually suggested that the average replay lasted 52 seconds. Anyone who has watched Purdue play this season has yet to see a replay under two minutes in length. One review during the Texas game seemed like it lasted longer than the halftime show.

“The reason we go to the monitor is it gives us a chance to be closer to perfect in those last two minutes,” J.D. Collins told The Athletic. “The goal is to get it right.”

I’m all for replay to see if a shot came before the buzzer but scrutinizing a play like the Zapruder film that captured the assassination of John F. Kennedy is a major turn-off. At the pace officials are going to the monitor, three hour college basketball games are in the future.

Here’s a suggestion: Sixty seconds maximum

for review to be viewed only by the crew chief. At the end of one minute, the screen goes black and the original call stands. Another suggestion: Replay may only be used for last-second shots and out of bounds calls under two minutes. ...

It’s been 20 years since Purdue shot as many free throws as it did against Texas on Sunday in the NCAA tournament second round. The Boilermakers were 35 of 46 against Illinois on Jan. 9, 2002. ...

Purdue’s offensive magic number continues to be 70. The Boilermakers are 26-0 when reaching 70 points and own a 40-game winning streak when Purdue puts up 80 or more points. ...

Ivey joined an exclusive club following his 18 points against Texas. Since the 1992-93 season, the only Big Ten players with 600 points, 150 rebounds, 100 assist, 30 steals and 20 blocked shots in a season are Frank Kaminsky of Wisconsin, Draymond Green of Michigan State, Evan Turner of Ohio State and Ivey. ...

Milestone watch: Trevion Williams is six points and three rebounds from 1,400 career points and 900 career rebounds. Sasha Stefanovic is 31 points from becoming the 55th Boilermaker to score 1,000 points.

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

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audiologist Winner – Beltone Runner Up – Hearing Care Professionals Honorable Mentions – Crawfordsville Audiology****• Podiatrist Winner – Dr. Chae Runner Up – Dr. Hiskes****• Home Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Winner – C’Ville Docs Runner Up – Crawfordsville Home Health Care Honorable Mentions – Franciscan Home Care****• Hospital/Medical Center Winner – Franciscan Health Crawfordsville Runner Up – St.	<p>Vincent Honorable Mentions – IU/Arnett Health, Witham</p> <p>****</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nursing Home Winner – Well-brooke Runner Up – Whitlock Honorable Mentions – Bickford Cottage, Lane House, Ben Hur, Hickory Creek, Williamsburg	<p>****</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physician Winner – John Roberts Runner Up – Scott Douglas Honorable Mentions – Barry Mathison, Joshua Krumenacker, Kyle Graper, Katie L. Towles****• Nurse Practitioner Winner – Jamie	<p>Barton Runner Up – Aimee Barnett Honorable Mentions – Stephanie Ross, Jennifer Mertl, Corinna Cain, Jill Reisman, Penny Husnberger</p> <p>****</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pharmacy Winner – CVS Runner Up – Walgreen’s Honorable Mentions – Kroger, Wal-Mart	<p>****</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Optometrist Winner – Dr. Boyd Runner Up – Sugar Creek Eye Center – Dr. Scheidler Honorable Mentions – Dr. Ledgerwood, Pearle Vision****• Orthodontist Winner – All Smiles Runner Up – Dr. Aaron Altschul
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CAMP

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educational journey is off to a positive start.”

K-Camp will run Monday-Friday, 8:00am-11:30am from June 6th – June 30th. Students will have transportation, plus breakfast and lunch provided by Crawfordsville Community School Corporation. In addition to stipend support for a teacher and an aide, United Way will provide classroom supplies, along with a t-shirt, backpack and school supplies for each student.

Registration is required. Parents who are interested in K-Camp can do so by visiting the United Way in Montgomery County website at www.uwmontgomery.org and following the link to sign up. Parents may also register during Kindergarten Round-up at Hose Elementary on April 22.

Thanks for reading
The Paper!

BUTCH

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9. I only care about myself

10. I never offer help unless it will benefit me

If you answered "yes" to these statements, then you qualify as a potential candidate for Congress. You can now announce your intentions to run, and use the following speech:

"Fellow citizens, I am here today to announce my candidacy as a representative to Congress. I am running for this position because I want to become wealthy, have free healthcare, and earn a fabulous pension. I failed junior high math and have never balanced my checkbook. I have no conscience and can lie out of both sides of my mouth. I am willing to take bribes and keep my mouth shut. I can talk about any subject for over an hour and never say anything of substance. I enjoy going to fancy dinners and parties. I support the police, but will also side with any group who feels they were wronged, as long as I can have my

own personal bodyguards. I am not racist, and I will promote diversity...while living in my gated community. I will promise anything and everything to get elected...again....and again....and again. Thank you, and God Bless America!"

Now you are on your way to a great life. And oh, yes...those ten statements of the "S-C Test" in which you answered "yes"...I obtained those from an article entitled, "Traits of a Spoiled Child." And the great thing is...that once you are elected, the money will really roll in and you will have it made for life! So why work for a living when you can become a member of Congress? The people in there now aren't any smarter than you. They are just naturally spoiled nincompoops.

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 32 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

PURDUE

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into my blender to pulverize my morning smoothie without a second thought. As we just celebrate National Ag Week, I think it is important to recognize agriculture in our daily life. We have all heard to jokes about there only being corn in Indiana. I think it is important for us all to think once more

several times about the agriculture we consume every day. Montgomery County is a very impressive agricultural county. It is 4th in the state in grains and oilseeds production. But agriculture is more than the corn and soybeans we drive by every day. We eat and breathe Agriculture every day. It fuels our vehicles as well as it fueling our road rage when driving behind a semi hauling grain, or a tractor on the road. It fuels our body and fills our lungs with air. Everything we eat is because someone somewhere grew it. The food you eat was once a plant, it was once an income for another person. The frozen pizza you tossed in the oven last night for an easy supper for your family was the

product of a wheat grower, vegetable growers, a dairy farmer, hog farmer, multiple food scientists, and even a writer to perfectly describe concise oven directions. That is why a prayer, or a moment of gratitude before your meal to recognize the process, time, labor, for what you are about to consume on your plate is important.

I encourage readers to think about how Agriculture is a part of your daily life, even though you might be generations removed from a farm, or have no connection to a farm at all. There are so many careers, sciences, and disciplines that go into your meal and fuel.

If you do this reflection and decide you want to have a closer connection to your food, I encourage growing your own food. Start small. One herb in your kitchen window, one tomato plant, one or two pepper plants, or one even green bean plant on your back patio. Plant something you know you will eat. It can be in a bucket, a pot, an old drawer, or even a wooden crate from

a craft store. It does not matter, give yourself a reason to celebrate your food, yourself, and your own Agriculture. There are plenty of resources to help you within the county to help you get started.

Master Gardeners are hosting their annual plant sale on April 8th 8am-1pm at the 4-H Fairgrounds.

The event is also going to be educational. Walk around the Exhibit Hall before or after choosing your plants to gain information about how to grow, where to grow, and any other questions you might have. There will be plenty of volunteers from different program groups to gain knowledge from.

Master Gardeners will be selling: annual flowers, hanging baskets, tomatoes, and peppers plants.

Nucor will also be there at 8am to give free trees with the Master Gardeners.

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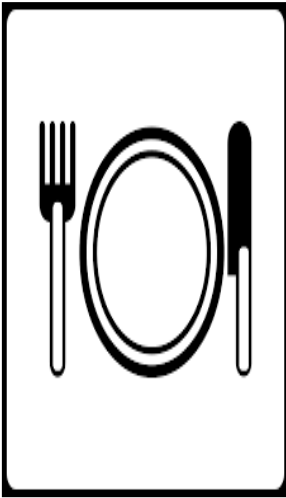
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