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**TODAY'S VERSE**

Romans 12:1 "Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship." (NASB)

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Derrick Corp of Crawfordsville offered a bright smile when one of our roving photographers caught him at work creating pizza masterpieces. Thank you for your smile, Derrick!

**THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** Indiana fishing and hunting licenses are now available for purchase. Valid from April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023. Go to <https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/> for more information.

**2** She's at it again, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC], citing Nikole Hannah-Jones' latest social media announcement that "tipping is a legacy of slavery." It's yet another absurd notion from the author of the book, The 1619 Project. Hannah-Jones is a self-described historian whose historically inaccurate tome is the basis for the Critical Race Theory, which is used to brainwash young learners into identifying themselves as racists. This time, in social media remarks she claimed tipping is a bad thing that got started at the end of the Civil War. Her reference caused a stir and had people scratching their heads as to why tipping is so evil. A real historian, Dr. Phil Magness, called her out in a response to her Twitter post, noting that references to tipping appear in Shakespeare's 1602 play Twelfth Night.

**3** Butler Bulldogs and Indiana Hoosiers to clash on Tuesday, April 26! Gates open: 5:30 PM | First Pitch: 6:35 PM. Seating is assigned and is \$10 per ticket. The ticket price is \$8 for schools, season ticket holders, groups of 25+ individuals, children and military members. Children ages 2 and under are free. Premium seating and suite options are available for this event. Please contact CBohm@IndyIndians.com for more details.

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## Butch's Friend Recalls "Life Back Then".....

People are complaining now about inflation, the cost of things, and the quality of life today. But what about the past? Marian Hiatt Johnson graduated in 1943, and before she passed away, Marian wrote about her life as a youngster growing up in Darlington....



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

"I was born in the middle of the 1920s, so I was less than ten years old when the worst of the Depression hit. We thought everyone lived the way we did, and that was just the way of life since we younger ones didn't know any better. We always did have plenty to eat, and if we needed a doctor we got one, but we knew better than to ask for anything else because we knew we wouldn't get it. The boys seemed to get new pants and shirts once in a while, but the girls usually wore hand-me-

downs from aunts, cousins, etc. Most were too old for us, but we wore these anyway. Back then Darlington was a small, close-knit community and was pretty well self-sufficient. We had several grocery stores, dry goods stores, doctors, dentists, drug store, a newspaper, a restaurant, furniture store, a photography studio, a theater, and so many other things that there was no need to go to a bigger town...

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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.

## Mysterious Southern Indiana Boom Causes Concern

**The Paper**  
Harried and panicked people yesterday are peering right into long focused online observances looking directly at Yerkessville.

The small southern Indiana community appears to be the epicenter of reports of a loud explosion and fireball in the sky that occurred Wednesday afternoon.

At first, some thought the mysterious sound might have originated in nearby Camp

Atterbury. However, officials there said that no live-fire exercises were going on, nor had anything exploded at the military base. Then came word from the American Meteor Society indicated they were looking into reports of a fireball streaking across the southern Indiana sky.

However, more and more reports are surfacing online about the explosion and fireball being caused by a gigantic UFO entering the atmosphere

around Columbus, Ind. "I seen it with my own two eyes," one unidentified Hoosier said on the interwebs. "It was a large saucer thing that looked like something from that movie The Day The Earth Stood Still." Others were more skeptical. "Well, I did see something," a farmer near the Indiana-Kentucky border said. "But I'm not ready to say it

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**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 7:31 a.m.  
SET: 8:12 p.m.

**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 48°F  
Low: 33°F

**Wacky Holiday Today**  
• National Walk to Work Day  
• Fossil Fools Day

**What Happened On This Day**  
• 1976 Apple Inc. is founded  
• 2001 The Netherlands becomes the first country to allow same-sex marriage

**Births On This Day**  
• 1961 Susan Boyle Scottish singer  
• 1875 Edgar Wallace English journalist, author, playwright

**Deaths On This Day**  
• 2010 John Forsythe American actor  
• 1930 Cosima Wagner

## Teens Lead The Way

The Montgomery County 4-H program is proud of our teen leaders that are taking the initiative to live out the 4-H motto, "to make the best better". There are two specific



**TRICIA HERR**  
Purdue Extension Office

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**HONEST HOOSIER**

Today is April Fool's Day – so trust no one and believe nothing anyone tells you. You know, just like every other day.



**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

When walking on a road, walk on the same side of the road as the oncoming traffic. 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](http://www.thepaper24-7.com).



**INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION**

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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**

"When you attack us, you will see our faces. Not our backs, but our faces."  
Volodymyr Zelensky, Ukraine president

**TODAY'S JOKE**

Everyone wishes these gas prices were an April Fools Joke!

**OBITUARIES**

Kristina D. Fugate



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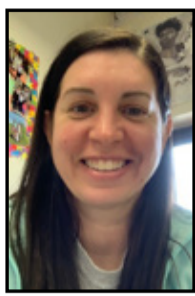


## OBITUARIES

### Kristina D. Fugate

Sept. 30, 1979 - March 25, 2022

On March 25th 2022, Kristina D. Fugate (age 42) unexpectedly left this earth to be with God in Heaven. We all have a deep feeling of loss and heartache knowing that she is not physically with us anymore, but we are also very honored to have gained so many memories of her that we will be able to cherish forever.



She was born in Lafayette, Ind. Sept. 30, 1979, the daughter of David E. and Nelita A. (Haley) Weaver.

She graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1998. During her high school years she participated in basketball, track, cross country and swimming. She holds the record for the 1600 M Relay in track with three of her former classmates in 1996 at CC. This is when her passion for running and basketball started.

After graduation, she attended Purdue University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education in 2007. She worked as a Special Education teacher at Tecumseh Junior High School in Lafayette, Ind. for 15 years. She had a passion for teaching and helping others, and she made a positive impact in everyone's lives that she touched.

She married Byron Fugate in 2008, and they have three wonderful children Liam (12), Caleb (10) and Mia (5). She was a loving wife and devoted mother. She shared a love with her husband Byron that was truly a match sent by God. Not only did they love each other with all their heart but the friendship they shared could be seen by all. Byron has always said that he is a better person, husband and father because of her. But then she would say that she was a better person, wife and mother because of him. The love they shared was unbreakable and could stand any hard times. She was a type of mom that was always prepared for whatever activities were going on that day. She loved her kids fiercely and devoted her life to them to teach how to love others, love themselves and love God. Her kids and husband meant the world to her. She always put her family and loved ones first. Her kids loved her so much. When her kids talk about their mother you can just see the love on their face for her and joy that she brought them. Her children were her world and she meant the world to her children.

She had a passion for the outdoors and spending time with her family. She loved to go hiking and taking camping trips with her family. She loved reading and spending her summers on Lake Freeman with her family. She loved teaching her kids how to swim and tube on the water. She loved to spend time with all her nieces and nephews which meant the world to her also. She was a hard worker and showed her kids to work hard for what you want and to always help others. She has parents that loved her unconditionally and through them, she was able to show her unconditional love to her three siblings growing up which led to unconditional love to all of her family. She was an amazing sister, a wonderful sister in law and a dedicated daughter. You could always rely on her if you needed anything, whether that be advice, a shoulder to lean on, an ear to listen, help with homework, a side dish at the last minute, or even help with physically hard projects like building a dock.

She was a dedicated Boilermaker fan who loved watching and cheering on the Purdue Men's Basketball team. Her favorite thing to wear was a Purdue shirt of any type. This was a passion that her husband and her had together and they held season tickets to the basketball games. She was the type of person that you wanted to be around, and brought so much joy to others. She always made others feel comfortable. She was a selfless, caring, and passionate person who could always bring a smile to your face. She loved life and she loved her family. She brought joy and happiness into this world. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. We believe Kris truly gained her angel wings. The world was a better place because she was in it.

In honor of her love for Purdue Basketball we ask that you come dressed for game day for her visitation.

Survivors include her husband, Byron W. Fugate; a daughter, Mia Rose Fugate; two sons, Liam and Caleb Fugate, all at home; her parents, David E. and Nelita A. Weaver of Monticello; two brothers, Patrick Weaver (Nicole) of Lafayette and Matthew Weaver (Kayce) of Monticello; a sister, Becky Long (Kyle) of Lafayette; her in-laws, Bill and Sue Fugate of Linden; along with numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

The Rosary will be recited at 4:45 p.m. Monday April 4 at St. Mary Cathedral in Lafayette, followed by visitation until 8 p.m. Monday. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Mary Cathedral on Tuesday April 5 at 10:30 a.m., Fr. Dennis O'Keefe officiating, with the interment service at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Riverview Cemetery in Monticello, Ind. Memorials may be made to the Kris Fugate Family c/o Hoosier Heartland State Bank, Linden, IN. Hahn-Grober Funeral Home of Lafayette is honored to serve the Fugate family.

Please leave memories and condolences at www.hahn-groberfuneralhome.com

## Indiana Statewide 911 Board Adds Translation Capabilities To Text To 911

The Indiana Statewide 911 Board, in collaboration with INdigital and the State Treasurer's office, is announcing another tool that enhances communications between non-English speaking citizens and emergency services.

Since 2019, dispatchers at all of Indiana's Public Safety Answering Points have had access to "Language Line," which provides voice translating services for 911 callers. Over the past three years, Indiana telecommunicators have used voice translation services for nearly 70 of the more than 250 languages available. Spanish is the most frequently translated language used, comprising 91% of the translation calls. Marion, Elkhart, Allen, White,

and Tippecanoe counties are the top five users of the system.

Speaking at the Metropolitan Emergency Services Agency this afternoon, Treasurer Kelly Mitchell (chair of the Statewide 911 Board) unveiled significant enhancements to the Text-to-911 system. Citizens can now send text messages in their native language directly to 911 for help, and they will be automatically translated for the dispatcher. As the dispatcher responds, it will be automatically translated back into the native language of the individual. 108 languages are available for Text-to-911 translation.

"Text-to-911 enables direct access to emergency services for those who are deaf or speaking-impaired,

having a medical emergency that prevents them from being able to speak, or in a situation where making a voice call would put them in danger," said Treasurer Mitchell. "We've already seen the benefits of texting to 911. It allows people in sensitive situations to communicate with law enforcement, and now we are removing the language barriers to those services."

In 2014, Indiana was one of the first states to begin implementing Text to 911, and by 2016 all 92 counties had the capability. As a result, Indiana telecommunicators have processed over 1.3 million inbound and outbound text sessions.

"With technology constantly evolving, this upgrade shows why Indi-

ana is on the forefront in providing 911 services to our non-English speaking citizens," said Ed Reuter, Executive Director of the Statewide 911 Board. "This new translation upgrade will help bridge the communication gap and speed up sending emergency services when every second counts."

"Our company works to improve 911 service every day," said Mark Grady, CEO of INdigital. "Strong state programs like Indiana lead the nation with good legislation, targeted funding, and letting us build better systems. Our goal is for everyone to have access to 911 when they need it most. Bridging language barriers and providing more ways to communicate are essential in today's world."

## What's Cooking?

Mary Ellen and I were in the middle of spring cleaning (we do it every three or four years) when I found a book in the back of the storage closet that I thought Mary Ellen could benefit from. I retrieved the book from a dusty shelf and placed it on the kitchen counter, as a subtle hint.

"What's with this, Dick? After 42 years of marriage, I don't think I need a refresher course in this area. True, I never really enjoyed the process, but I expected you to participate more than you have."

"Mary Ellen, the book is 'The Joy of Cooking.' Not 'The Joy of Cleaning.'"

Apparently, Mary Ellen inherited this volume from her mother. First published in 1931, this was the 1936 release, with 800 pages and hundreds of recipes. It's actually a collector's item. I skimmed the pages and was disappointed to discover there were no photos showing what it looks like when steps are followed properly. Does "The Joy of Sex" have photos like that? No clue.

The first chapter in this kitchen essential is about cocktails. Here's what the author, Irma Rombauer, wrote: "Cocktails loosen tongues and unbutton reserves of the socially shy... and they should be served the sooner the better." This is no longer considered good advice—especially if you are a flight attendant.

In the poultry and game chapter, here is a snippet of the introduction: "Draw out the entrails, cut the neck close to the body, remove the windpipe end, then chop off the feet." As you can tell, this book was also a big hit with serial killers.

The fish chapter begins by saying the key to a good dinner party is the proper preparation. I'm not sure whether the author refers to preparing the fish or the guests, but I'll be ready either way. "I hope you enjoy the blowfish, which is poisonous if not cooked



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Life in a Nutshell

properly. Just in case, be advised you might experience violent stomach pain, convulsions, and possible death."

One section references people retiring to the drawing room after the meal. First of all, if people are retiring at your party, you need to live them up with a stripper or the Chippendales, to celebrate. And what's a drawing room? The only guy I know personally with one of those is the cartoonist Gary Varvel.

Doesn't this, taken right from the book, sound like it could be the climax scene from the original movie "The Thing"? "When it comes to vegetables, cooks often suffer from arrested development," says Irma, "and the result is indescribable, looking like it came from a siege, drained of all life force and surrendered to the inevitable."

When Irma finished writing "The Joy of Cooking," her husband, Edgar, had an idea. He told Irma that if she made every dish he would taste them all, but she had to cook them in alphabetical order, as listed in the index. This was the perfect publicity stunt, he thought, but it was doomed to ultimately fail before the very last meal. Edgar, you see, was allergic to zucchini.

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.

## New Mental Health Support For Hoosier Workplaces

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce's Wellness Council of Indiana has launched a new mental health support for Hoosier employers called the Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training series.

Wellness Council of Indiana staff members are certified MHFA instructors; they are teaching how to identify the risk factors and warning signs of mental illnesses, as well as how to connect individuals to the appropriate care.

"The past two years have really brought mental health concerns and needs to the forefront, and this program is a timely and convenient vehicle for employers to assist their workers in this area," says Wellness Council of Indiana Executive Director Jennifer Pferrer.

"This training takes the fear and hesitation out of starting conversations about mental health and substance use problems by improving understanding

and providing an action plan that teaches people how to safely and responsibly identify and address a potential mental illness or substance use disorder."

Participants can engage in MHFA training two ways. The first is by attending one of three virtual group sessions scheduled on April 13, July 21 or November 9. A two-hour, self-paced online module must be completed before taking part in one of the live Zoom instructions in order to receive certification.

Employers can also bring MHFA instruction directly on site to their workplace for a more individualized and private training.

For complete details on MHFA and to take part in training, visit the Wellness Council of Indiana web site at www.wellnessindiana.org/programs/mhfa. Wellness Council member organizations receive registration discounts.

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# Honoring And Protecting Farmworkers, Always Essential

The U.S. Department of Labor joins others during National Farmworker Awareness Week to honor farmworkers across the country.

Our Wage and Hour Division has prioritized agricultural stakeholders throughout its ongoing Essential Workers – Essential Protections outreach initiative. These efforts will continue beyond this week with outreach events in English and Spanish for farmworkers, advocates and employers. We'll be educating agricultural stakeholders on essential worker protections we enforce, such as:

- Required wages under the Fair Labor Standards Act, Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act and the H-2A visa program.
- Field sanitation provi-

sions of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, including clean drinking water, hand-washing facilities and toilets.

• Housing and transportation safety standards under the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act and the H-2A visa program.

• Protections for some of the most vulnerable workers, including minors and labor trafficking victims.

Farmworkers deserve to live in safe and sanitary housing. And the vehicles used to transport these workers must be maintained in safe operating conditions. When farmworkers' safety is at risk, the Wage and Hour Division will not hesitate to act, as evidenced by our recent investigation in Missouri and another in Idaho.

We are equally dedicated to protecting farmworkers who are victims of human trafficking. As a partner in the National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking, the department works aggressively with other federal law enforcement agencies to bring labor traffickers to justice, as we did recently in Georgia.

Over the past three years, the Wage and Hour Division has recovered over \$21.5 million in wages owed to agricultural workers and assessed over \$20 million in civil money penalties against employers, including those who intentionally or repeatedly failed to comply with the law, pay workers their hard-earned wages and ensure their housing and transportation safety. We use every available

tool, including litigation, to protect workers from harassment, abuse and retaliation for asserting their rights. Agricultural workers are at higher risk for exploitation for several reasons, such as the migratory and seasonal nature of the work, their reliance on employer-provided housing, the physical demands of the job and typically low wages.

The storage silos, heavy equipment and chemicals that are necessary for agricultural work can also be dangerous, which is why the Occupational Safety and Health Administration encourages all agricultural employers and workers to be aware of these potential hazards and how to avoid them.

And, of course, an issue that faces all farmworkers is heat stress and heat

illness. Excessive heat can cause heat stroke and even death if not treated properly. It also exacerbates existing health problems like asthma, kidney failure and heart disease. Workers' bodies need time to adjust to working in even moderate amounts of heat. That's why, in addition to ensuring access to water, rest and shade, OSHA encourages employers to gradually increase workloads for workers who are new or have not recently worked in those conditions, and to monitor workers closely for signs of heat illness.

OSHA is also working, as part of the administration's interagency efforts on workplace safety, climate resilience and environmental justice, to protect workers from the impacts of the climate

crisis and dangers of working in heat. These efforts include initiating a rulemaking on Heat Illness Prevention in Outdoor and Indoor Work Settings, developing a National Emphasis Program to prevent heat-related illnesses and deaths through outreach and enforcement and updating our materials and website on the heat illness prevention campaign.

To learn more about wage and hour labor laws in agriculture, contact the Wage and Hour Division online or by calling the toll-free helpline at 866-4US-WAGE (487-9243). We answer calls confidentially and in more than 200 languages. To learn more about workplace safety laws and resources visit OSHA online or call 800-321-OSHA (6742).

# Readers' Choice 2022 Results - Food Category

- **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

- & Cakes, Bon Appetit, Robin Pirtle, Francis and Mount, Miller Quality Meats, Harry's Hideout \*\*\*\*
- **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,

- Steak n Shake, Emporium 109 \*\*\*\*
- **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

- Honorable Mentions – Rancho Bravo, Mi Corcel, Aki Les Voy Takeria \*\*\*\*
- **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

- Freeze, Emporium 109 \*\*\*\*
- **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-

- Mart \*\*\*\*
- **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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# Is There Time To Change The Course Of Purdue Basketball?

Albert Einstein is sometimes credited with saying "the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

That, in a nutshell, describes Purdue basketball over the last 42 years under Gene Keady and Matt Painter.

Although it irritates Purdue fans when national media laugh at the Boilermakers' NCAA tournament failures, it's difficult to argue when your favorite team is frequently the victim of a head-shaking upset. Chris Beard would not be a multimillionaire coach at the University of Texas today had his Arkansas Little Rock team not sent Purdue packing in the first round of the 2016 tournament.

Now, Shaheen Holloway is going to reap a major payday - likely at his alma mater Seton Hall - for that embarrassing performance Friday night that saw Saint Peter's become the first 15 seed in NCAA tournament history to reach the Elite Eight.

It's rare to call a 29-win season a failure but that's just the hard truth for Purdue basketball. No Big Ten regular season championship. No Big Ten tournament championship. No Final Four to extend a drought that has lasted since my freshman year in college.

Jaden Ivey, the



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

All-American guard and Purdue's first projected NBA lottery pick since Glenn Robinson in 1994, could not have played worse at a more critical moment in Boilermaker basketball history. That performance likely will keep him off lists of all-time great Boilermakers.

In retrospect, the moment when Purdue earned the first No. 1 ranking from The Associated Press in school history was the peak of the 2021-22 season. From an outsider's perspective, some of the players did not handle the attention with humility. Which is a kind way of saying the ranking went to their heads.

In the weeks that followed, the Boilermakers didn't seem to learn after sleepwalking at Rutgers (losing on a halfcourt shot), playing down to North Carolina State's level (rallying to win in overtime) and a rare home loss to Wisconsin. I'll argue that Keady

is not in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame today because of Purdue's postseason failures during his 25 years on the bench in Mackey Arena. It's galling to those who support Keady's candidacy that these cheating coaches - Jim Boeheim, Larry Brown, John Calipari, Rick Pitino, Bill Self - are enshrined.

Although well respected in the coaching community, barring a detour Painter is headed down the same path. There's just no explaining away losses to inferior tournament teams like No. 11 seed VCU in 2011, No. 12 seed Arkansas Little Rock, No. 13 seed North Texas last season and now Saint Peter's.

Is there time to change the course of Purdue basketball? Of course.

Painter has shown willingness to change in the past, most notably following the last place finish in the Big Ten during the 2013-14 season. Recruiting has been elevated. It's a strong possibility that Purdue will have recruited two consecutive Indiana Mr. Basketball winners for the first time since having three in a row from 1964-66 (Denny Brady, Billy Keller, Rick Mount). Braden Smith of Westfield and Fletcher Loyer of Homestead are among the five finalists to wear No. 1 for the Indiana All-Stars this summer. Incoming 7-footer

William Berg of Sweden was recently profiled in a Washington Post story about the lineage of Purdue big men under Painter.

The big question is where will the toughness and leadership come from when the pressure is on? The absence of both was the difference between an Elite Eight-Final Four run this season not to mention a Big Ten regular season championship.

In addition to Ivey, seniors Trevion Williams, Sasha Stefanovic and Eric Hunter Jr. are also departing. Isaiah Thompson, slated to be the only senior on Purdue's roster for 2022-23, entered the transfer portal earlier this week.

In addition to Smith, Loyer and Berg, forward Camden Heide is the fourth member of the true freshman class. Combined with redshirt freshmen Trey Kaufman-Renn and Brian Waddell, nearly half of the scholarship roster is comprised of players yet to officially step on the Mackey Arena court.

Assuming Edey returns (7-4 centers just don't fit the NBA most wanted profile these days), he's a favorite for preseason Big Ten Player of the Year honors. Mason Gillis returns at power forward, or the 4 as it's being called these days. He'll have to fight off 2021 Indiana Mr.

Basketball Caleb Furst, who took the starting job before COVID sidelined him and opened the door for Gillis.

Purdue needs the fearless scoring threat of Brandon Newman from his freshman season and not the Newman who wasn't in the playing rotation for most of the Big Ten schedule. Former Pennsylvania Mr. Basketball Ethan Morton showed flashes in his first full season that he belongs in the starting lineup somewhere.

With a true point guard and a scoring guard topping the list of Purdue's needs, it appears Painter will have to stick a toe into the transfer pool, which at last glance held more than 1,000 players. The Boilermakers were one of a handful of schools last season without a transfer on their roster.

In a dream scenario, former Lawrence Central star Nijel Pack would return to the state following the forced resignation of Bruce Weber at Kansas State. Pack is currently exploring his NBA Draft options, but media reports indicate the 6-0 point guard is likely to return to college for his junior season.

Notable names in the transfer portal include former Indiana guard Rob Phinisee, Illinois guard Andre Curbelo and Indiana State guard Tyreke Key.

Next in line Ever since Purdue's last place finish in 2013-14, Painter has prioritized finding a shooter in each recruiting class since then.

Dakota Mathias. Ryan Cline. Carsen Edwards. Sasha Stefanovic. Brandon Newman. Jaden Ivey. Brian Waddell.

Tuesday night, Fletcher Loyer showed off his shooting skills in New Orleans. The Homestead star matched Cline's 2015 feat of winning the national high school 3-point shooting contest.

Loyer topped Duke recruit Kyle Fillipowski 21-16 and Austin Montgomery 21-13 to win the He Gets Us 3-point Championship. Then, Loyer captured the Rocket Mortgage Battle of Champions by topping women's winner Taylor McCabe (Iowa recruit) 21-19.

He completed the championship trifecta by joining Georgia Tech recruit Tonie Morgan and Learic Davis to claim the TaxAct Team Shootout.

Purdue fans can watch how Loyer earned his titles at 1 p.m. Sunday when CBS airs the High School Slam Dunk & 3-point championships.

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• Podiatrist  
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 Runner Up – Dr. Hiskes  
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• Home Health

**Winner – C'Ville Docs**  
 Runner Up – Crawfordsville Home Health Care  
 Honorable Mentions – Franciscan Home Care  
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• Hospital/Medical Center  
**Winner – Franciscan Health Crawfordsville**  
 Runner Up – St.

Vincent  
 Honorable Mentions – IU/Arnett Health, Witham  
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• Nursing Home  
**Winner – Wellbrooke**  
 Runner Up – Whitlock  
 Honorable Mentions – Bickford Cottage, Lane House, Ben Hur, Hickory Creek, Williamsburg

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• Physician  
**Winner – John Roberts**  
 Runner Up – Scott Douglas  
 Honorable Mentions – Barry Mathison, Joshua Krumenacker, Kyle Graper, Katie L. Towles  
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• Nurse Practitioner  
**Winner – Jamie**

**Barton**  
 Runner Up – Aimee Barnett  
 Honorable Mentions – Stephanie Ross, Jennifer Mertl, Corinna Cain, Jill Reisman, Penny Husnberger  
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• Pharmacy  
**Winner – CVS**  
 Runner Up – Walgreen's  
 Honorable Mentions – Kroger, Wal-Mart

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• Optometrist  
**Winner – Dr. Boyd**  
 Runner Up – Sugar Creek Eye Center – Dr. Scheidler  
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**↻ BUTCH** *From Page A1*

at least we kids didn't get to go, so we didn't know there were other things out there to want.

My brother Glenn graduated from high school right in the middle of the Depression in 1933. No one could get a job. He tried everything and finally got hold of an old truck to do livestock hauling. The payment on the truck was \$4.00 a month, and he couldn't get enough work to make the payments without help. Back then we also didn't buy much canned goods. Mom home-canned everything, so a tin can was something to hold on to. I remember Glenn saying that if you would paint

the inside of a tin can, it would last forever! Things were just hard to come by, and it is no wonder some of us turned out to be packrats. I can't bear to throw anything away, as we never know what we might need.

Transportation wasn't so good back then. For the most part boys did not have their own cars. They made arrangements with their dads to borrow his car for a Saturday night date. Most women did not drive back then, so I never heard it called the 'family car.' The understanding was you got a girl close to home, took her to the show at Crawfordsville (tickets

ten cents), stopped at the Triple-X drive-in for a hamburger (ten cents) and a Coke (five cents). This was a date, and if you didn't have a date, you went to the Sunshine Theater in Darlington. As the boys started on their dates, Dad would hand them 50 cents. Back then that was a lot! Only one boy in a family could have a date on the same night (always on a Saturday night), as there was only one car. For us girls, the folks didn't have a hard job keeping track of our boyfriends. The folks already knew them, who their folks, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. were... It is no wonder then that

most marriages were between hometown people with all the familiar names and their genealogy lines criss-crossing back and forth. If a new family moved to town, it was quite a big event, and everyone could hardly wait to see the newcomers.

Marian also recalled the following...Kell's grocery selling peanut butter in the bulk, placed on a cardboard tray...Mom wringing the chickens' heads off and having fried chicken every Sunday...the mustard and onion poultices for a chest cold...making our own boiled syrup for pancakes...churning butter in the wooden plunger churn...poking a hole in

the cellophane wrapper of a twin loaf of bread to get the balloon or piece of candy out...wearing long white underwear to school...turning the crank of the wall telephone and saying 'Hello, Central?... Mom baking fourteen pies on Saturday 'while the oven was hot'...tracking down the skunk oil for whoever had an earache... drinking out of the tin cups at the two town hand water pumps...when most side streets in town were gravel and sometimes oiled down to keep the dust down...Dad stopping the Model A to and from Crawfordsville to let us kids throw up from motion sickness...and old

Daisy, our milk cow. Marian was amazed when someone told her that by 1950 every home would have their own picture show (a TV). She also said that the kids all ran outdoors to look when an airplane went over... "Not jets then... and you could hear them coming, and they flew so low compared to today." Yes, Marian, times have changed...thanks for the memories....

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**↻ BOOM** *From Page A1*

was that it might be the Russians."

As of today, there are no indications that the Indiana National Guard has been activated or even put on alert. Some southern Indiana mayors might be meeting secretly though to look further into the matter. One mayor, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he was upset that the state and federal governments weren't taking this seriously. "Sure, it's not their backyards that will be the battle zone if this is aliens. It's ours and we're not going to sit back and just wait."

Others said this was nothing more than a reminder of Orson Welle's radio broadcast on Oct. 30, 1938. That, too, was a fictitious report about an alien invasion that fooled some people into thinking it was real . . . just like this story out of the fabricated community of Yerkesville. Really observant readers might have noticed the first letter of each word in the first paragraph, a very sure giveaway that today's story goes right along with today's date, April 1. We hope you enjoyed our little chuckle.

**↻ PURDUE** *From Page A1*

teams of teens that I would like to highlight that are offering programming opportunities throughout the county to businesses, organizations, youth agencies, and more.

The 4-H Tech Change-makers team aims to help train adults in digital literacy skills and increase digital inclusion in communities. These trainings can also help with professional development of adults and/or in seeking new employment opportunities. The team is also exploring the digital divide in communities. Trainings are done through partnering with businesses, elected officials, nonprofits, educators, etc. They can teach a variety of lessons including, but not limited to:

- Communication (e-mail basics; video con-

ferencing - including tips and tricks)

- Career Journey (resources for developing soft skills and job seeking skills online)

- Acceptable ways of communicating on the internet and sharing information

- Searching for digital information (the importance of knowing how to access and evaluate digital information - examining quality, credibility, and validity of website and search strategies)

- Searching for jobs online
- Creating strong passwords

They can teach anything that helps adults enhance digital skills. Examples include using Canva to design eye-peeling graphics and flyers for social media and print, social media

etiquette, and more. They are open to any ideas or needs you may have related to digital information.

Finally, I would like to highlight is our Teen Leadership team. This team can teach and lead curriculum that helps others grow in leadership skills, which enhances workforce development skills. They are able to teach both youth and adult audiences. While they have a variety of lessons to choose from, they can also work with your organization, business, etc. to accommodate your specific needs.

The Montgomery County 4-H program has youth that are leading the way to make their community a better place for everyone. Not only are they focused on mentoring younger youth and their peers, but they are

also interested in helping adults develop their skills as well. The 4-H program believes in lifelong learning and these two groups are evidence of that. If you are interested in having either of these groups present or teach, please contact the Extension office at (765)364-6363 or e-mail me at [asweet@purdue.edu](mailto:asweet@purdue.edu).

\*\*Correction to Last Week's Extension Article: The Master Gardeners Plant Sale is Saturday, May 7th, 2022 from 8:00 am-1:00 pm not April 8th as I incorrectly stated last week. - Tricia Herr

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