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Brianna Martin smiles grandly while waitressing Harry's Hideout on east Main St. Thank you for your smile, Brianna!

**THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** Witham is offering a Certified Nurse's Aide (C.N.A.) class from May 31, 2022 through June 24, 2022. This is the Indiana State Department of Health 105 hour Nurse Aide Training Program which includes at a minimum of 75 hours of clinical and 30 hours of classroom study. Certified Nurse's Aide students will learn a range of skills including basic nursing skills, communication, basic body systems and how they work, residents rights and environment, activities of daily living, skin care and how to prevent pressure ulcers, diseases and other disorders. For registration details on Witham's C.N.A. Training program please contact Teresa Snyder at 765-485-8300. Registration closes May 1, 2022.

**2** 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.

**3** Indiana Audubon is hosting its annual spring birding gathering at the Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary, outside Connersville on Saturday, April 30. The event includes a multitude of speakers, field hikes, and youth activities. Join us for a celebration of spring! Registration for this one-day event is \$40.00 and includes breakfast and a box lunch. Youth under 12 years old receive free admission but registration is required. Registration can be found on the events page at [www.indianaaudubon.org/](http://www.indianaaudubon.org/) events. For more information about the spring gathering, call (765) 205-1255. Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary is located at 3499 S Bird Sanctuary Rd, Connersville. To learn more about the Indiana Audubon Society and to search for programs near you, visit them on the web at [www.indianaaudubon.org](http://www.indianaaudubon.org).



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## Sen. Boots: \$24.8M in Rural Broadband Grants Awarded to IN Senate District 23

Rural broadband projects in Senate District 23 will receive a total of \$24,855,778.14 to improve broadband connectivity through the third round of the Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program, said State Sen. Phil Boots (R-Crawfordsville). Created with support from the General Assembly, the Next Level Broadband Grant Program is the largest single state investment in broadband. In total, rounds one, two and three of the program have awarded \$268 million for broadband

infrastructure for more than 74,800 homes and commercial locations. When combined with private and local investment, over \$580 million has been leveraged since 2018. Projects will have been completed in 83 of Indiana's 92 counties through the three rounds of the awards. In Senate District 23, the following providers were awarded grants:

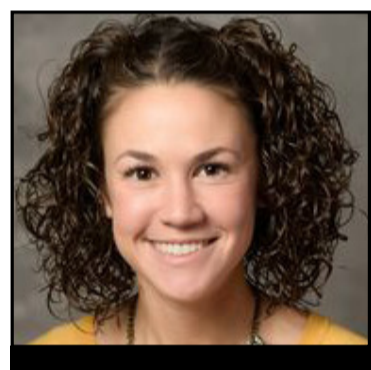
- AT&T
- AT&T received a grant to expand broadband access to 1,074 households and 134 businesses in Fountain, Montgomery,

Parke, Putnam and Warren counties.

- Bloomingdale Home Telephone Company
- Bloomingdale Home Telephone Company received a grant to expand broadband access to 33 households in Parke County.
- Clay County RTC
- Clay County RTC received three grants to expand broadband access to 137 households and 143 businesses in Montgomery and Putnam counties.

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## National Volunteer Week Thanks Volunteers in Montgomery County



**ABBY MORGAN**  
Purdue Extension



Each year, thousands of volunteers in Indiana donate their time and energy to make their communities a better place to live. These volunteers will be among the millions across the country who will be spotlighted during the 48th anniversary of National Volunteer Week, April 17-23, 2022.

Research reported by the Corporation for National and Community Service found that 30% of adult Americans (77.3

million) volunteered 6.9 billion hours of service worth \$166.9 billion in 2020. In 2018 in Indiana, more than 1.81 million volunteers contributed 166.5 million hours of service, valued at \$4 billion. 34.9% of Indiana residents volunteered, ranking Indiana 20th among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

One group that relies heavily on volunteers is the Indiana 4-H Program. In 2021 over 13,000 youth and adults are volunteering in some capacity with 4-H. In Montgomery County, 90 volunteers, both youth and adult, will serve as club leaders, project leaders, committee members, and in advisory capacities for the 4-H Youth Development Program. Volunteers spend numerous hours working on tasks, such as helping a child with a 4-H project, leading a project to serve the community, or helping organize an event at the county fair.

4-H Program volunteers are just one group of volunteers who are instrumental in carrying out the mission of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service. Volunteers are involved in every aspect of the Extension Service, including determining the needs of

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## Butch's Family Says Goodbye to a Good Buddy



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

We lost a great friend this week. No, it's not someone you know. It was our son's dog... His name was Eiko, and our son and his wife and daughter, who live next door to us in the country, got him about eleven years ago when he was just a pup. I will admit that when he told me he was buying a Doberman, I was a little concerned as I had heard that breed might be aggressive... and possibly not a good family-type dog. He was a beautiful red/rust colored, and as he grew, he became very muscular, powerful, and fast. He stood tall, proud, and fearless. With our family, and especially with our granddaughter, Eiko was

protective, but also very gentle, with a sweet disposition. And if a car happened to come down our road, Eiko chased it and barked until it rounded the curve...in his mind...defending our homes from any intruder... even though he would never bite a soul.

Several years ago, our family set off a few fireworks after dark on the Fourth of July. When it was over, Eiko could not be found. When he didn't show up the next morning, our entire family searched the fields, the woods, and the roads for miles around. No luck. We

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### The Daily Almanac

**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 6:59 a.m.  
SET: 8:33 p.m.

**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 78 °F  
Low: 52 °F

**Wacky Holiday Today**

- April Showers Day
- Day of Silence
- Earth Day

**What Happened On This Day**

- 1997 The Japanese embassy hostage crisis ends after 126 days
- 1945 Adolf Hitler admits defeat
- 1906 The 1906 Olympic Games begin in Athens

**Births On This Day**

- 1870 Vladimir Lenin Russian politician
- 1724 Immanuel Kant Russian/German philosopher

**Deaths On This Day**

- 1994 Richard Nixon American politician, 37th President of the United States
- 1983 Earl Hines American pianist

**HONEST HOOSIER**

Are we really just a little over a week away from May? May, May, the wonderful month of May!



**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Alcohol has almost twice the calories per unit weight than carbohydrates and almost as much as fat. 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).



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**THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE**

**Want TO GIVE?**

Last week, The Paper of Montgomery Ran a story about a young boy in Crawfordsville named Kyson Shidler who was born with spina bifida. The story told of how the Crawfordsville Kiwani's Club was helping fundraise in order to buy a special trike for Kyson. Well, now our readers, both old and new, can give back as well. Turn to page A4 for more details on what The Paper is doing and how you can help!

**TODAY'S QUOTE**

"Here is a test to find whether your mission on earth is finished— If you're alive it isn't."

- Richard Bach

**TODAY'S JOKE**

I thought the dryer was shrinking my clothes. Turns out it was the refrigerator

**OBITUARIES**

None



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**7 DAY FORECAST**

<b>52/78</b> WINDY AND CLOUDY	<b>60/84</b> WINDY AND WARMER	<b>65/82</b> BREEZY, RAIN LATE	<b>53/61</b> RAIN AND COOLER	<b>40/57</b> COOL	<b>35/58</b> FROST POSSIBLE	<b>35/64</b> FROST POSSIBLE
FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU

## Southmont High School High & Regular Honor Roll

2021-2022  
Marking Period 5  
**Grade 9 High Honor Roll:** Zoe Albertson, Caden Allen, Clayton Allen, Gabe Brenda, Jackson Bushong, Jenna Calder, Jennille Caldwell, Cameron Crispin, Hunter Crosby, Tyler Davis, Hayley Dixon, Carson Ellenberger, Rowan Endicott, Emily Fox, Alexander Garcia, Hunter Gray, Tatsuya Greiner, Tomoko Greiner, Avery Hannum, Michael Harden, Caitlyn Himes, Quinton Hunt, Micah Kiger, Mallory Leach, Ashlyn Lieske, Andrew Marshall Little, Mallory Mason, Addison Meadows, Maximus Musick, Lucas Oppy, Jacob Peck, Tyler Petroski, Elijah Phillips, Karston Pickett, Kylee Redman, Kylee Reeves, Cole Rhoads, Kyndale Rice, Laykin Roach, Krystle Sanabria, Keaira Sanchez, Johnathan Severe, Clair Simpson, Shylee Stewart, Anna Stokes, Heav- en Stonebraker, Olivia Surface, Kendra Swick, Lillian Taylor, Kelsey Thompson, Thomas Woods, Evelyn Zachary.  
**Grade 9 Regular Honor Roll:** Lillian Alfrey, Samuel Becerril, Makayla Brown, Kendyll Buller- dick, Reese Corp, Caleb Cox, Katelyn Ebert, Jordan Endicott, Aiden Gross, Paul Hazlett, Dylan Howell, Dane Justus, Hailey Long, Hunter McArthur, Aaron McMasters, Emma Myers, Noah Myers, Chloe Oxford, Conner Paxton, Naomi Plunkett, Vincent Reimondo, Payton Rob-

bins, Haley Scott, Leilee Scott, Silas Sharp, Violet Shaw, Olivia Snapp, Tessa Surber, Adriana Thornburg, Ally Wallace, Evan Watson, Savannah Wethington-Stout, Kayci Wilbur.  
**Grade 10 High Honor Roll:** Megan Andrews, Alana Bowman, Ryan Bowman, Ryan Bowman, Alexa Bradley, Jessica Bradley, Oliver Bradley, Ella Brewer, Alex Burkholder, Shakhia Burks, Haley Burton, Maddox Cade, Court- lyn Carpenter, Shelby Chieppo, James Clester, Will Cody, Jacob Fox, Waylon Gomez, Aubrey Hayes, Hayden Hess, Hailey Hester, Carter Hubble, Chloe Jenkins, Kela Johnson, Brett Keller, Terrence Lind- sey, Logan Link, Hanna Long, Harmonie Mar- gison, Tyler McCandless, Johnna Miller, Brie-Ann Million, Calinn Murphy, William Myers, Parker Neff, Peyton Newgent, Zaryah Paul, Katherine Pinchin, Jeffrey Pine, Mariah Sanabria, Abigail Saylor, Milika Schariati, Nina Schroeder, Grace Simpson, Caden Sixber- ry, Blessing Smith, Jesse Smith, Nichole Spurr, Kyrah Thompson, Joshua Troutman, Edward Trip Ward, Marlin Williams, Wyatt Woodall.  
**Grade 10 Regular Honor Roll:** Emma Allen, Madelynn Bow- er, Nolan Boyer, Mason Cass, Gavin Corne- lius, Ayden Dickerson, Kamden Dinius, Alisha Draper, Hanna Edwards, Tori Feltner, Zeagan

Fields, Zoey Fields, Darek Fulford, Colson Gentry, Olivia Gray, Jordan Hess, Blake Higgins, Merrick Higgins, Marley Jones, Kasey Line, Ash- lynn Maddox, DeLorean Mason, Aiden McCaffry, Lilly Mitchem, Ethan Nelson, Rachel Rhoads, Brier Riggle, Destiny Rivers, Sierra Robbins, Cheyenne Shaw, Jayden Snapp, Lilyana Southern, Jamison Warrick.  
**Grade 11 High Honor Roll:** Faith Allen, Nolan Mackenzie Arnold, Austin Bratcher, Eric Brewer, Carson Chadd, Kion Cornelius, Adam Cox, Rebekah Davis, Connor Dixon, Wyatt Ellenberger, Chesney Foster, LillyAnn Gard- ner, Elle Gray, Harrison Haddock, Mason Hall, Ethan Harden, Chayce Howell, Cynthia Hunt, Abigail Korhorn, Gabriel Little, Chloe Lynn, Con- ner McKinney, Lopati Mcqueen, Jackson Miller, Ryley Mitton, Saman- tha Mooday, Samantha Moore, Cailin Phillips, Emma Phillips, Nevaeh Powell, Olivia Powell, Regan Remley, Bracy Slavens, Emily Smith, Heaven Smith, Stella Snook, Kirsten Soglin, Brady Spencer, Luke Tes- mer, Adyssa Thompson, Seth Tolliver, Chelsea Veatch, Dara Watson, Ella Watson, Alexis White, Alivia Williams, Skyler Wood, Saylor Woods.  
**Grade 11 Regular Honor Roll:** Taylor An- derson, Emma Bowers, Shania Bowman, Aubrie Buck, Kaden Cloncs,

Gavin Conrad, Nicholas Curtis, Victoria Dill, Ha- ley Emerson-Rush, Josh- ua Fuller, Rylan Gayler, Logan Harmon, Jasmine Hayes, Nia Headley, Caden Jones, Samuel Line, Braydon McCloud, Nikkia Metsker, Alec Myers, Elijah Neal, Scarlet Overfelt, James Phillips, Nicholas Scott, Brennan Thornburg, Kalli Todd, Lee Whitecotton.  
**Grade 12 High Hon- or Roll:** Silas Adams, Tasia Allen, Ella Arthur, Justin Bachmann, Bailey Barker, Karter Blanken- ship, Kaitlyn Bowman, Levi Brush, Kaitlyn Burkholder, Cali Cassida, Madison Chadwick, Eliz- abeth Conkright, Tiffany Dittmer, Zayden Dunn, Brooke Ellenberger, Eyan Endicott, Xavier Essex, Dori Frederick, Taishi Greiner, Taylor Grino, Brianna Heninger, Carlos Hernandez, Bryson Hillman, Gerald Hutson, Brady Largent, Julius Lillard, Collin Mar- tin, Carson McKinney, Isabelle Miller, Raevan Million, Emma Mitchell, Hanna Nichols, Logan Oppy, Logan Phillips, Ja- cob Pike, Jenna Plemons, Bella Reagan, Avery Saunders, Chaney Scott, Frances Shaw, Macie Shirk, Adriana Smith, Nash Young.  
**Grade 12 Regular Honor Roll:** Jalyn Cald- well, Ty Elless, Sydney Fagan, Trent Jones, Gabriel Lindley, Izaya Powell, Van Powers, Ryan Reimondo, Sallee Bryson, Tanner Walls, Luke Watson, Christian Worth.

## Laugh Lines



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Life in a Nutshell

My wife, Mary Ellen, is usually a warm, caring, and sensitive person, so when I turned to her the other night at dinner and said, "I can't think of anything funny left to make fun of anymore. I may have to stop writing my humor column," I was surprised when she re- plied, "Could you please pass the salt?"  
I first knew I had writer's block several weeks ago when I awoke in the middle of the night sweating, with my heart palpitating and discom- fort in my chest. At first, I thought it was a heart attack. With a heart attack, trained physicians can put you on a table, insert a tube in your leg, and then shove it into your groin and up to your heart to clear the blockage. I should be so lucky. At least there's a treatment.  
I've written these week- ly column for 22 years, almost 1,200 of them. I have never missed a deadline. So I think Mary Ellen takes my comic ability for granted. She probably thinks it's easy to come up with a good idea every week. But I need a little more under- standing about this issue I am facing. Isn't that what spouses are for?  
"Why aren't you more sympathetic to my prob- lem, Mary Ellen? I cannot think of anything funny anymore."  
"You always think you have a humor block, Dick. You complain about this every few months. Look, I'll prove it. Pick any topic and I'll throw you some straight lines at you. Let's see how you do."  
I picked inflation and high gas prices. That's

what everyone is talking about, and I try to write about current trends. Mary Ellen was ready: "Dick, why did you go to Taco Bell yesterday and eat a burrito for break- fast?"  
"Let's see... I wanted to go somewhere I could get gas for under four dollars."  
"See? You're still on your game. Suppose I said for our anniversary, I want you to take me some place expensive. What would you say?"  
"I'd say, let's go to the Shell station."  
"Right on the money. Let's try this: How high are restaurant prices?"  
"Even the mafia is eat- ing at Olive Garden."  
"Dick, that was great. I almost cracked a smile. Now, one more straight line. How bad are gas prices going to get this spring?"  
"Pretty bad. This year it may have to be the India- napolis 200."  
"See, you did beautiful- ly. Now quit griping and get back to work."  
"Wait a second, that little exercise proved nothing. I stole those lines from Stephen Colbert, Jimmy Kimmel, Trevor Noah and Jimmy Fallon."  
"Dick, let's be realistic. You're no comic genius, you're just Dick Wolfsie. You have to get material any way you can, even if your method is a little shady. And remember, every column can't be great. Work with what you have."  
She was right. I can't come up with an original idea for every piece and expect each one to be hysterical. Sometimes I just have to turn in something that's mediocre, encom- passing a funny line or two that I pilfered from someone else. Then I have to hope you won't notice.  
Did you?  
- Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns ap- pear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.

## Ladoga Elementary High & Honor Roll

2021-2022  
5th 6 weeks  
**High Honor Roll:**  
**1st Grade** - Josiah Bradley, Caleb Butcher, Henley Cline, Karder Garver, Bennett Grimes, Maddalynn Kelly, Nicho- las Long, Gabe Turner  
**2nd Grade** - David Dawson, Hannah Roark, Avery Siple,  
**3rd Grade** - Gene- vieve Jennings  
**5th Grade** - Job Brad-

ley, Alexis Harden  
**Honor Roll:**  
**1st Grade** - Paxton Bowen, Hadley Brown, Maverick Dorsey, Aysayah Flake, Azari- ah Hernandez, Adelina Jimenez, Elliott Johnson, Benjamin Long, Riggs Long, Ella Melvin, All- yss Wilson  
**2nd Grade** - Sydney Alford, Adora Burris, Kasen Dorsey, Karenza Howe, Trevor Largent,

Paisley Perry,  
**3rd Grade** - Victor Bamford, Jaylin Burgess, Matthew Butcher, Lilian Casto, Hunter Dale, Chloe Gurule, Christian Jimenez, Autumn Kaelin, Cameron Lockard, Kavika McQueen, Jey- don Rainwater, Martha Shattuck, Eli Wethington, Macey Wilson,  
**4th Grade** - Ivy Arthur, Dallas Brown, Hudson Bruton, Braylyn

Burkholder, Lillia Daw- son, Forrest Emerson, Amarah Kiger, Allison Largent, Keegan Light, Hunter Lockard, Trinity Smith,  
**5th Grade** - Call- away Garlock, Layla Grimes, Owen Grimes, Benjamin Gurule, Levi Johnson-Hirsch, Savi Johnson-Hirsch, Ella Kelly, Gavin Mason, Grace Pendleton, Carson Vaught, Ellee Wethington

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# Kenny Ponders Which Boilermakers Deserve to Have Their Number Retired

Ever since the New York Yankees honored the dying Lou Gehrig in 1939 by declaring no one would wear his No. 4 again, retiring uniform numbers has been seen as the ultimate tribute to an athlete.

More than 80 years later, the Yankees have strayed off the path of honoring all-time greats. Paul O'Neill is set to become the 23rd Yankees player to have his number (21) retired this summer. As a Cincinnati Reds fan, I'll remember O'Neill fondly for his role with the 1990 World Series champions.

But Lou Gehrig he isn't. The Chicago Bears have retired 14 numbers during their rich history, the most of any NFL team.

Dick Butkus (51). Mike Ditka (89). Red Grange (77). Bronko Nagurski (3). Walter Payton (34). Gale Sayers (40). Names that immediately come to mind when thinking about all-time great Chicago Bears players.

The Monsters of the Midway even have their own Lou Gehrig. Brian Piccolo's death in 1970 at the age of 26 from cancer was memorably depicted in the classic ABC movie "Brian's Song" in 1971.

Purdue University officially doesn't retire athletes' numbers. Along the rafters of Mackey Arena, banners with the player's name and number are displayed for the men's and women's basketball program's consensus All-Americans and 2,000-point scorers.

Two numbers on display, Stretch Murphy's 27 and Norm Cottom's 7, are



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

not available under today's college basketball rules. No jerseys can begin or end with 6, 7, 8 and 9.

For the sake of argument, which men's basketball numbers should be retired at Purdue?

Basketball record books at Purdue go back to 1950-51, so John Wooden wearing No. 13 isn't listed among the all-time number roll call.

Wooden was the 1932 National Player of the Year and a three-time consensus All-American guard for coach Piggy Lambert.

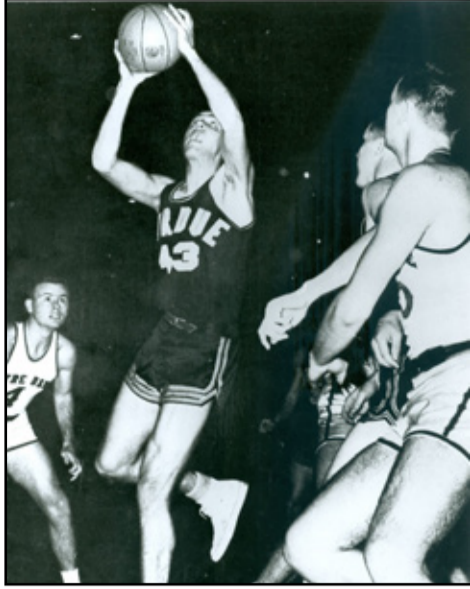
Playing in the days of the center jump after every basket, Wooden still managed to average 12.1 points a game as a senior.

Thirteen was also a lucky number for another Purdue national player of the year.

"In only two seasons on the basketball court, Glenn Robinson dominated the competition like no other athlete in Purdue history," begins Robinson's Legends of Purdue Basketball biography.

That's not an exaggeration.

Robinson had to sit out his freshman season due to NCAA academic requirements so the anticipation



Photos courtesy of Purdue Athletics Communications

**Terry Dischinger (left) and Rick Mount (right) in action for the Boilermakers.**

was great when he donned No. 13 for the 1992-93 season. All Robinson did that year was lead the Big Ten in scoring at 25.5 points a game and average 9.2 rebounds.

Winning MVP honors at the Great Alaska Shootout to start the 1993-94 season, Robinson quickly became the favorite to win national player of the year honors.

"Glenn is a man playing among boys out there," said Lefty Driesell, who coached James Madison when Purdue defeated the Dukes 98-74 in 1994.

Robinson's final game in Mackey Arena saw him score a career-high 49 points against Illinois to wrap up a Big Ten Conference championship.

He was named the 1994 consensus national player of the year and earned first team All-America honors. Robinson was the Big Ten's player of the year and led the country in

scoring with 30.3 points per game.

No one has worn No. 13 since Robinson and it may be as close to a retired number as it gets at Purdue.

A close second on iconic Boilermaker basketball numbers is Rick Mount's 10. No one has worn that number since Bobby Riddell in 2006. As long as Matt Painter is the coach at Purdue, that streak will continue.

"You don't duplicate greatness," Painter told Indianapolis Star columnist Gregg Doyel in 2016. "There's never gonna be another Rick Mount."

Before he set foot in West Lafayette, Mount was already a nationally known name thanks to his appearance on the cover of Sports Illustrated on Feb. 14, 1966. His fame only grew after putting up 28 points against the reigning national champion UCLA Bruins in his varsity debut.

With Mount averaging 33.3 points a game as a junior, Purdue reached the NCAA championship game in 1969 against UCLA. Mount made sure Purdue reached its first Final Four by hitting the game-winning shot against Marquette with seconds to play.

Now 52 years after his final game, Mount remains Purdue's all-time leading scorer at 2,323 points. No one has approached his career scoring average of 32.3 per game.

It's difficult to call a member of the College Basketball Hall of Fame underrated but for some reason Terry Dischinger's three-year career at Purdue is frequently glossed over by today's fans and media.

Maybe it's because his scoring records fell so quickly, first to Dave Schellhase and then Mount less than 10 years after Dischinger's final college

game. But No. 43 led the Big Ten in scoring all three seasons and averaged 28.3 points a game for his career. Dischinger also had a career double-double, pulling down school record average of 13.7 rebounds.

Schellhase's No. 42 is my final choice. As a scorer, I'd rank Schellhase second to Mount and slightly ahead of Dischinger.

Becoming the first Purdue player to reach the 2,000-point level was no easy feat in the days of three-year varsity eligibility and 24-game seasons. Schellhase led the nation with an average of 32.5 points a game as a senior.

Like Dischinger, Schellhase recorded a career double-double of 28.8 points and 10 rebounds a game. A three-time first-team All-Big Ten forward, Schellhase also was a two-time consensus All-American.

Not bad for an athlete who had modest goals coming out of Evansville North.

"My goal when I came to Purdue was to be a starter as a sophomore," Schellhase told the Journal & Courier's Tom Kubat in 2007. "As it turned out, I was All-Big Ten as a sophomore. I thought a legitimate goal was to be All-Big Ten as a senior."

*- 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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## RT Insurance Joins ISU Insurance Agency Network

RT Insurance Agency in Crawfordsville is now a proud member of the ISU group. Through this membership, RTI can offer customers even more insurance solution options via more carrier lineups and coverages.

"This is a terrific opportunity for us to be even more helpful to our customers," stated Tim Congleton, Principal at RT Insurance. "By partnering with ISU, we now have access to more companies and more solutions to offer our clients."

The ISU Insurance Agency Network boasts

independence, strength, and unity and offers a true team-work atmosphere within the industry. The goal is to work together with representatives who are helpful and accommodating to create the best options for customers.

"Through this partnership, we seek to offer best-in-class insurance solutions for clients, and are able to remain independent, while leveraging the benefits which come with larger organizations," explained Congleton.

The ISU network is comprised of more than 200 independently owned

agencies and has access to more than 80 companies.

"Working with a team-oriented group of like-minded insurance professionals like this is a positive thing for our clients, our agents and our employees," stated Robb Williamson, Principal at RT Insurance. "We can offer more opportunities, more training, and more success. It's a win-win."

RT Insurance is a multi-line, locally owned independent insurance agency which writes commercial, personal, life and health insurance products. The agency has operated out of

Crawfordsville, Indiana for more than 130 years and has the distinction of being the first licensed agent for Indiana Farmers Mutual Insurance Company. Additionally, some of the agency's founders helped form three insurance companies: Indiana Farmers Mutual, Vernon Insurance, and Meridian Insurance. The agency started with a strong agricultural emphasis and has expanded into personal insurance products, volunteer fire department risks, municipal risks, corporate business, outdoor business, and education insurance as well.

## Rokita Warns Hoosiers Be Aware of Scammers During Financial Literacy Month

Attorney General Todd Rokita and the Attorney General's office protect Hoosier consumers in a number of different ways. During April, which is Financial Literacy Month, Attorney General Rokita is educating the public on how to protect what they already possess. That means watching out for scammers.

"Protecting consumers is a priority of our daily work," Attorney General Rokita said. "Whether through identity theft or data breaches, scammers are good at what they do, and they target Hoosiers from all walks of life with their sophisticated schemes for stealing your personal information. Knowing the

red flags will help you better protect your family and resources."

Attorney General Rokita offers the following tips:

- Review your credit report
- Shred personal papers
- Request a free credit freeze
- Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a call, e-mail or text that you didn't expect.
- Resist pressure to act immediately.
- Stop and talk with someone you trust, like a friend, a family member, or a neighbor.

If you are the victim of a scam or spot one, we want to know about it. Report it at [in.gov/attorneygeneral](http://in.gov/attorneygeneral).

## Planting Season Has Arrived; Remain Alert to Large Farm Equipment on Indiana Roads

Planting season is quickly approaching for Indiana's 94,000 farmers. With the warm weather and sunshine, Hoosier motorists will also see more large slow-moving farm equipment traveling Indiana's rural roads and highways. The Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Department of Transportation, Indiana State Police and Hoosier Ag Today want to encourage motorists to slow down, be alert and be patient on rural roadways this spring.

"Our farmers have an enormous job to do, feeding us and the rest of the world," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Secretary of Agriculture. "And with that job comes a tremendous responsibility; let's help our farmers out where we can. When you see large farm equipment traveling our Hoosier roadways slow down and give them some space so everyone can get where they are going safely."

In Indiana, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2020 three vehicles were involved in crashes with farm equipment, which resulted in two deaths.

"During the spring and fall seasons Indiana sees a drastic increase of large farm equipment on our rural roads and highways," said Doug Carter, Indiana State Police

Superintendent. "In our strong agricultural state, it is critical that Hoosier motorists know the steps to take when approaching farm equipment on the roadways to ensure we all make it home safely to our families."

While the term "farm equipment" encompasses a wide range of vehicles, the most common types motorists will encounter during planting season include sprayers, tractors pulling planters or tillage equipment, and large trucks hauling agricultural products. These vehicles are wide, sometimes taking up most of the road, and often travel at speeds no greater than 25 mph.

The following list includes several safety tips for motorists approaching large farm equipment:

- Farmers will pull over when they are able to let motorists pass, but it may take time for them to get to a safe place to do so.
- Be patient. Farm equipment is wide, sometimes taking up most of the road.
- Be careful when passing. Do not pass in a designated "No Passing Zone" or within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, bridge, elevation structure or tunnel.
- Do not try to pass slow-moving farm equipment on the left without ensuring that the farmer driving is not planning a left turn. It may appear that the driver is

pulling over to allow a pass when the farmer is actually preparing to turn. You will drive right into its path, endangering yourself and the farmer.

- Avoid tailgating, as some farm equipment might have to make sudden stops along the road.

- Allow plenty of time to get to a destination, be aware of alternate routes and avoid distractions.

"Moving farm equipment on the roadways is one of the most dangerous parts of my job. It takes time to find a safe space for me to pull over and allow other motorists to pass safely. Please be considerate when you drive behind farm equipment, drivers and I have the same goal in mind each time we take a trip on Hoosier roads- to get our work done and make it home safely to our loved ones," said Brent Bible, Tippecanoe Co. farmer.

Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Bruce Kettler wants to remind motorists that farmers work hard to ensure they are being as safe as possible.

"Hoosier farmers are trying to get to their fields safely and quickly, just like our Hoosier motorists are trying to get to work safely and quickly," said Kettler. "I want to encourage motorists to be aware during this spring season and know that encountering farm equipment is likely and to slow down when approaching."

For a list of safety tips, visit <https://www.in.gov/isda/programs-and-initiatives/harvest-season-safety/>.

The following organizations will be working together to share this important safety message during planting season:

Hoosier Ag Today, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Department of Transportation and Indiana State Police.

Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k-ovU4th5ppc> for a public service announcement created by Hoosier Ag Today.

Listen to the PSA by tuning into Hoosier Ag Today radio stations. To find a local broadcasting station, visit <https://hoosieragtoday.com/hat-radio-stations/>.

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) was established as a separate state agency by the Legislature in 2005. Administratively, ISDA reports to Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. Major responsibilities include advocacy for Indiana agriculture at the local, state and federal level, managing soil conservation programs, promoting economic development and agricultural innovation, serving as a regulatory ombudsman for agricultural businesses, and licensing grain firms throughout the state.

## Tax Tip: Taxpayers Should Open, Carefully Read Any Mail from IRS

The IRS mails letters or notices to taxpayers for a variety of reasons including:

- They have a balance due.
- They are due a larger or smaller refund.
- The agency has a question about their tax return.
- They need to verify identity.
- The agency needs additional information.
- The agency changed their tax return.

If a taxpayer receives an IRS letter or notice, they should:

Not ignore it. Most IRS letters and notices are about federal tax returns or tax accounts. The notice or letter will explain the reason for the contact and gives instructions on what to do.

Not panic. The IRS and its authorized private collection agencies generally contact taxpayers by mail. Most of the time, all the taxpayer needs to do is read the letter carefully and take the appropriate action.

Read the notice carefully and completely. If the IRS changed the tax return, the taxpayer should compare the information provided in the notice or letter with the information in their original return. In general, there is no need to contact the IRS if the taxpayer agrees with the notice.

Respond timely. If the notice or letter requires a response by a specific date, taxpayers should reply in a

timely manner to:

- Avoid delays in processing their tax return
  - Minimize additional interest and penalty charges
  - Preserve their appeal rights if they don't agree
- Pay amount due. Taxpayers should pay as much as they can, even if they can't pay the full amount. People can pay online or apply online for a payment agreement, including installment agreements, or an Offer in Compromise. The agency offers several payment options.

Keep a copy of the notice or letter. It's important that taxpayers keep a copy of all notices or letters with other tax records. They may need these documents later.

Remember there is usually no need to call the IRS. If a taxpayer must contact the IRS by phone, they should use the number in the upper right-hand corner of the notice. The taxpayer should have a copy of their tax return and letter when calling. Typically, taxpayers only need to contact the agency if they don't agree with the information, if the IRS requests additional information, or if the taxpayer has a balance due. Taxpayers can also write to the agency at the address on the notice or letter. Taxpayer replies are worked on a first-come, first-served basis and will be processed based the date the IRS receives it.

# The Paper Gives Back



**The Paper of Montgomery County is joining the Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club in their fundraising efforts to purchase a special trike for a three-year old Crawfordsville boy named Kyson Shidler. Kyson was born with spina bifida, a birth defect where the spine and spinal cord don't form properly. In order to help maximize their fundraising, the Kiwanis have offered to match any community donations.**



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# Brita and Meijer Help Local Students Learn and Grow with Recycled Garden

Just in time to celebrate Earth Month, international recycling leader TerraCycle announced the 2022 Brita and Meijer Recycled Garden Contest. This program creates an opportunity for one school's children and its community to win a garden made from recycled Brita waste, and learn the importance of giving materials a new life.

Schools located throughout Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Wisconsin who are enrolled in any TerraCycle National Recycling Program are eligible to participate in the contest.

In an initiative that began March 27, shoppers can request a free ship-

ping label to recycle Brita products and packaging and vote for their local school to win the recycled garden. All you have to do is visit a nearby Meijer store and scan the QR code on the Brita display with your phone. Consumers can also vote from the comfort of their home by visiting the contest page, [www.terracycle.com/en-US/contests/brita-meijer2022](http://www.terracycle.com/en-US/contests/brita-meijer2022).

Each vote cast through July 2 will earn participating schools one (1) 'vote' towards winning the grand prize learning garden bundle consisting of recycled garden beds, picnic tables, benches and more.

"At TerraCycle, we prioritize teaching our fu-

ture generation about the importance of respecting the planet and protecting its vital natural resources," said TerraCycle CEO Tom Szaky. "As part of this contest, Brita and Meijer have chosen not only to promote sustainability to their consumers, but also to fund a prize that will have a profound, long-term impact on a deserving community."

The full set of rules for the 2022 "Brita and Meijer Recycled Learning Garden Contest" can be viewed online at [www.terracycle.com/en-US/contests/britameijer2022](http://www.terracycle.com/en-US/contests/britameijer2022).

Brita markets a variety of products, including water pitchers, faucet filters and bottles, that make

it easy to get cleaner, great-tasting water from any tap. Brita products are marketed by The Clorox Company (NYSE: CLX), a leading multinational manufacturer and marketer of consumer and professional products with about 8,000 employees worldwide and fiscal year 2016 sales of \$5.8 billion.

Meijer is a Grand Rapids, Mich.-based retailer that operates 235 supercenters and grocery stores throughout Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Wisconsin. A privately-owned and family-operated company since 1934, Meijer pioneered the "one-stop shopping" concept and has evolved through the

years to include expanded fresh produce and meat departments, as well as pharmacies, comprehensive apparel departments, pet departments, garden centers, toys and electronics. For additional information on Meijer, please visit [www.meijer.com](http://www.meijer.com). Follow Meijer on Twitter @twitter.com/Meijer and @twitter.com/MeijerPR or become a fan at [www.facebook.com/meijer](http://www.facebook.com/meijer).

TerraCycle is an innovative waste management company with a mission to eliminate the idea of waste. Operating in 21 countries, TerraCycle partners with leading consumer product companies, retailers and cities to recycle prod-

ucts and packages, from dirty diapers to cigarette butts, that would otherwise end up being landfilled or incinerated. In addition, TerraCycle works with its partners to integrate hard to recycle waste streams, such as ocean plastic, into their products and packaging. Its reuse platform Loop gives consumers a way to shop for their favorite brands in durable, reusable packaging. TerraCycle has won over 200 awards for sustainability and was named #10 in Fortune magazine's list of 52 companies Changing the World. To learn more about TerraCycle or get involved in its recycling programs, please visit [www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com).

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put the word out to our friends and neighbors, hoping that someone might see him. The temperature reached the upper 90s the next four days as we drove the countryside, and we started to think that Eiko had possibly been found and taken by someone... or even worse, had succumbed from heat and exhaustion. On the fifth day, I received a call from the family of the mail carrier in Clarks Hill... a Doberman was laying in their yard. I rushed up there. It was Eiko! He was dirty, much thinner, and his paws were sore and bleeding... but he was alive. He drank water... a lot of water!... and I hauled him home in my old car. We were so happy he was back home again, and a few tears of joy were shed that afternoon for sure.

Through the years, Eiko was a super dog. He still liked to chase cars... and birds... and rabbits... and anything that moved, but would never hurt a thing. As he got older, he liked to just lay in the grass on a sunny afternoon and chew on a rawhide treat and watch the world go by. Our granddaughter loved him and gave Eiko hugs galore. My wife and I always gave him a pat on the head and a milkbone treat whenever he came

up to greet us. He was a member of our family, too.

Then about two years ago, at the age of nine, Eiko started to develop tumors. Our son purchased medication from the vet, which helped some, but as the tumors became larger, it became more difficult for Eiko to walk and run. This past winter, Eiko became worse and even had difficulty standing up at times, although he still had a good appetite and kept his sweet disposition. I knew the end was near one morning when I noticed that he had difficulty eating and swallowing his food. A few weeks later he quit eating and drinking... I think he just wanted it all to end. It was very sad to watch him just lay there, but at least he was in no pain.

On a cold, windy day this past Monday, in the sleet and rain, I buried Eiko out by the barn... where he used to lay in the sunshine and watch cars go by. He is now free of cancer, and he is again chasing rabbits, and birds, and cars... and of course, letting them go free... up in heaven. Well, what do you do when you lose a beloved pet? That's right... you get another one! Our son was lucky enough to find another

Doberman, out of the same bloodline, this week from the same family.

Zeus is a cute little dog that will make a great family pet, and he has Eiko's lovable disposition. For those of you who have lost a favorite dog, I found this poem...

"I was just a pup when we first met, I loved you from the start, You picked me up and took me home, And placed me in your heart. Good times we had together, We shared all life could throw; But years passed all too quickly, My time has come to go. I know how much you miss me, I know your heart is sore; Your love was plain to see, For even though it broke your heart, You set my spirit free. So please be brave without me, One day we'll meet once more; For when you're called to Heaven, I'll be waiting at the door."

Thanks, Eiko, you were a great dog and we will always remember you... and yes, we'll see you again some day and give you a big hug... and I will slip you an extra treat!

- 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.

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the local residents, planning and implementing programs to address these needs, securing resources, and evaluating programs. They dedicate many hours to ensure that we are providing a positive youth development program.

An example of these volunteers is the Montgomery County Extension Board. The fifteen-member board, which con-

sists of appointed county citizens, works with the county Extension staff to plan and oversee Extension activities.

The work of Extension volunteers is continuous. Every day volunteers lend a helping hand to make Extension programs more beneficial to the residents of Montgomery County. Those interested in joining the team of Extension

Volunteers are invited to contact the Montgomery County Extension Office at (765)364-6363 or e-mail Abby Morgan at [asweet@purdue.edu](mailto:asweet@purdue.edu).

- Abby Morgan is the 4-H Youth Development Educator at the Montgomery County Purdue Extension Office. She can be reached at [asweet@purdue.edu](mailto:asweet@purdue.edu) or 765-364-6363.

## 🔍 GRANTS From Page A1

- Comcast  
Comcast received a grant to expand broadband access to 1,177 households and 81 businesses in Montgomery County.

- Joink  
Joink received two grants to expand broadband access to serve 118 households and 29 businesses in Vermillion and Parke counties.

- Spectrum Mid-America  
Spectrum Mid-America received five grants to expand broadband access to 2,307 households and 120 businesses in Boone, Fountain and Montgomery counties.

- Swayzee Telephone Company  
Swayzee Telephone Company received a grant to expand broad-

band access to 233 households and 86 businesses in Boone and Clinton counties.

- Tipmont REMC  
Tipmont REMC received a grant to expand broadband access to 61 households and 21 businesses in Fountain and Montgomery counties.

"Local businesses and Hoosiers rely on broadband access to comfortably work, live and pursue education in Indiana," Boots said. "I am pleased to see many companies expand their reach and I hope these projects help communities within Senate District 23 further develop our local business environment and quality of life."

This third round of funding will provide broadband infrastructure

to more than 52,900 homes and commercial locations in 80 counties.

In addition, the 35 telecommunications providers and utility cooperatives contributed more than \$239 million in matching funds, resulting in more than \$429 million in total investments for broadband in the third round.

The program allows broadband service providers and utility cooperatives to apply for up to \$5 million to expand service to unserved or underserved areas if they provide at least a 20% match.

A full list of the awards can be found online at <https://www.in.gov/ocra/nlc/home/2022-round-3-awards/>.

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