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**TODAY'S VERSE**

Psalm 119:89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. (KJV)

**FACES OF MONTGOMERY**

People who call our community their own.



Jessica Bokhart was all smiles for our roving photographer. Thank you for your smile, Jessica!

**THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** Patoka Lake will host its 35th annual eagle watch event on Jan. 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will include both indoor and outdoor activities. Indoors, see Patoka's resident bald eagle and other raptors as interpretive naturalists Dana Reckelhoff and Wade LeHue share the birds' story. There will be children's activities from 12:40 to 2:30 p.m. Outdoors, join wildlife specialist Brian Finch on a driving tour of sites bald eagles frequent. Finch will talk about the history of the bald eagle reintroduction program in the 1980s, and lunch will be provided. The cost for this event is \$25 per person. Advance registration is required by calling the Patoka Lake Nature Center at 812-685-2447. This event is limited to the first 65 registered participants.

**2** Hoosiers are passionate about their basketball, so each year when the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame announces its inductees, a lot of us pay attention. This year's class of 18 does not include anyone local. But it does have some well-known names. It is: James Blackmon Sr. of Marion, Richard Butt of Huntington, Henry Chapman of Ft. Wayne Northside, John DeVoe of Park School, Henry Ebershoff of Lafayette CC, Brian Evans of Terre Haute South, Oscan Evans of Shortridge, Darrin Fitzgerald of Indianapolis Washington, Dennis Goins of Rushville, Ken Gunning of Shelbyville, Jack Hogan of Broad Ripple, Kirk Manns of North Judson, Eric Montross of Lawrence North, Drake Morris of East Chicago Washington, Jim Oiler of Economy, Phil Snodgrass of Kennard, Brad Stevens of Zionsville and Mike Lightfoot (Silver Medal) of LaVille. To learn more, visit www.hoopshall.com

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## Butch Just Can't Figure Things Out Money-Wise



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

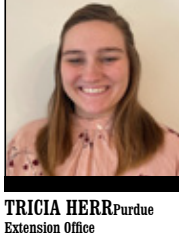
A few miscellaneous observations from an old-timer.... Just about everyone has been to an auction at least once in their life. Some of you go to several auctions each year. Just can't resist...right? You

might find a bargain. The last auction I attended, I had to pay a 15% "buyer's premium." What's that all about? I don't have to pay extra to buy items in a store. Buyers usually get carried away and bid more than what the items are worth anyway. What doofus thought of this surcharge? From now on, I am going to charge the auctioneer and owner \$100.00 for showing my ID and registering to buy. Sounds fair to me. Speaking of paying extra, my wife and I actually went to a movie a couple of months ago at Lafayette's Eastside 10. Two tickets, one medium popcorn,

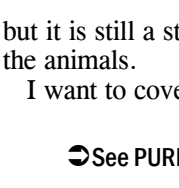
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## Wrapping Pigs In A Blanket

As winter has finally arrived, it's time to talk about our outdoor friends. As good pet and livestock owners, it is our responsibility to reduce the stresses that winter can bring to our animals. Most animals have a natural resistance and can withstand the winter with great success but it is still a stressful time for the animals. I want to cover the best prac-



**TRICIA HERR**  
Purdue Extension Office



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## Israel Trip Ends At The Site Of The Crucifixion And Tomb



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Two Cents from The Holy Land

What's the old saying, save the best for last? On our final day of the Holy Land tour and personal pilgrimage, we began the morning at Ein Karen, the birthplace of John the Baptist, or John the Baptizer as some refer to him over here. We talked a lot about John this week, including his beheading by Herod Antipas. In the Old City, we visited the Upper Room, the room where Jesus and His Apostles ate the Last Supper. To stand

in that room, look around and realize the magnitude of what happened here is very hard to describe. For some in our group, it was just another stop. For others, the historical and religious impact that came out of that one simple room could not be overlooked. As for the room itself, it does not look like what you have seen in Leonard da Vinci's famous painting. Instead of

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## The Community Chest




Community Chest is one program offered by Community Action Program of Western Indiana (CAP), whose mission is to empower communities, families, and individuals toward self-sufficiency by removing the causes and conditions of poverty. This is done through services, support

and education. Community Chest is a supplement to the Energy Assistance Program and the Emergency Food and Shelter Program. It is funded 100% by United Way in Montgomery County to provide emergency assistance with shelter and utility needs.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**

Live United, Montgomery County! This is a continuing series explaining a little bit about each United Way agency. And please don't forget that the annual fund drive is going on right now. This fund drive helps these agencies, which do so much good work in our county, keep their doors open. If you would be willing to donate, you can do so at www.uwmontgomery.org. Or you can mail donations to PO Box 247, Crawfordsville IN 47933. And if your employer doesn't offer the ability to donate through work, you can drop off the donation at 221 E Main St, Second floor.



## The Daily Almanac

**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 7:51 a.m.  
SET: 5:23 p.m.

**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 50 °F  
Low: 30 °F

**Today is...**

- Bartender Appreciation Day
- Play Basketball Day
- Special Education Day

**What Happened On This Day**

- 1804 At Notre Dame Cathedral, Napoleon Bonaparte crowns himself Emperor of the French
- 1939 New York City's LaGuardia Airport opens
- 1970 The US Environmental Protection Agency begins operations

**Births On This Day**

- 1978 Nelly Furtado Canadian singer-songwriter and producer
- 1981 Britney Spears American singer-songwriter, dancer and actress

**Deaths On This Day**

- 1859 John Brown American activist
- 1993 Pablo Escobar Colombian drug lord and politician

**HONEST HOOSIER**

Did you hear about the poor schmuck over in Russia who called Vladimir Putin an idiot? He got put in prison for 20 years - five for insulting Putin and 15 for revealing state secrets!

**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Get an exercise partner and challenge each other to show up and to foster healthy competition. 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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Anita Lynn Shelton

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**TODAY'S QUOTE**

"He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree."  
Roy L. Smith

**TODAY'S JOKE**

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A broken drum. You just can't beat it!

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## OBITUARIES

**Anita Lynn Shelton**  
Feb. 22, 1953 - Dec. 1, 2022

Anita Lynn Shelton, 69, Crawfordsville, passed away Dec. 1 at I.U. Health University Hospital.

She was born Feb. 22, 1953 in Crawfordsville to Clyde and Ida Louise (Frost) Trinkle.

She married Thomas Shelton and he survives.

She had worked at Walmart.

She was a member of Faith Baptist Church. She was an avid camper and enjoyed boating, motorcycle rides and spending time with family.

Survivors include her husband; her children, Alexis Toma Lynn Shelton of Crawfordsville and Pamela (Craig) P Parker of Ladoga; stepchildren, Jerry Shelton, Angel (Ralph) Thornburg and Tommy Hanna; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; and siblings, Sam, David, Terry, Perry Steve and Randy Trinkle, Diane Snook, Sandy Fields, Joanna Middleton and Judy Trinkle.

She is preceded in death by her son, Clifton I. Shelton and stepson, Tony Ray Shelton.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday at Hunt & Son Funeral Home with Pastor Tony Roe officiating. She will be laid to rest at Oak Hill Cemetery South. Friends may call 12 - 2 Monday at the funeral home. Condolences and memories may be shared at [www.huntandson.com](http://www.huntandson.com)



## Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program To Offer Virtual Basic Training In Spring

The spring 2023 Purdue Extension Master Gardener (EMG) basic training program will begin Feb. 7 as a weekly series of live virtual webinars.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/4mjj5w3z> and contact a hosting Purdue Extension educator to obtain an application. The application deadline is Jan. 16, and the training wraps up May 9. An individual registration is \$180 and includes a print version of the Purdue EMG manual. The fee for two people sharing a print version of the manual is \$280.

Purdue Extension specialists and educators from across Indiana teach the course. Topics include soils, fertility, pest control, invasive species, pesticide safety and alternatives, trees, vegetables, flowers, lawns, and fruit.

"The Purdue Extension Master Gardener



### PROGRAM

program's main purpose is to train volunteers to assist Purdue Extension with consumer horticulture education in Indiana communities," said John Orick, Purdue EMG state coordinator.

Purdue Extension Master Gardener volunteers are required to give a minimum of 40 hours back to the community after completing initial training and passing an exam. Volunteers contributed more than 125,000 hours in 2022, Orick said.

To strengthen connec-

tions to county Purdue EMG programs, each hosting Extension educator will hold a required one-hour weekly meeting with participants to dig deeper into how the topic of the week applies to local gardeners.

"Indiana is a long, north-south state," said Jeff Burbrink, Purdue Extension educator in Elkhart County and Purdue EMG spring program team member. "Our climate and soils vary greatly from Lake Michigan to the Ohio River. We want to be

sure that our Extension Master Gardeners can see how these concepts work in their backyard."

Most Master Gardeners stay involved in the program for years.

"Our local Master Gardeners created the Michiana Master Gardener Association in 1996, in part because they enjoy learning and because they can work on big projects together, like our annual Garden Tour and Garden Expo," Burbrink said. "They are an amazingly talented group of creative people."



## Public Information Meeting For Proposed I-65/US 52 Interchange Improvement Project

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces a public information meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 15 for the proposed I-65 and U.S. 52 Interchange Improvement Project.

This project extends approximately 1.62 miles north and 0.45 mile south along I-65, from the existing I-65 and U.S. 52 Interchange.

The meeting will be held at Lebanon High School, located at 510 Tiger Way in Lebanon. Please enter through Door Five. The presentation is set to begin at 7 p.m. An informal open house session will follow, providing community members an opportunity to view project exhibits and displays, as well as interact with the project team.

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide improved mobility and direct access to the areas east and west of I-65, north of Lebanon. In addition, the purpose of the proposed project is to support the economic development that is currently underway north of Lebanon, as well as the future growth of Lebanon and Boone County.

The need for this project is due to the lack of access at the I-65 and US 52 interchange, which currently only provides I-65 northbound to U.S. 52 northbound access, and U.S. 52 southbound to I-65 southbound access. Traffic currently must utilize the S.R. 47 and S.R. 32 interchanges to reach the areas east and west of I-65. These less direct routes travel through low-speed residential areas and downtown Lebanon.

Additionally, the meeting presentation and exhibits will be posted online a week prior to the meeting at the project's website ([www.i65us52improvement.com](http://www.i65us52improvement.com)) and comments can be submitted through the website as well. INDOT respectfully asks that all comments be submitted by January 16, 2023.

This public information meeting is an opportunity for INDOT construction contractor American Structurepoint to meet with members of the community regarding the road work, solicit input and address concerns the community may have regarding the proposed project.

## Have A Paw-ly Jolly Christmas At PetSmart With Free In-Store Santa Photos

PetSmart is bringing the magic of the holiday season to life for pets and pet parents alike with an opportunity to meet Santa and pose for a photo with Kris Kringle himself. All PetSmart stores nationwide are offering this ho-ho-holly jolly photo experience on Dec. 10 and 11, and 17 and 18. Reservations are required and open to the public on Dec. 5. Pet parents can find more information on their local Santa Photo Day event and book an appointment at [PetSmart.com/SantaPhotoBooking](http://PetSmart.com/SantaPhotoBooking).

PetSmart Treats Loyalty Program members are making the "nice" list and have early access to book their Santa photos now. As an extra gift, Treats members will also receive 3X Treats points for purchases made on the day of their appointment when they use their Treats membership email to check in to the event. Share the Joy Photo Contest

PetSmart is calling all pet friends to help spread holiday cheer for all to hear by participating in the #ShareTheJoy contest\* on social media, with one lucky grand prize winner receiving a four-day, three-night trip to Universal Studios Hollywood for two as well as 200,000 Treats points, redeemable for \$500 in future savings. Additionally, five runner



up winners will receive 100,000 Treats points, redeemable for \$250 in future savings, and six participants will be chosen at random to receive one month of free Hill's pet food. To participate, pet parents can share their most festive holiday photo or video of their pet on their public Instagram page, tagging @PetSmart and using the hashtags #ShareTheJoy and #Contest in their caption. All submissions must be made between Dec. 7-18, and the winning posts will be announced Dec. 23.

Help Your Pet Put Their Best Paw Forward When Planning the Pawfect Santa Photo

If striking the perfect pose is at the top of your pet's wish list, PetSmart training expert Jodie Havens, CPDT-KSA shares four tips to ensure your pet looks their best for their holiday photo moment:

Prep their look: Dress them up for the holiday to create a photo moment you'll always remember, such as a Santa Claus

suit and hat for cats and dogs, striped pajamas for small pets or a hot cocoa ugly sweater for reptiles, or accessorize with items like a reindeer headband for dogs.

Get their attention: To get them to look at the camera, use a holiday-themed squeaker toy, hold a treat, call their name or make sounds you know they'll respond to throughout the photo-taking process.

Play with them: Get them to play with you or take them for a quick spin around PetSmart to get that beautiful pet grin.

Reward them: Pair the sight of the camera with treats and give them the goodies like Gnawty Noms Bag of Coal Dog Treats or a reindeer cookie after a few photo frames. Keep up the treats after the photo session concludes.

2022 Merry & Bright Collection

PetSmart is helping pet parents get their pets holiday-ready with the 2022 Merry & Bright collection, available now

online and in stores. This year's collection includes festive gifts, accessories, treats and more that are sure to delight during the most wonderful time of the year.

For canine and feline companions, small pets, reptiles and aquatic fish, PetSmart's elves have imagined toys, accessories and advent calendars that are sure to have any pet's heart grow three sizes, like the Merry & Bright Deck the Howls with Biscuits Frosted Dog Treat Advent Calendar, Merry & Bright Small Pet Naughty or Nice Beanie, Merry & Bright Reptile Merry Crickets Stocking and the Merry & Bright Fireplace Bubbler Aquarium Ornament.

For more information on Santa Photo Days or the Merry & Bright collection holiday gifts and swag, visit [PetSmart.com](http://PetSmart.com).

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# Kenny Previews The Boilermaker's Chances Against Michigan

History says Purdue will not come close to upsetting No. 2 Michigan on Saturday night at the Big Ten Championship Game.

Since the Big Ten went to the East-West divisional format in 2014, the East winners are 8-0 with an average margin of victory of 35-15.

As noted Saturday night by Gerry DiNardo on the Big Ten Network, Purdue is the first primarily passing team to represent the West. Wisconsin (0-4), Iowa (0-2) and Northwestern (0-2) were closer to Woody Hayes' three yards and a cloud of dust offenses than a modern attack.

Maybe having the Big Ten's No. 1 rated quarterback, Aiden O'Connell, and wide receiver, Charlie Jones, will give Purdue a puncher's chance at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. O'Connell has thrown for 3,124 yards and 22 touchdowns. Jones has 97 receptions for 1,199 yards and 12 scores.

Having one of the Big Ten's best running backs, walk-on redshirt freshman Devin Mockobee, gives coach Jeff Brohm more options. Mockobee was chosen Big Ten Freshman of the Week on Monday after rushing for 99 yards and a touchdown against Indiana in a 30-16 victory at Bloomington.

It's pretty amazing that despite my forecasting Purdue to win the West before the season, they did so with little talent. That's the impression given here after this week's All-Big Ten teams were announced.

Jones was the Boilermakers' only first-team selection. O'Connell and Payne Durham the only second-team picks. No third team berths from the league coaches and just a handful of honorable mention selections.

In a mild surprise, neither Jones nor Durham were selected the Big Ten's best wide receiver and tight end, respectively. Ohio State's Marvin Harrison Jr. got the nod over Jones. Harrison had 27 fewer receptions (97-72), slightly fewer yards (1,199-1,157) and the same total of touchdown catches (12). One plays for a nationally recognized football power. The other plays at Purdue.

More baffling is how Iowa's Sam LaPorta was



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

chosen over Durham. How is it possible for someone from the 13th-ranked Big Ten school in total offense gets the nod over the second-leading receiver for the Big Ten's fourth-ranked offense?

Compare these statistics. Durham 54 receptions, 550 yards, 8 TDs. LaPorta 53 receptions, 601 yards, 1 TD. Take LaPorta away from Iowa and guess what, the Hawkeyes only score 15 offensive touchdowns in 12 games this season. Durham has been far more valuable this season.

Perhaps the snubs by the coaches and media will be inspiration Saturday night.

At stake for the Boilermakers is a third trip to the Rose Bowl, granted to the winner of the Big Ten Championship Game unless that school is selected to the College Football Playoff. A Michigan victory would lock up one of the four playoff berths at 13-0. In that scenario, the Rose Bowl would likely choose the next Big Ten team in the College Football Playoff rankings. That would likely be Ohio State barring TCU or Southern Cal upsets this weekend that would put the Buckeyes back in the Playoff.

Here's a breakdown of the eight previous West champions and their bowl destinations after losing in the title game.

2014 Wisconsin: After losing 59-0 to No. 6 Ohio State, the Badgers topped LSU 34-31 in overtime at the Outback Bowl.

2015 Iowa: Lost the closest Big Ten final to Michigan State, 16-13. The Hawkeyes got the Rose Bowl berth but were dominated by Stanford 45-16.

2016 Wisconsin: Outscored 38-31 by Penn State, the Badgers prevailed 24-16 in the Cotton Bowl against Western Michigan.

2017 Wisconsin: Another close loss by the Badgers, 27-21, to Ohio



Fletcher Loyer

State earned them a trip to the Orange Bowl. Wisconsin topped the host Miami Hurricanes 34-24.

2018 Northwestern: A 45-24 loss to Ohio State in the title game sent the Wildcats to the Holiday Bowl against Pac-12 runner-up Utah. The 31-20 victory gave Northwestern its first three-game winning streak in the postseason.

2019 Wisconsin: Top-ranked Ohio State again was too much for the Badgers, 34-21. This time there was no consolation prize thanks to a 28-27 loss to Oregon in the Rose Bowl.

2020 Northwestern: The Wildcats followed a competitive (22-10) loss to Ohio State by winning the Citrus Bowl 35-19 against Auburn.

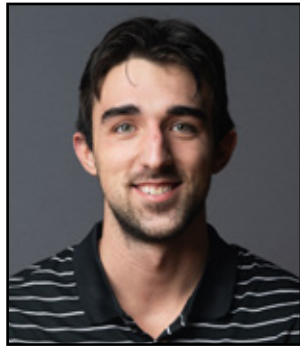
2021 Iowa: The Hawkeyes were run over by No. 2 Michigan 42-3. A tougher loss to swallow followed in the Citrus Bowl, where Kentucky scored the game-winning touchdown with 1:47 to play for a 20-17 triumph.

Legacy champions  
A great weekend for Purdue's top two sports teams concluded Sunday afternoon with a dominating 75-56 victory by Matt Painter's Boilermaker basketball team over No. 8 Duke in the championship of the Phil Knight Legacy in Portland, Ore.

Purdue became the second team ever and the first since the 1968 UCLA national champions to win back-to-back neutral-site games by 18 or more points against top-10 ranked teams.

Until Sunday, the Boilermakers had never beaten two Top 10-ranked non-conference rivals in consecutive games.

The fifth double-double of the season by tournament MVP Zach Edey (21 points, 12 rebounds) was supported by freshman guard Fletcher Loyer's 18 points and Caleb



Ethan Morton

Furst's 11 points and 10 rebounds. Westfield's Braden Smith pulled down eight rebounds and made three steals to go with four points.

Junior guard Ethan Morton joined Edey on the all-tournament team. Morton was recognized for an incredible 19 to 1 assist-to-turnover ratio in the three games. He averaged 4.7 points, 4.0 rebounds and 1.7 steals in the tournament.

More honors came Monday when Edey was selected Big Ten Player of the Week and Loyer earned Big Ten Freshman of the Week honors.

ESPN.com writer Jeff Borzello called Edey "the most dominant presence in college basketball right now" in an article in which Borzello ranked Purdue No. 1 in the country. "Painter has found the perfect combination of players to surround Edey with: four guys who can pass, make 3s and give him room to operate."

Andy Katz, a Big Ten Network contributor, also ranked Purdue No. 1 in his weekly rankings for ncaa.com. "They are playing the best basketball in the country right now," Katz wrote. "Deal with it."

The Boilermakers leaped from 24th to fifth Monday in The Associated Press poll, the first time since the Troy Lewis-Todd Mitchell-Everette Stephens teams in 1986-87 and 1987-88 that Purdue has been ranked in the top five in consecutive seasons.

However, there's this sense that this group won't let rankings go to their collective heads unlike last season.

This Purdue team doesn't have an NBA lottery pick talent like Jaden Ivey, but this year's Boilermakers are more defensive-minded. Purdue held Duke, which missed its final 13 shots, to 36 percent field goal shooting two days after limiting

Gonzaga to 40 percent from the field. West Virginia's 41.3 field goal percentage is the highest against Purdue this season.

Brandon Smith's leadership and hustle also appear to have rubbed off on his teammates. The freshman from Westfield came up big against Gonzaga with 14 points, a career-high seven assists and five rebounds.

Even more surprising than the victories in Portland over West Virginia, No. 6 Gonzaga and Duke? This success is coming with just one senior on the roster, transfer guard David Jenkins Jr.

Hall of Fame election  
Two former Purdue standouts and one of the best scorers in Indiana University history are part of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame's Class of 2023.

The late Henry Ebershoff starred at Lafayette Central Catholic before enrolling at Purdue in the fall of 1963. Ebershoff still owns the Purdue record for single-season free throw shooting percentage (.907 on 88 of 97 attempts) set in 1966. He averaged 15 points and 4.6 assists for head coach George King as a senior in 1967, earning second-team All-Big Ten honors.

Drake Morris was a starting forward on Purdue's most recent NCAA Final Four team in 1980. He was the Indiana Mr. Basketball runner-up in 1977 and a McDonald's All-American out of East Chicago Washington. Morris earned first-team All-Big Ten honors in 1981 and scored 1,250 career points.

Brian Evans scored 1,701 career points at Indiana after graduating from Terre Haute South, where he earned first-team All-State honors and an Indiana All-Star berth. Evans was a first-round draft pick of the Orlando Magic in 1996.

Shelbyville graduate Ken Gunning, who played three seasons at Indiana in the 1930s, was also elected in a class that features James Blackmon of Marion, Eric Montross of Lawrence North and former Butler coach Brad Stevens. The induction ceremony will be March 22, 2023, at the Primo Banquet Hall in Indianapolis.  
Noteworthy

Carolyn Peck, the first African-American coach to win an NCAA women's basketball national championship, was one of five elected Sunday to the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

Peck coached two seasons at Purdue, culminating in the 1999 national title. She is currently a commentator/game analyst for ESPN's women's college basketball and WNBA coverage. ...

The current Purdue women's basketball team won two out of three at the Cancun Challenge this past weekend. The Boilermakers are 6-1 for just the third time in the last 10 years. ...

Seven Boilermaker defenders and four offensive players earned All-Big Ten honorable mention. Safety Cam Allen, tackles Branson Deen and Lawrence Johnson, linebacker Jalen Graham, ends Kydran Jenkins and Jack Sullivan and cornerback Cory Trice were cited. Running back Devin Mockobee and three of his blockers - Gus Hartwig, Spencer Holstegge and Marcus Mbow - also earned recognition.

Mockobee seems almost certain to break the Purdue single-season freshman rushing yards (875) and carries (168) records held by Markell Jones. Mockobee has rushed for 849 yards on 165 carries entering the Big Ten Championship Game, with a bowl to follow. ...

With Saturday's victory at Indiana, Jeff Brohm tied College Football Hall of Fame coach Jim Young (1977-81) and Noble Kizer (1930-36) for third place in career Big Ten victories at Purdue with 26.

Another College Football Hall of Fame coach, Jack Mollenkopf, won 58 conference games from 1956-69. Joe Tiller was close behind, winning 53 Big Ten games from 1997 to 2008.

Brohm did match Tiller, though, with back-to-back seasons of eight regular-season victories for the first time since Tiller accomplished the feat in 1997-98.

*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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# Present Company Included

The Hammacher Schlemmer Christmas '22 gift catalog just arrived! It's the longest-running mail-order retailer of its kind, its pages filled with unique (if not quirky) selections. Here are some of my favorite choices. Who knows, maybe this holiday you will receive...

John Wayne's Canvas Rancher Jacket:

This hand-crafted canvas jacket features a notched corduroy collar. I guess the notches each represent some poor soul Duke wasted in a movie. Do the five buttons denote the people he eliminated in his real life for not embracing the Second Amendment? None of these purchases were returned, with customers saying: "You'll have to pry that coat from my cold, dead hands."

The Warming Cat Bed: "Highly recommended by veterinarians," says HS. But only two vets could make an honest endorsement—the only two small enough to fit in the bed. The catalog says you can also use it for a small dog. I'm no pet expert, but I'd take the cat out first.

The Side Sleepers Ergonomic Pillow:

Ideal for someone who is sleeping with someone on the side. The pillow adjusts to your head and neck and provides support. Providing support is what you will have to do if you get caught.

The Perfect Spiral Robotic Quarterback:

This training contraption loads footballs and



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launches the pigskin 75 feet. You pump each ball, putting in as much air as you like. Endorsed by Tom Brady.

The Lego City Police Station:

The 680-piece Lego set is complete with a three-story building, a jail, cops and police dogs, and a training area. As the kids near bedtime and toys must be put away, parents can post a sign that says: DECONSTRUCT THE POLICE.

The Electronic Tag Game:

This is a modern version of tag where kids wear LED lights so they can see who has been tagged. Give me a break! When I was a kid, I admit I wasn't smart enough to reduce a fraction, but I sure didn't need a light to know who was "it."

The Award-Winning Cat String Toy:

Recognized for innovative cat amusement, this electric gadget is basically a string that hangs on the doorknob and swirls around, teasing the cat, and encouraging exercise. If you get this for your feline, he will show his gratitude just

like a dog. Your cat will wag his tail, wiggle his behind, jump up in your lap and lick your face. I'm just kidding.

The New York Times Jigsaw Puzzle of Your Birthdate:

Ever wonder what the front page of the New York Times looked like the day you were born? Me either. This 600-piece puzzle will test your concentration and patience. Remember the New York Times slogan: "All the news we print will fit." Unless the dog chewed a piece.

The Personalized Animated Singing Elephant Chair:

This is a giant plush pachyderm that sings, "Do your ears hang low, do they wobble and fro?" When I was 8 years old and first discovering my body, that's not how I remember the words.

And one last favorite item from a past holiday edition, still available:

The Soft Kangaroo Wallet:

This billfold is made from the hide of a kangaroo. How ironic that here we have an animal, one of the few on the planet with an actual pocket that can carry something and we made him into a wallet.

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# State Rep. Baird Seeks Farmers' Input On Land Drainage Issues, Laws

State Rep. Beau Baird (R-Greencastle) is seeking feedback from Hoosier farmers about how Indiana's agricultural drainage laws could be improved.

Baird is co-chair of the Drainage Task Force, which was established to review the responsibilities of landowners and authorities under current drainage laws, and determine the balance between state and local authority over regulation. Baird said his goal is to determine whether changes could be made to give farmers more flexibility to address drainage issues.

"Farmers often deal with flooding on their land, which can have devastating impacts on their crops, and be costly and time consuming to address," Baird said. "Hoosiers across the



State Rep. Beau Baird

state have expressed concerns over drainage regulations and the burden they create for farmers. That's why we want to dig in on this issue, and offer responsible solutions that help landowners and support the environment."

Baird asks the public to contact him directly with their input by calling 317-232-9981 or emailing h44@iga.in.gov by Dec. 21, which is the next scheduled Drainage

Task Force meeting. Members of the public are welcomed to attend and testify at the meeting, which will start at noon in the Senate Chamber at the Statehouse. The meeting will also be livestreamed and archived online at iga.in.gov.

"We rely on public testimony from Hoosiers who are personally impacted by these regulations," Baird said. "That way we can ask the right questions and get the information we need to make informed recommendations."

Baird said the task force is planning more meetings next year following the legislative session, which runs January through April. The committee's final recommendations will be reported by December 2023.

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## TIM

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### It's not unusual for some people to carry smaller crosses along the path Jesus took.

rafters and right angles, the Upper Room has arches. Perhaps when da Vinci painted it in the late 1400s it was different?

Followers of The Chosen may recall a scene where Jesus cured a cripple by a spring pool, telling the man to pick up his mat and walk. That was called the miracle at Bethesda and it was our next stop. The site, is also said to be the birthplace of the virgin Mary. A church stands there now commemorating the event – which is also under some dispute.

From there it was on to the Muslim Quarter and the Via Dolorosa – the hall where Pilate held Jesus on trial as well as the path Jesus carried his cross to his death. The stations of the cross are displayed along the way. There was one place just after the Fifth Station (where Simon the Cyrenian was tasked to help Jesus carry the heavy cross) that had an indentation in the rock. Our guide told us that it wasn't in the bible, but it is said that is where Jesus put his hand to catch his balance.

Before we arrived at the site of the crucifixion, I can tell you that it was a long walk, most of it

uphill. We were winded by the time we got there – of course understanding that we weren't carrying a cross made of wood that may have weighed as much as 300 pounds.

I can't stress enough how surreal the entire experience was – standing, walking, touching the same places the Son of God did. To say it was a humbling experience would be a huge understatement – at least for some.

We entered the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and wound our way through the crowd to the site of the crucifixion. Yes, there is some dispute on the actual site (more on that later), but this seems to be the leading candidate.

It was an honor to be able to kneel, place my grandmother's rosary and my hand on the site and offer a quick prayer. I suppose for every person that means something different and I would never pretend to speak for anyone else. All I can say is that it was a moment this reporter will never forget.

That is equally true a few minutes later when we knelt by the slab where His body was laid after He was taken down



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### People touched and prayed over the slab where Christ's body was placed after his death.



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### The arches surprised this reporter at the Upper Room, the site of the Last Supper.

from the cross and before he was taken to the Garden Tomb – a site we visited as well.

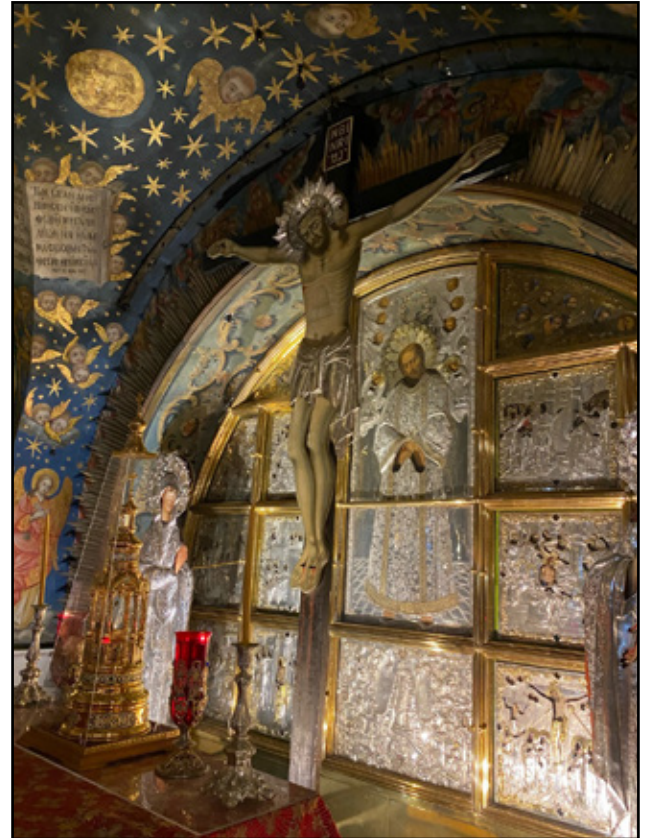
Like many sites we saw this week, there is some dispute on what was exactly where some 2,000 years ago. We were told that even scholars and archaeologists can't come to agreement. With that understanding, we visited the other place people claim as the location of the crucifixion, Golgotha. Our guide tried to explain that those who think this is the actual site have some circumstantial evidence. First, it's near a street and the guide said the Romans wanted executions to be visible to many. Second, some

accounts say the crucifixion took place near a garden. In fact, one was just yards away. Jesus' tomb is in that garden. As we all know, his body laid inside for three days until he rose from the dead in fulfillment of the scriptures. A large rock that was rolled away from the small opening was nearby.

We were allowed to go inside – another unforgettable moment.

Our week-long pilgrimage ended as we left the tomb. We boarded the bus and returned to our hotel. A long flight home awaits and plenty of time for contemplation and reflection.

Like everyone, I have



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### The site most believe is the crucifixion is inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.



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### Golgotha is translated into the skull. Is it where Christ was killed?

been on multiple vacations in my life. From the backseat of the family car with Mom and Dad to early trips with my new bride to Disneyland with our own kids and more. This was unlike any trip I've ever been on.

The questions I faced when this pilgrimage started weren't so much about my faith as they were about the priority it held in my life. After seeing not just the historical relevance of the life and death of Jesus Christ, but the daily sacrifices and conviction held by so many in this holy land I certainly feel a renewed commitment – perhaps a better understanding of

what the Son of God and the Son of Man did for our world.

And like I said when this pilgrimage began, it's not my place to tell you what is right and wrong and what you should or should not believe. That is a personal choice we all must make. But I can tell you this, if the idea of seeing the Holy Land is on your list of things you might do, it's highly recommended.

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## BUTCH

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one medium drink... THIRTY DOLLARS. Slightly higher than the 25 cents for a ticket and 10 cents for popcorn that I paid at the Sunshine Theater in Darlington in 1957, and back then a fountain Coke was a dime at the drug store. We didn't buy any candy at this movie either.... Junior Mints \$5.00 a box! That must be why the theater keeps candy in a locked glass case...it's like looking at items at a ritzy store jewelry counter. "My wife just wants to see what Milk Duds look like in her hand, but we can't afford them right now. I'm saving my money to buy her some for our anniversary."

I go to my doctor for an annual checkup once a year. The only reason I go is because I have a prescription. The nurse weighs me, takes my blood pressure, and checks my heartbeat. I then sit in a tiny, cold room for 15-20 minutes until the physician shows

up with his laptop. "How are things going?".... "Fine." "Any problems lately?"... "No." "Do you want a prostate exam?"... "No." "How's Connie?"... "Great, still working full-time, just like me." "Well, sounds good. We need to get a blood sample, and I'll see you next year." Total bill....\$286.00. In the good old days, Darlington's Dr. Otten charged \$2.00 for a visit. One time, Dr. Humphreys spent ten hours saving my life after I drank from a stream and contracted a severe bacterial infection. He charged \$8.00.

This past Friday we bought our weekly groceries...\$203.46. Then on Saturday we bought a Christmas tree...a real tree...for the first time in twenty years...\$105.00. The next day we went Christmas shopping in Lafayette...got just a few items for the grandkids...\$185.00. After we were done, we ate at a restaurant on Teal

Road...\$34.50. I then stopped at Payless Grocery to pick up six items which we had forgot to buy on Friday...\$42.56. The gas gauge on our SUV registered 1/4th tank, so I decided to fill it up before we headed back home....ding, ding, ding...the pump rang up \$74.83. Oh well, it's only money, right.

I started home... and then turned back. I forgot to buy my weekly lottery ticket. I have been using the same numbers forever. I just know I am going to win one of these days. I need a couple of \$\$ million. I am going to sock it away. When I am 99 years old in 2047, I might want to go to an auction, see a movie, go Christmas shopping.... and get a prostate exam.

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## PURDUE

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times for winter weather animal care and then of course, at what point is it do you start "wrapping the pigs in blankets", so to speak.

Outdoor Cats and Dogs:

Provide a quality water source, frequently changing out to prevent freezing or use heated outdoor water bowls. Refresh the water regularly and see that the heated bowls are secured to avoid tipping and electrical hazards. Shelter the water and food sources if you can.

Provide a separate shelter just for your pet. It can be an old storage tub, made out of some scrap lumber, or a dog house. Make sure that the shelters for the pets are not too large for the size of pet, it is important for the shelter to keep the body heat in but also no be too large of a space for the body heat to maintain. Insulate shelters with straw, sawdust, or old pillow cases filled with newspaper. Old bedding should not be used, they absorb the body heat and chill your pet. If you insulate the shelter, only insulate the walls and floor, do not install above insulation.

What is the extreme, at what temperature is it time to bring them inside?

There are many factors into this decision, some pets are conditioned to colder temperatures, the pet's size and weight, age and health are

factors of how long they can or cannot stand the cold. If it is your dog's first winter, it may take some conditioning, keeping them in the unheated garage on the first couple of nights under 40F or 32F. Main concern is if your pet is wet and cold. If any form of wetness that soaks through, the pet's fur should be tended to. General rule of thumb for temperature alone is once below 20F, it is important they have a warm and dry shelter, and if not, they will need to be brought inside.

Livestock:

As with the cats and dogs, water is most important. It is necessary to regulate water temperatures and maintaining a good quality of water to your livestock throughout the freezing temperatures. You can regulate water temperatures with water tank heaters or by checking and replacing the water often. As for the animals staying warm, most have their own coats that do an excellent job. Providing a warm shelter out of the elements for resting and sleep still is necessary.

Supplement forages and increase feed to get them through the cold and high energy burning days to stay warm is also recommended. Try to avoid mud as much as possible, one way is to rotate pasture feeding locations. Keep the sick, young and nursing, and near-due-mothers

sheltered until they have recovered enough with gained strength to brave the outdoors again.

What is the extreme for livestock?

Well not everybody can come into the heated house when it gets too cold, can they? Provide the most shelter you can when you have to. Freezing rain or super cold windchills are the extremes we are most likely to face. Otherwise, keep the best shelter for the sick, young, and near giving birth, and nursing mothers and young.

Upcoming Classes:

- 12/7 Tippecanoe County PARP
- 1/18-2/8 The Power of Negotiation: Land Leasing Strategies for Midwestern Ag Women is a 4-part extension workshop produced in collaboration between women in agriculture programs in Indiana, Kansas, and Nebraska. It will focus on the basics of land management, leasing, and conservation for both landlords and tenants. (Open to all)
- 2/7-5/9 Master Gardener Class

For more information about my upcoming classes, please call or email me!

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