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**➔ TODAY'S VERSE**

2 Corinthians 5:6,7 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: For we walk by faith, not by sight

**➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY**

People who call our community their own.



Santa and The Paper are ready for the season. The Paper is giving away free tickets to the Christmas Gift + Hobby Show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, and Santa, aka Gary Behling, just snagged a couple! Want to win your own? Just take a selfie of you with our front page (online or print) and e-mail it to news@thepaper24-7.com. Once you see your smiling face on our front page, you've won! Be sure to include your name and phone number - and hey, if you'd like to say something nice about The Paper, we wouldn't mind!

**➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** From Nov. 13-17 this year, Culver's restaurants nationwide are coming together once again to offer support to those in need through the Concretes for a Cause fundraiser, donating \$1 from every Concrete Mixer sold to local food banks and hunger relief initiatives. Concretes for a Cause will take place in all 900+ Culver's restaurants across 26 states. In the fundraiser, each restaurant donates their proceeds to the local hunger relief charity of their choice following the four-day event. In 2022 alone, guests rallied to support their communities by purchasing 414,535 Concrete Mixers during the fundraiser period. Concretes for a Cause is part of Culver's Give Local program, in which Culver's restaurants support organizations and causes in the communities they call home. Culver's also supports the creation of a nutritious and sustainable food supply through its Thank You Farmers® Project, which has raised over \$4 million since 2013.

**2** The Crawfordsville Investment Club will meet Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at the Crawfordsville District Public Library. The Crawfordsville Investment Club meets for educational purposes only. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 765-362-2826.

**3** All veterans and active-duty military personnel, and everyone in their vehicle, will be admitted free to DNR state parks, reservoir properties, state forest recreation areas, and off-road state recreation areas on Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11. Veterans and military personnel should simply let the gate attendant at the property they visit know that they are either a veteran or serving and on active duty.

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**Thank You To All Of Our Veterans!!!**



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

Thousands of men and women from Montgomery County have served in the armed forces, during peacetime or in war.

These men and women loved our country and were willing to risk their lives to ensure the freedoms that many people take for granted. They were proud to serve our great country. They were in many tough situations and often had to make life or death decisions under threat of danger. And yes, sadly, many of these brave men and women lost their lives. The following poem excerpts, written by Edgar Guest in 1918, explains why our veterans served...

"The things that make a soldier great and send him out to die, To face the flaming cannon's mouth, nor ever question why.... The little patch of ground back there, the children at their play, Perhaps a tiny mound behind the simple church of gray. The golden thread of courage isn't linked

to castle dome; But to the spot where'er it be--the humble spot called home.... He sees his children smile at him, he hears the bugle call, And only death can stop him now--he's fighting for them all."

And to those who made the ultimate sacrifice... "The finest tribute we can pay, unto our hero dead today, Is not a speech of roses red, but living, throbbing hearts instead, That shall renew the pledge they sealed, With death upon the battlefield; That freedom's flag shall bear no stain, And free men wear no tyrant's chain."

"Into God's valleys where they lie, At rest beneath the open sky, Triumphant now o'er every foe, As living tributes let us go. No wreath of rose or immortelles, Or spoken word or tolling bells, Will do today unless we give, Our pledge that liberty shall live."

In today's world, many people look up to and admire pro athletes, actors and actresses, musicians, and the rich and famous. Many people have lost track of what is really

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## The Worth Of A Life

By Gwynn Willis  
Animal Welfare League

I dropped off a bag of Purina Dog Chow at the Animal Welfare League yesterday. In cages and crates, cats of various ages and canines from puppies to gray-muzzled seniors lined the lobby and office. Hustle. Bark. Ring. More bark. Whine. Ring. Howl. Meow. It was a symphony of shelter sounds. Sometimes when I stop in, it is hard to stay for longer than a few minutes. The liquid eyes and longing cries of the animals are overwhelming to my empathic personality. I look around at the Shelter Crew; Derrick and Dylan, Abby and Julie and the others named in previous articles. They are all tending to animals and focused on doing their jobs. I could not do this, every day. These selfless souls deserve all of the good karma that comes their way.

Rescuing animals has long been a hobby of mine. When my second husband and I married, I brought a nine-year-old son and a fifty pound Dalmatian into the union. The dog, Daphne, was my constant companion and slept curled up in the bend of my legs. A boundary was set by my newlywed husband: "No dogs in the bed." So we wheeled a rollaway next to my side of the full sized mattress and that is where she slept. I didn't think anything about it until our minister came over to

visit a few weeks after the ceremony. As we were giving him the grand tour of our house, he spied the rollaway shoved up against our marriage bed. I saw him squirm and before he could ask or turn away in horror, I blurted, "That's where our dog sleeps." He chuckled, but I am pretty sure he left thinking he had now seen everything weird there was to see in East Tennessee.

I was working as a Speech Therapist in a rural county at the time and came across many stray animals, mostly dogs. I brought home two puppies cowering in some weeds along a dirt road, a furry Corgi mix loose in a Long John Silver's parking lot, a Brittany Spaniel running down the middle of the road and a shepherd/hound cross I found leaning up against a door to the entrance of a gas station. With each founding, my husband at the time warned me to stop bringing strays home! I called one of our local rescues led by a woman named Minnie. I needed consoling after dropping off a couple of the furry friends. I hung on to the Brittany Spaniel thinking I might be able to find someone interested in taking him. Minnie, in her wisdom offered, "Don't just give a dog away. Even if you only charge five dollars, put some value on its

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## Knowing Jesus

Sherri Maish

Photo courtesy of Sherri Maish

The latest book by author Sherri Maish goes on sale this Sunday!

**Book Release Party**

Montgomery County's Sherri Maish is releasing her next book "Knowing Jesus" and her parents and brother have set up a book release party on Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. at



SHERRI MAISH

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## Mayor Builds Relationships Through Business Retention Visits

Mayor Barton reports another successful year for industry visits. For the past six years, the cornerstone of the City's economic development strategy has been its Business Retention & Expansion (BR&E) program. Understanding that over 80% of new capital investment and jobs typically comes from a community's existing business base is the reason that each year Mayor Barton and his economic development team meet with local leadership from area industry. The goal of these visits is three-fold: first and foremost, it maintains key relationships with area employers, second, it is an opportunity to learn about potential for future growth, and lastly, it is also a chance to learn of any challenges to which the City may be able to provide assistance.

In addition to meeting annually with area industry leaders, the Mayor also travels to the corporate headquarters of two or three industries each year. Similar to the local meetings, the headquarter visits allow the Mayor to build and maintain relationships with corporate leadership, show ongoing support for their respective

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### The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset  
RISE: 7:25 a.m.  
SET: 5:37 p.m.

**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 58 °F  
Low: 40 °F

**Today is...**

- International Accounting Day
- Sesame Street Day
- United States Marine Corps Birthday

**What Happened On This Day**

- 1969 Sesame Street premieres. Sesame Street, the long-running American children's television series, premiered on TV stations.
- 1898 Wilmington riots begin. Thought to be one of the only incidents of insurrection against a local government in the United States, the Wilmington Race Riots of 1898 or the Wilmington Massacre of 1898 began after an election voted in a biracial city council.
- 1775 US Marine Corps is created. The elite military force capable of operating on land, sea and air was founded in Philadelphia during the American Revolutionary War.

**Births On This Day**

- 1960 Neil Gaiman, English author, illustrator, screenwriter
- 1483 Martin Luther, German monk, priest, leader of the Protestant Reformation

**Deaths On This Day**

- 2007 Norman Mailer, American author, journalist
- 1982 Leonid Brezhnev, Soviet politician

**➔ HONEST HOOSIER**

God bless all our veterans - and I'm taking off tomorrow AND Sunday so I can go to the celebration and say thank you!



**➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Treat burns by immediately soaking the area in cold water for at least five minutes and cover any open areas with antibiotic ointment. 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.



**➔ OBITUARIES**

None

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



**➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE**

November Community Forum:

Mayor Barton will be hosting his November Community Forum on Monday, November 13th from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Mayor's Office. This will be the Mayor's 126th community forum. This event is open to the public to come ask questions, discuss concerns, and learn more about anything regarding the city.

**➔ TODAY'S QUOTE**

In celebration of our beginning our 20th year as a media company, we're sharing some famous quotations about newspapers this month.

"Freedom of the press, or, to be more precise, the benefit of freedom of the press, belongs to everyone - to the citizen as well as the publisher... The crux is not the publisher's 'freedom to print,' it is, rather, the citizens' right to know."  
-Arthur Hays Sulzberger

**➔ TODAY'S JOKE**

The boss subscribes to a lot of newspapers. Last winter, The Times was laying on his front step, but had been frozen over in an early sleet storm. The boss came out and promptly slipped on it and fell down the steps. You could say he fell on hard Times!

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7 DAY FORECAST
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51 BRIGHT AND BREEZY	37/58 BREEZY, NOT AS COLD	46/62 BREEZY RAIN CHANCE LATE	50/60 MAINLY CLOUDY	55/68 BREEZY WARMER RAIN AROUND	52/55 COOLER, SHOWERS	50/56 SCATTERED SHOWERS
THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED



## Meeting Notes

### Montgomery County Board Of Commissioners Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023  
 8 AM

1580 Constitution Row - Room E109 Crawfordsville, IN 47933

CALL TO ORDER  
 Board President John E. Frey

PLEDGE ALLI-GENCE and PRAYER  
 CONSENT AGENDA  
 Approval of Claims Accounts Payable - \$2,602,069.22 Payroll 11/3 - \$643,953.00 Minutes - October 23, 2023  
 Agreement with Govolution - Online Payments - Treasurer's Office

NEW BUSINESS  
 Approve Letter of Engagement - Job Classification and Compensation Study

ORDINANCES  
 Final Reading: Ordinance 2023-22 Creating the 2024 Justice Partners Addiction Response Grant Fund-\$50,000

Final Reading: Ordinance 2023-23 Creating the FY2024 DOC Drug Court Grant Fund - \$80,441

Final Reading: Ordinance 2023-24 Creating the FY2024 DOC Probation Grant Fund - \$164,890

Final Reading: Ordinance 2023-25 Creating the 2024 Family Recovery Court Grant Fund-\$106,388

First Reading: Ordinance 2023-26 Amendment of Road Regulations Ordinance

RESOLUTIONS  
 OTHER BUSINESS  
 ADJOURNMENT

Agenda Memo  
 Monday, October 23, 2023 4:30 PM

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Agreement with Govolution - Online Payments - Treasurer's Office  
 Treasurer Heather Laffoon requesting approval to enter into a Master Subscription Agreement with Certified Payments, an online payment vendor for property tax payments. Service Fee Per Transaction: 2.50% for all Visa, MasterCard, Discover - \$2.00 minimum. \$2.00 fee for Electronic Check/ACH.

NEW BUSINESS  
 Approve Letter of Engagement - Job Classification and Compensation Study

The County received two proposals to complete a compensation study. The submittals were from Waggoner, Irwin, Shee & Associates and NFP. Both firms were interviewed and references were checked. The recommendation is to proceed with a contract with Waggoner, Irwin, Shee & Associates for an estimated cost of \$62,840 plus travel expense reimbursement. The Council budget would be utilized

to pay for the study. Approval of the contract will be contingent upon the Council authorizing the expenditure of funds, as well as approval of the contract.

Waggoner, Irwin and Shee & Associates is an Indiana based company and was established in 1979. Since their founding, they have been engaged by 80 counties and 70 Indiana cities and towns to complete compensation studies. Their references included the Counties of Dekalb, Hamilton, Harrison, Morgan, Owen and Shelby. Addie Rooker will be the principal in charge of the project. Ms. Rooker has a bachelor's degree in human resources management and has been employed by Waggoner et al since 2001. She has supervised dozens of job classification and compensation surveys.

ORDINANCES  
 Final Reading: Ordinance 2023-22 Creating the 2024 Justice Partners Addiction Response Grant Fund-\$50,000

This ordinance creates a fund for the funds awarded by the Indiana Office of Court Services for Justice Partners Addiction Response. The grant funds may only be used towards costs related to recovery and substance abuse treatment. The fund is a non-reverting fund.

Final Reading: Ordinance 2023-23: Creating the FY2024 DOC Drug Court Grant Fund - \$80,441

This ordinance creates a fund for the funds awarded by the Indiana Department of Corrections from the FY2024 Community Corrections & Justice Reinvestment Grants. The grant funds may only be used towards costs related to Drug Court Programs. The fund is a non-reverting fund.

Final Reading: Ordinance 2023-24: Creating the FY2024 DOC Probation Grant Fund - \$164,890

This ordinance creates a fund for the funds awarded by the Indiana Department of Corrections from the FY2024 Community Corrections & Justice Reinvestment Grants. The grant funds may only be used towards funding the Probation Office. The fund is a non-reverting fund.

Final Reading: Ordinance 2023-25 Creating the 2024 Family Recovery Court Grant Fund-\$106,388

This ordinance creates a fund for the funds awarded by the Indiana Office of Court Services from the FY2024 Family Recovery Court Grant Fund to the Montgomery Circuit Court. The grant provides funding for the Family Recovery Court Program. The fund is a non-reverting fund.

Introduction: Ordinance 2023-27 Amending Chapter 70 of the County Code for Road Regulations

Ordinance amends the regulations on the type of vehicles that can travel on CR400 North from County Road 400 West to State Road 231. The amendment will allow school buses to travel on this section of road and will allow service trucks to travel on the road to provide services to residences that live along that section of road.

RESOLUTIONS  
 OTHER BUSINESS  
 ADJOURNMENT

### Brightening The Holiday Season For The Military Community

(StatePoint) As we enter the holiday season and Americans across the country look forward to spending time with family, thousands of service members deployed overseas - many to the Middle East in response to the Israel-Hamas war - will not have that luxury and will be spending the holidays far away from loved ones.

Here is how USO Holidays programming delivers a piece of home to them, along with ideas for how you can get involved:

1. Care packages: A care package might seem small in light of the challenges of deployment, but for many service members, they're a reminder that they're not forgotten by Americans back home. Aside from standard USO Care Packages, which contain snacks or toiletries, USO Holidays Care Packages have festive treats and goodies, such

as holiday candies, cozy socks and a warm beanie, that help bridge the gap between home and the frontlines. This year, the USO will deliver 50,000 holiday packages to over 250 locations globally.

2. Holiday traditions: Giving up treasured family traditions can be difficult. That's why USO Centers and USO Mobile teams host holiday meals for service members and their families, complete with special treats ranging from pumpkin and sweet potato pie to hot cocoa bars. Each December, USO Holidays Cookie Week celebrates the time-honored tradition of baking and decorating cookies, putting service members and military families in the holiday spirit wherever they are located. Other seasonal programming can include tree decorating, arts and crafts, holiday-themed movie nights and ugly sweater competitions.

Through these activities, service members stationed far from home can still make holiday memories.

3. Connections to home: Staying connected to family during the holidays can be difficult for service members stationed overseas, particularly for those in or near regions in conflict such as Eastern Europe or the Middle East. The USO Reading Program enables deployed service members to record themselves reading a book to their child. Then, the recording and a copy of the book are sent to that service member's family.

4. Happy travels: As most people know, holiday travel can be especially taxing. Thousands of service members and trainees from military installations across the country participate in the Holiday Block Leave period, many traveling through some of the busiest airports in the

United States to be with their families during the holidays. USO airport centers can alleviate some of that stress for service members and trainees by providing a place to relax and unwind before the next leg of their journey, along with all the comfort items they need.

To learn more about these programs and how to support them, and for ideas on how to reach out to the military community to express your thanks during the holidays and throughout the year, visit [uso.org/campaign/holidays](http://uso.org/campaign/holidays).

The holiday season can look very different for service members and military families who must celebrate while separated from loved ones and home in all corners of the world. Bringing everyone together on special days fosters camaraderie and positivity, and provides a welcome break from the demands of military life.

#### PUBLIC NOTICES

##### NOTICE TO BIDDERS Montgomery County Highway Department 2024 Annual Bids

Notice is given that the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County, Indiana will receive sealed Bids for the year 2024 for the following: Gas, Fuel, Oil, Diesel Exhaust Fluid, Culverts, Treated Salt, Aggregates, Bituminous, 50/50 Dust Control, Signs, and Tires. These are to be delivered to the Commissioner's office at the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, Ste A Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933, no later than 2:00 p.m. (local time), Wednesday November 22, 2023 any bids received after 2:00 p.m. Wednesday November 22, 2023 will be returned unopened to the bidder.

Interested bidders should obtain, complete written specifications for Gas, Fuel, Oil, Culverts Aggregates, Bituminous, 50/50 Dust Control, Signs, Tires, Tubes and Batteries at the Montgomery County Highway Department 818 Whitlock Avenue, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 or by contacting the Montgomery County Highway Department at (765) 362-2304 or via email, [highway@montgomerycounty.in.gov](mailto:highway@montgomerycounty.in.gov). The written specifications will also be available via our website at [www.montgomerycounty.in.gov](http://www.montgomerycounty.in.gov). All bids should be submitted on Indiana State Board of Accounts forms.

All bids MUST have a signed Contractor's Nepotism-Policy Compliance Affidavit, Agreement Addendum Requiring e-Verify Compliance, Contractor's Affidavit HEA 1005 (2012) and Public Law 21 (2012) Compliance, Non-Collusion Affidavit.

All bids will be opened at a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Commissioners that will take place Monday, November 27, 2023 at 8:00 a.m., in the Community Meeting Room of the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, Room 103, and Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. The Highway Director will take all bids under advisement for review.

The Highway Director will make his recommendation for the bids at the Montgomery County Commissioner's Meeting on Monday December 11, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. The Montgomery County Commissioners reserve the right to reject all bids if it determines it is in the County's best interest to do so and to waive any informality in bidding.

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# Remembering Bob Knight And 2024 Big Ten Football



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

day and Super Tuesday were must watch TV.

The Purdue-Indiana rivalry really hasn't been the same since 2000, when Knight was fired by Indiana University president Myles Brand. From Gene Keady's introduction to the rivalry in January 1981 to his last meeting with Knight in February 2000, Purdue-IU just felt different than more hyped rivalries such as North Carolina-Duke.

In the eyes of Purdue fans, Keady was someone who would take no nonsense from any rival. Especially Knight.

Keady's bulldog, ready to fight spirit no doubt inspired the Boilermakers to some of their greatest moments. Keady's successor, Matt Painter, confirmed that belief with his statement following Knight's death on Nov. 1. "He made us better," Painter said of Knight. "In competition, especially with rivalries, you get everybody's best. He always got Purdue's best. We knew when we played Indiana ... it was going to be a great battle. You also knew they were going to have a great game plan. They're always going to be prepared.

"That's what great coaches and great competition does. I think he brought the best out of everybody in this league. They were the standard. I think coach Keady would totally agree with that. In terms of having somebody you constantly have to beat whether it's in recruiting, in games, to

win the Big Ten championship.

"His knowledge of the game and his understanding of the game and what he passed on to a lot of people made the game pretty enjoyable to watch. He really affected the game and he affected a lot of people with his knowledge."

If you want a profane example of Knight's competitive spirit, especially toward Purdue, Google has links to an 80-second recording from the 1990-91 season that someone secretly - and bravely - recorded. Here's a sanitized excerpt of Knight's remarks:

"Now, I'm tired of this (expletive). I'm sick and tired of a (expletive) 8-10 record. I'm (expletive) tired of losing to Purdue. I'm not here to (expletive) around this week. Now, you may be, but I'm not."

Knight lost to Purdue and Keady 21 times in 41 meetings. But there was mutual respect between the two, even to the point when Knight accompanied Keady to a Purdue function during their retirement years. That was likely to tweak the noses of Indiana University brass, for whom he held a grudge for many years.

"Bob was one of those guys that had everyone's respect as a coach, but he was a great friend to me," the 87-year-old Keady said in a statement. "He was special in my career because although we had many battles, we always respected each other and the game. When you faced his teams, you had to be at your best and try to get your team to its best too. Lot of great memories of our time together. It's a sad day for me and for college basketball."

Here's a look at some memorable Knight-Keady matchups:

Jan. 31, 1981: Indiana 69, Purdue 61 and Feb. 7,

1981: Purdue 68, Indiana 66 - The 1980-81 season was a preview of what was to come between two fierce competitors.

Keady drew two technical fouls less than two minutes into the game at Assembly Hall after watching Knight grab an official who he believed was blocking his view of the court.

"I have all the respect in the world for Bobby, but you can't grab an official and get away with it," Keady said in his postgame press conference. "Nobody will intimidate me. I don't give a damn who he is."

Purdue rallied to split the season series on two free throws from Kevin Stallings with five seconds left.

In the days following Purdue's victory in Mackey Arena, Boilermaker guard Roosevelt Barnes claimed that Indiana's Isiah Thomas punched him near the end of the game in Bloomington. Knight vehemently denied that happened and while defending his star coined the phrase "Purdue mentality."

Purdue athletic director George King complained to the Big Ten, charging Knight with unsportsmanlike conduct. When King refused an invitation from Knight to appear on his weekly TV show, Knight decided to get the last word.

"I had a guy call me when he read that King wouldn't come on our TV show and told me he had a guest for us that if we'd like to use him would probably express the same kinds of views ... and be very, very symbolic of a lot of the thinking at Purdue," Knight explained to show host Chuck Marlowe, the father of late columnist John Marlowe.

"His first name is Jack. Chuck, I'll let you figure out the last name."

The camera panned to

a mule in a Purdue hat, bridled by a man wearing a flannel shirt and a straw hat.

**Feb. 23, 1985: Purdue 72, Indiana 63** - Forever known as "the Chair" game, there was an early sign this wasn't going to be a typical Purdue-Indiana game.

Instead of his usual checkered sports coat and tie, Knight came out wearing a striped polo shirt. Five minutes of game time and three technical fouls later, Knight was ejected after throwing a chair across the playing floor.

Purdue guard Steve Reid is teased to this day about his reaction to the chair toss. Standing at the line ready to shoot the technical free throws, Reid watched the chair bounce past him. Likely acting on instinct, Reid ran to retrieve the chair.

Reid and Pat Keady, the coach's wife, were later struck by coins thrown from the stands. Mrs. Keady was hit in the eye with a dime and left Assembly Hall wearing an eye patch.

Perhaps intimidated by Knight, Indiana athletic director Ralph Floyd and university president John Ryan left his punishment to Big Ten commissioner Wayne Duke. Knight missed one game, which pretty much sums up the power he held in the mid-1980s.

**Jan. 30, 1988: Indiana 82, Purdue 79** - The reigning national champions ended second-ranked Purdue's 16-game winning streak.

The Boilermakers rallied from a 21-point first half deficit to take a 71-69 lead with 5:51 to play.

**Jan. 13, 1990: Purdue 81, Indiana 79 (OT)** - Ryan Berning's two free throws clinched Purdue's first victory in Assembly Hall in five years.

The Boilermakers had trailed the 13th-ranked

Hosiers by 16 points in the first half.

**March 15, 1992: Purdue 61, Indiana 59** - The stunning upset cost the fourth-ranked Hoosiers a share of the Big Ten Conference title and a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

Fans rushed the court, never expecting the Boilermakers to be in the game after losing 106-65 at Assembly Hall six weeks earlier.

**Jan. 18, 1994: Purdue 83, Indiana 76 (OT)** - Glenn Robinson scored 22 of his game-high 33 points in the second half as the 12th-ranked Boilermakers overcame a 10-point deficit to the eighth-ranked Hoosiers.

**Feb. 25, 1996: Purdue 74, Indiana 72** - The seventh-ranked Boilermakers moved within a win of clinching their third consecutive Big Ten championship thanks to Chad Austin's 3-pointer with 13.7 seconds remaining at Assembly Hall.

**Feb. 18, 1997: Purdue 89, Indiana 87 (OT)** - Chad Austin once again hit the game-winner, this time with six-tenths of a second remaining at Assembly Hall.

"Chad Austin Does It Again" would be made into a BTN "The Big Moment" documentary 25 years later.

**Feb. 9, 1999: Purdue 86, Indiana 81 (OT)** - This time, Jaraan Cornell provided the heroics at Assembly Hall, sinking the go-ahead 3-pointer with 33 seconds remaining in overtime to lead the 21st-ranked Boilermakers past the 17th-ranked Hoosiers.

**Feb. 29, 2000: Indiana 79, Purdue 65** - No one in Assembly Hall could have imagined this would be the final time Knight would coach against Purdue.

The loss would cost Purdue a share of the Big Ten championship.

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## Big Ten football 2024

With 2023 a season not to remember for Purdue and Indiana, the Big Ten Conference finally released a 2024 schedule that will include USC, UCLA, Oregon and Washington for the first time.

The Boilermakers will open league play at Ross-Ade Stadium against Nebraska on Sept. 28. Purdue gets one last chance to break a long losing streak to Wisconsin when it travels to Madison on Oct. 5. The two schools will play each other just once in the next five seasons.

October also brings a trip to Illinois (Oct. 12) and Oregon coming to West Lafayette for just the third time on Oct. 19. November brings Northwestern (Nov. 2), a trip to Ohio State (Nov. 9) and a home finale against Penn State (Nov. 16) Trips to Michigan State (Nov. 23) and Indiana (Nov. 30) wrap up the season.

Indiana will play five Big Ten home games among its eight contests in Bloomington. The Hoosiers avoided back-to-back road games.

UCLA will welcome Indiana to the Rose Bowl on Sept. 14, the first time both teams will have played each other. It also marks the Hoosiers' return to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1968.

Maryland (Sept. 28), Nebraska (Oct. 19), Washington (Oct. 26), Michigan (Nov. 9) and Purdue comprise the home schedule. Road games include Northwestern (Oct. 5), Michigan State (Nov. 2) and Ohio State (Nov. 23).

- 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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# Mice Marathon



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Funny Bone

Mary Ellen called to me from the kitchen the other day, sharing a headline she had just read on line.

"I'm not surprised," I responded. "I was walking in the park just yesterday and the kids were driving me crazy with their screaming and complaining and fighting..."

"Dick, what are you talking about? The headline said Indianapolis has the 15th highest number of rats."

"Oh, sorry, I thought you said brats."

Yes, Mary Ellen was right. We are number 15 on a list of major cities that are rat-infested. I'm sorry I have to tell you some of the other cities because you may be planning a little winter's vacation there and that might make you really nervous eating at a restaurant or dangling your feet from a movie theater seat.

Also reported: Los Angeles moved up to the #2 ranking while New York rounds out the top three spots. Jumping up 10 spots this year is Houston to #20, and Greensboro, N.C., moves up 17 spots to take #50. Wow, that's more complicated than a March Madness bracket.

The number one city for rats is Chicago, which is a little bit too close for comfort. This is the ninth year they have won. It is scary when the Rats have a better record than the Cubs. The nation's capital was fourth with a half million rats, 500, 535 if you count Congress. By the way, I don't know how they make those estimates, but it seems to me while you are counting rats, you might as well dispose of them.

The people at Orkin,

who publish this research annually, market clothing that heralds Chicago as NUMBER ONE IN RATS. Shirts come pre-shrunk and pre-gnawed. The back of the garment should have a picture of Jimmy Cagney saying, "You dirty rat." Although his exact line was: "You dirty yellow-bellied rat." Shirts are selling well, even in the nicest residential part of Chicago.

Years ago, there was a famous YouTube video of a rat in New York City (Number 3 on the list) scampering down the steps of the subway with a slice of pizza in his mouth. The camera followed him on his long journey back to his nest. You would never see that sight in Indy because even rats here know if you want really good thin pizza, you have to make a road trip to the Big Apple.

Remember now, Chicago is number one. Rats living there apparently prefer the famous deep-dish pizza which is more of a casserole. You'd need a whole pack of rats just to move one slice cross-town.

After I finished reading the article, Mary Ellen and I headed out for dinner so we could stop obsessing about the fact we were number 15 on the list. But I couldn't erase this image from my mind. That's why I ordered the ratatouille.

By the way, the Indianapolis area is the 13th best city to raise a pet bunny. That is absolutely true, so help me Internet. I thought I'd end with some good news.

You're welcome!

*- 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.*

## MAYOR

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Crawfordsville facility, and provide updates on the economy in Crawfordsville. This particular component of the economic development strategy has played an integral role in many of our local facilities' growth. This year, Mayor Barton and his team completed 17 existing industry visits and four headquarters visits.

"While many commu-

nities are focused on new industry attraction, we recognize the importance of nurturing those industries who have invested in Crawfordsville and choose to remain and grow here," said Mayor Barton. "Our long-term strategy is to maintain a collaborative business environment and our BR&E program helps us do that."

## GWYNN

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life." I call it her Five Dollar Dog Theory. The truth is, an animal's life is worth way more than five dollars, yet some are treated as if their lives don't matter at all. I won't use my platform to lecture people on the responsibility of pet ownership, but as Gandhi once said, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Sometimes it feels as if our moral compass isn't working anymore. Our shelter is overflowing with dogs and cats right now. These are tough times for people for a multitude of reasons and our beloved pets are treated as disposable entities. The men and women who work and volunteer at the Animal Welfare League are angels; they

do the bittersweet work of rescuing, rehoming and rehabbing animals brought in as strays or surrenders. Yet there are some dogs and cats who don't make it out of the shelter for one reason or another.

The rest of November and in the coming months, community members will have the opportunity to donate their time, talents and gifts to AWL. On November 18, Midas is sponsoring "OPERATION FILL-A-BOWL, a drive through pet food and supplies event. Hope to see you there any-time between the hours of 11AM-4PM. And stay tuned to The Paper for upcoming articles on the history and current status of the Montgomery County Animal Shelter.

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**THE PAPER**

# Chambers Gets Campaign Boosts From Past IEDC Business Associates

By Casey Smith  
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Indiana gubernatorial candidate Brad Chambers' campaign is likely to receive tens of thousands of dollars from an upcoming fundraiser hosted by racing legend Michael Andretti, adding to the Republican hopeful's support from the state's top business leaders.

While a common event for a political candidate, it's Chambers' previous working relationship with the Andretti empire that's causing some to raise eyebrows.

Chambers — who is seeking the Republican nomination — led the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) as Secretary of Commerce until he stepped down from that position in August. While there, Andretti Autosport received millions in contracts, grants and tax incentives.

"It's purely a function of — Brad worked for a couple of years on the deal ... I think they're supporting someone they'd see as being a terrific governor," said Marty Obst, senior strategist for Chambers' campaign.

Accepting money in this way is legally sound, said Andrew Downs, a former political science professor at Purdue University Fort Wayne, but some might have ethical concerns, given Chambers ran an agency that brokered deals with Andretti.

"This is very common. When you work with somebody professionally, you develop a relationship. If they liked the work you've done, that is usually a place to go for contributions to a political campaign — you've got to raise money, and you raise money within the network," Downs told the Indiana Capital Chronicle. "But that will, of course, not look so good if you are involved in government money, and that was your business relationship." \*\*\*

## Big donations from top industry officials

Admission to the evening reception, scheduled for Tuesday on the northwest side of Indianapolis, starts at \$50 per person, according to an event handout obtained by the Indiana Capital Chronicle. Three additional sponsorship levels offer additional perks.

Couples who give at least \$10,000, for example, are invited to a private cocktail reception and receive "VIP swag." Food,

drinks, music and access to a fireside chat with Chambers and Andretti are offered to all of those in attendance.

In 2022, the IEDC committed up to \$19 million in the form of conditional tax credits, as well as up to \$125,000 in training grants, to incentivize the Andretti company to bring its universal motorsports headquarters to central Indiana — specifically the Fishers area. The IEDC said Andretti's investment will create up to 500 new jobs by the end of 2026.

The company has also signed two Formula E car sponsorship contracts with the IEDC. One valued at \$1 million was finalized in early 2022. A similar but separate \$550,000 contract with Andretti followed this September.

"Obviously, it's an iconic brand, and the opportunity for Andretti to build a \$200 billion, 575,000-square-foot facility to keep him in Indiana, not going elsewhere, like North Carolina or Texas, was a huge win for the state, and huge win for the racing industry," Obst said. "And so, obviously, those are the types of deals that Brad would lean into, and it all resulted in record-smashing economic development and capital investment in the state. We're proud of the deal and proud to have (Andretti's) support."

Andretti Autosport did not reply to the Indiana Capital Chronicle's requests for comment.

While leading the IEDC, Chambers additionally spearheaded the LEAP Innovation District in Boone County and distributed hundreds of millions of state dollars in regional investments known as READI.

Based on Eli Lilly's plans to create 700 new jobs in the project zone, the IEDC announced earlier this year that it plans to invest up to \$4.5 million to the company in the form of incentive-based training grants. The quasi-state agency also committed an investment of up to \$17 million in redevelopment tax credits.

Indiana campaign finance records show that Eli Lilly CEO David Ricks made a \$100,000 donation to Chamber's campaign in September.

Other major contributions have come from Pacers owner and Simon Property Group co-founder Herbert Simon, auto dealer Andy Mohr, construction industry executive Chris

Reid, housing developer Jeff Kittle, Indianapolis investor John Ackerman, and Merchants Bank CEO Michael Petrie, among others.

"Brad's had an impeccable business record and high degree of integrity — that's never really been called into question until he decided to run for governor," Obst said. "But he's going to continue to raise money at a record pace because he has a great reputation in the business community." \*\*\*

## Plans to run Indiana 'like a business'

Among Chambers' GOP competitors in the 2024 race for governor are U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, along with Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, former Attorney General Curtis Hill and Fort Wayne businessman Eric Doden.

But Chambers doesn't have the same record as his opponents, many of whom have a lengthy political history or have released detailed policy proposals to help voters understand their stances.

Julia Vaughn, who leads elections watchdog Common Cause Indiana, said that while it "isn't surprising" that Chambers is "turning to the friends" he made while at the IEDC, "it will certainly raise eyebrows if it continues."

"He rubbed elbows with many of Indiana's wealthiest and most well-connected citizens. It's not surprising that as he is now running for governor, he's turning to many of these same people to help finance his political campaign," she said. "I think the interesting thing, if this continues to happen, is how's going to continue to maintain that he's an outsider, because he may have never run for political office before, but the IEDC is an awfully political place. He's certainly led a political life the past few years."

Vaughn called Indiana's political donation sphere "a high roller's game," noting that "a very small universe of people actually fund political campaigns" in the state. She said that raises questions about how well political candidates can relate to everyday Hoosiers when they've lived lifestyles "very different for most of us."

And while accepting campaign favors and donations from past business associates "has a funny smell to it" and can "give an appearance of impropr-

ety," Vaughn emphasized that "there's nothing improper about it in Indiana law."

Downs agreed there's nothing in statute barring such hobnobbing but echoed similar cautions.

"When you're in government, and you're in charge of contracts and grants, then people start to say that smells a little bit, even though it may be that everything was above board, and the reason people want to give you money is because you actually did a good job, and not just because they got preferential treatment," Downs said. "All of that could still be true, but there's a small test issue there."

Chambers released his first policy proposal in late October with an emphasis on increasing online safety for Hoosier children. He has so far made a \$5 million personal loan to his own campaign but has amassed nearly \$1.5 million in outside large donations since officially launching his campaign in August.

Obst held that over a four-decade career, Chambers has "built a really deep level of relationships," and pointed out that "many of his competitors are now investing in his campaign."

He said, too, that Chambers' successful business background is what bolsters his ability to "manage processes and people effectively" — characteristics Obst said Indiana's governor should have.

"I think there are a lot of people that want to see a self-made business person come in and help take Indiana the next step and continue to move the state forward. And I think somebody with his background and experience resonates with them, because they want the government to run more like a business."

"The state's definitely in good shape," Obst added, "but I think he has the ability — and I think you'll see that with the business community, as well — to really take Indiana to new heights."

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Thanks to all of our veterans and their families.

*- 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.*

## BOOK

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