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TODAY'S VERSE

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





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,



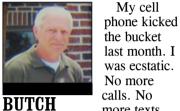
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last month. I was ecstatic. No more calls. No No more

more texts. searching the house to see where I had set it down. No

interruptions while sitting on the bathroom throne. No more damn fraud phone calls while taking a nap. Just peace and quiet. That settles that! Until my dear wife reminded me that she might have to call me during an emergency...such as every Friday evening when we are buying groceries, each pushing a cart and going our separate ways. "Where are you at? Are you almost done? Did you get the butter? You didn't forget the dog food, did you? I'll meet you up front in five minutes." To her, this is an emergency call.

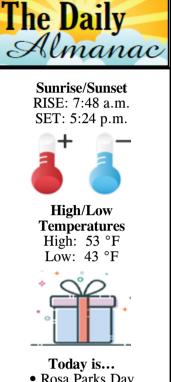
'OK, OK, I'll buy another phone!" So the next weekend, I headed to AT&T in Lafayette. My wife was happy. You should get a smartphone this time," she suggested. But I was ready for that, "Not gonna happen... I don't want a smartphone. Besides, they cost a fortune." "Yes, but you can text faster, you can save photos

and videos on it, you can shop on it, you can obtain directions, you can do lots of things with a smartphone." "First of all, I don't even like to text. Secondly, I have thousands of photos and videos...stored right up here in my tiny little brain. Furthermore, I am not buying anything by using a phone because I do not want anyone stealing my credit card numbers, bank information, or personal information. And as you know, men don't need directions or a map. Lastly, a flip phone is a lot smaller, and fits perfectly in my front pocket." When I told the AT&T guy the same thing, he agreed with me. "Well, Mr. Dale, flip phones are actually making a comeback. Here's your new one...\$79.00" Case closed. While my wife is buying Little Debbies on aisle six, she can continue to make those "emergency" calls to me while I am examining the fiber content of cereal on aisle seven...."Yes, dear, I did not

forget the dog food!" As luck would have it, the next week my watch stopped ticking. No problem...likely just needed a new battery. So off I go to Wal-Mart in Lafayette and head to the jewelry counter, where a nice young gal takes a look at my Timex. 'Yes, we have a battery for your watch...it's \$5.50. Do

you want me to put it in for you?"...."Sure, that would be great!" And in a few seconds, she

removed the back of the watch, discarded the old battery, and placed the new one inside. But then...trouble. After several tries, the back would not snap back into place. "I'll have to get the watch guy. He's an expert on this." Well, the "watch guy" looked like he may have just been released on parole or escaped from an insane asylum. A half hour later... "Sorry, dude, I just can't figure it out. Do you still want to buy the new battery?" ... "I guess so. I'll try it myself when I get home." Back home, standing at my workbench, I tried for an hour to press, push, clamp, fasten, impel, propel, shove, drive, force, and squeeze the back of the watch into position. My wife, watching TV in the front room, heard me let out few select curse words. Finally exasperated, I did what every skilled watch repairman would do. I gently laid the watch face down, inserted the battery, delicately placed the back of the watch into position...and then hit the freaking thing with a ballpeen hammer. It closed... and started ticking again... GOOD AS NEW! Except the



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THREE THINGS You Should Know:

Join our community for the Christmas Parade in Historic Downtown Crawfordsville on Sunday at 2 pm!! We can't wait to see your smiling faces!

Greater Indiana, in partnership with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and Air and Waste Management Association Indiana Chapter, proudly presents the 2023 Indiana Environmental Conference and Winter Technical Meeting. The event is scheduled to take place on December 6-7 at the Wyndham Indianapolis West Hotel.

Looking for something to do on Dec. 9? Then 🚽 you might want to head over to Russellville for the Second Annual Russellville Small Business Market Holiday Showcase. Things kick off at 10 a.m. and wrap up around 4 p.m. There will be more than 50 vendors offering a variety of items, as well as plenty of things to do for both grown-ups and little ones. Santa will even make an appearance and photo prints will be available for a low price.

Lily Yates Completes **CDPL** Program



Photo courtesy of CDPL

Lily Vi Yates, age 4, has completed the Crawfordsville District Public Library program "1000 Books Before Kindergarten". She is the daughter of Nikki Yates. Lily Vi's favorite book is You Get What You Get by Julie Gassman. Mom said, "Thank you to the library for encouraging reading and goal completion. Lily Vi has become so goal oriented wanting to now finish 5,000 books. When asked why she loves reading she says "the pictures are the best!"

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Republican **Caucus Held For County Clerk Vacancy**

Leah Denbo has been elected to serve as the next County Clerk following a Montgomery County Republican Central Committee caucus on Tuesday. She will take over for Karyn Douglas, who submitted her resignation following her election for Crawfordsville City Clerk Treasurer in November's General Election.

Denbo, who was the only candidate to file for the upcoming vacancy, will take office January 1 and complete the final year of Douglas's term.

Denbo has worked in the County Clerk's Office since August 2012 in various capacities, including her most recent role as Chief Deputy

"I am cross-trained in all aspects of the office," Denbo said. "With my knowledge and skillset, I believe this will be a smooth transition for the County Clerk's office.'

Douglas's resignation takes effect December 31. She will be sworn in as Crawfordsville City Clerk Treasurer on January 1.

Community Forum:

On This Day

• 1943 Tehran Conference ends. The Tehran Conference between the US, the UK, and the Soviet Union ended with

the three countries deciding to open up a second front against Germany in France, and the Soviet Union agreeing to declare

war against Japan. • 1919 Nancy Astor becomes to the first woman to join the British House of Commons. Nancy

Witcher Langhorne also known as Nancy Astor became the first woman to join the British House of Commons.

• 1918 Kingdom of Iceland established. The Kingdom of Iceland was established with the signing of the Act of Union with Denmark.



Births On This Day • 1970 Sarah Silverman American comedian, actress, singer • 1945 Bette Midler American singer-songwriter, producer, actress

Deaths On This Day 1947 Aleister Crowley English magician, author • 1135 Henry I of England

🗢 TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

See your dentist regularly - dental disease can contribute to a number of health problems like heart disease. 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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Norma Carrol (Newell) Rooze



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⊃ TODAY'S QUOTE

THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

concerns, and learn more about anything regarding the city.

TODAY'S JOKE

"I believe ... I believe ... It's silly, but I believe? -Susan, Miracle on 34th Street

What goes Ho Ho Whoosh, Ho Ho Whoosh? Santa going through a revolving door!

Mayor Barton will be hosting his December Community Forum on Thursday, Decem-

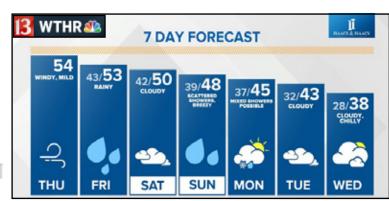
ber 14th from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Mayor's Office. This will be the Mayor's 127th

community forum. This event is open to the public to come ask questions, discuss



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OBITUARIES

Norma Carrol (Newell) Rooze February 11, 1937, Sunday, November 26

Norma Carrol (Newell) Rooze 86 went home to her Lord and Savior on November 26th. Norma was born February 11, 1937 at Bainbridge, Indiana to Glenn and Margaret (Moody) Newell.

Norma was a graduate of Waveland High School in 1955. She attended Freedom Baptist Church where she was baptized. She married Philip Wayne Rooze on Novem-

ber 13, 1955. She spent the majority of her life as a homemaker raising their five children and doting on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren every chance she got. She enjoyed photography, sewing, and gardening.

She is survived by her husband Wayne, sons Gary (Ellen), Greg, and Phillip (Leslie) and daughters Nancy (Jim) and Darla (Rod). She is also survived by grandchildren Doug, Stephanie, Dan (Elizabeth), Michael, David (Courtney), Nathan, Angela (Trey), Waylon, and Maggie; great grandchildren Owen, Lucas, Wyatt, and Evelyn. She is survived by 2 sisters Loretta Seybold and Mary Ann Davis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers Bill and Daryel Newell and her sister Shirley Derrington.

Honoring Norma's wishes, cremation was chosen. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, December 16th, at The Vine Church located at 1004 Wayne Avenue. Visitation will begin at 10:00 followed by the celebration of life at 12:00.

Donations in Norma's memory may be made to Riley's Hospital for Children, 308 Meridian St. Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204-3509.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS AFFECTED OF ADOPTION AND CONTENT OF RESOLUTIONS OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON RESOLUTIONS

Taxpayers of the Montgomery County Redevelopment District, and all other persons affected hereby, are notified that the Montgomery County Redevelopment Commission ("Commission"), on February 17, 2010, adopt a declaratory resolution, as amended on October 12, 2011 (collectively, as amended "Declaratory Resolution"), establishing the Nucor Road Economic Development Area ("Area") and the Nucor Road Economic Development Allocation Area ("Original Allocation Area"), and the Declaratory Resolution was confirmed by a confirmatory resolution adopted on March 31, 2010, as amended on November 8, 2011 (collectively, as amended, with the Declaratory Resolution, the "Area Resolution").

The Area Resolution approved the Economic Development Plan, as amended (collectively, as amended, "Original Plan"), which Original Plan contained specific recommendations for economic development in the Area

On November 8, 2023 the Commission adopted resolutions amending the Area Resolution and the Original Plan (collectively, "Amending Declaratory Resolutions") to, if confirmed: (A) (i) reduce the Original Allocation Area by removing the Nucor Towers Parcels (as defined in the Amending Declaratory Resolutions) from the Original Allocation and designating the Nucor Towers Parcels as a new tax allocation area designated as the Nucor Towers Allocation Area; (ii) designate Nucor Corporation, d/b/a Nucor Towers & Structures as a "designated taxpayer" for purposes of capturing increases in depreciable persor property assessed value; and (iii) add the Nucor Towers Project (as defined in the Amending Declaratory Resolutions) to the Original Plan; (B) (i) further reduce the Original Allocation Area by removing the Nucor Coatings Parcels (as defined in the Amending Declaratory Resolutions) and combining the Nucor Coatings Parcels into one new parcel designated as Parcel No. 54-10-25-200-003.999-025 ("Nucor Coatings Property") from the Original Allocation Area and designating the Nucor Coatings Property as a new tax allocation area designated as the Nucor Coatings Allocation Area; (ii) designate Nucor Corporation, d//a Nucor Coatings, as a "designated taxpayer" for purposes of capturing increases In depreciable personal property assessed value; and (iii) add the Nucor Coatings Project (as defined in the Amending Declaratory Resolutions) to the Original Plan; and (C) (i) further reduce the Original Allocation Area by removing the Nucor 2023 Parcels (as defined in the Amending Declaratory Resolutions) from

31 Indiana Community Projects Approved In First Round Of Federal Government Cyber Security Grant Program

Governor Eric J. Holcomb announced today that Indiana was one of the first states awarded funding from the federal government's State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) to support statewide cybersecurity programs. The first round of local projects that support cybersecurity improvements were approved to receive a portion of a \$20 million grant program that Indiana was awarded in 2022.

"The State of Indiana is doing its due diligence to maintain the highest level of cyber security necessary to protect Hoosier data," Gov. Holcomb said. "Indiana is committed to leading the way by improving its cybersecurity posture and protecting our critical digital infrastructure."

The Indiana Office

of Technology and its partner, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, which respectively chair and co-chair, Indiana's SLCGP Committee, have received federal approval for the state and local cybersecurity plan, and are actively working to implement the strategy.

The federal government created the SLCGP program through the **Investment Infrastructure** and Jobs Act (2021) and tasked the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to deliver the appropriated financial assistance to state and local governments to help them improve their cybersecurity posture.

Indiana's SLCGP Planning Committee, comprised of staff from state and local government, higher education

and related association partners, voted to support the first round of projects to purchase cybersecurity protection for communities around the state.

This project is the first of many steps already taken to help reduce cyberattacks and protect Indiana's digital services.

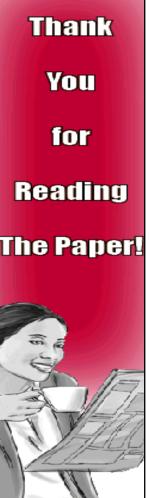
At Gov. Holcomb's direction in prioritizing cybersecurity statewide, IOT has been traveling the state meeting with community leaders to learn about the landscape of cybersecurity resources and policies in local government, participating in nearly 100 listening sessions or conferences. IOT is leading an increased effort to partner state and local resources to jointly improve cybersecurity across all levels of government through policies and free or discounted

services. Examples include cybersecurity risk assessments, cybersecurity awareness training, hosted websites, secure email and office productivity suite.

Hundreds of local governments are already taking advantage of these services, providing immense value for Hoosier taxpayers. Through the no-cost cybersecurity awareness training for local government staff, IOT has provided more than \$500,000 in value for local government.

To keep local government informed about new programs or SLCGP funding opportunities, IOT hosts a monthly townhall. Details on the townhall meetings, as well as additional cybersecurity and digital government tools are available at https:// www.in.gov/iot/local-government-services/.







the Original Allocation Area and designating the Nucor 2023 Parcels as a new tax allocation area designated as the "Nucor 2023 Allocation Area"; (ii) remove Nucor Corporation as a designated taxpayer in the Original Allocation Area with a base assessment date of March 1, 2010 and designate Nucor Corporation, as a "designated taxpayer" for purposes of capturing increases in depreciable personal property assessed value in the Nucor 2023 Allocation Area with a base assessmen Adate of January 1, 2023; and (iii) add the Nucor 2023 Project (as defined in the Amending Declaratory Resolutions) to the Original Plan.

The Amending Declaratory Resolutions and supporting data, including maps of the Original Allocation Area, the Nucor Towers Allocation Area, the Nucor Coatings Allocation Area and the Nucor 2023 Allocation Area have been prepared and can be inspected at the office of the Department of Redevelopment 100 Main Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Notice is further given that the Commission on December 13, 2023, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., local time, at the Montgomery County Government Center, Community Meeting Room, 1580 Constitution Way, Crawfordsville, Indiana, will receive and hear remonstrances from persons interested in or affected by the proceedings pertaining to the Amending Declaratory Resolutions and will determine the public utility and benefit of such actions. At the time fixed for the hearings or at any time prior thereto any person interested in the proceedings may file a written remonstrance with the Secretary of the Commission in the Department of Redevelopment, Attention: Tom Klein, County Administrator, 1580 Constitution Way, Crawfordsville, Indiana. At such hearings, which may be adjourned from time to time, the Commission will hear all persons interested in the proceedings and all remonstrances that have been filed. After considering this evidence, the Commission will take final action by either confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the Amending Declaratory Resolution Dated: December 1, 2023.

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Part 7 Of A Series Celebrating 100 Seasons Of Purdue Football At Ross-Ade Stadium



KENNY THOMPSON <u>Columnist</u>

coach Jim Young in 1981.

Take away Young's 9-3 mark in 1980 and Leon Burtnett's 7-5 in 1984, the Boilermakers would go 29-57-2 the rest of the decade. Not until Joe Tiller returned to West Lafayette in 1997 did Purdue's football fortunes improve.

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The greatness of Rod Woodson, a future College and Pro Football Hall of Fame defensive back, was one of the few bright spots for Boilermaker fans. ***

Best Ross-Ade games of the 1980s

Nov. 22, 1980: Purdue 24, Indiana 23 – The largest crowd ever to watch a football game in Indiana at the time (71, 629) saw the Boilermakers hang on when linebacker Mike Marks batted away a twopoint conversion try with 17 seconds remaining.

Mark Herrmann was 19 of 23 passing for 323 yards and a touchdown in his final home game. That TD pass to Bart Burrell gave Purdue the lead for the first time at 17-10 in the third quarter. Ben Mc-Call scored the game-winner with 8:56 to play.

Sept. 12, 1981: Purdue 27, No. 19 Stanford 19 - Jimmy Smith's 100yard kickoff return for a touchdown opened this nationally televised game with a bang.

Smith also rushed for 91 yards and had a pair of 1-yard TD runs. Scott Campbell was 14 of 18 passing for 177 yards and what proved to be the game-winning touchdown to Steve Bryant to start the fourth quarter.

The Boilermakers won despite a career day by John Elway, who had 418 yards on 33 of 44 passing.

Sept. 26, 1981: Purdue 15, No. 13 Notre Dame 14 – A gutsy play call by Purdue assistant

time in three months, Purdue hoping to inspire his team. entered its Mills' keys to success - "Desire, Sacrifice, Disdarkest era cipline and Preparation" -

were on the chalkboard in the Boilermakers' meeting room.

Everett completed 17 of 23 passes for 257 yards and three touchdowns. Woodson made 20 tackles and returned an interception 55 yards for a touchdown that gave Purdue a 28-17 lead.

It also helped that Ohio State quarterback Mike Tomczak lost track of downs on the game's final drive. Tomczak threw a fourth down pass out of bounds at the Purdue 34 with five seconds to play.

Nov. 22, 1986: Purdue 17, Indiana 15 – Boilermaker fans remember this as the Rod Woodson game.

In his final game as head coach, Leon Burtnett had a couple of surprises ready. First was the switch from black jerseys worn during warmups to gold shirts with Old Oaken Bucket emblems on the sleeves.

The second was unleashing Woodson on offense. Playing nearly the entire game at running back, wide receiver and his usual cornerback position, Woodson also ran back punts and kickoffs.

Woodson rushed for a Purdue season-high 93 yards on 15 carries and caught three passes for 67 yards. On defense, Woodson made 10 tackles.

"I don't know about you guys but I've seen a lot of football and I've never seen a young man play a game like that," Burtnett said afterward. "I wouldn't trade anybody in the country for Rod Woodson."

Top players of 1980s **Ross-Ade**

Rod Woodson – The Fort Wayne native joined Bob Griese as the only Boilermakers to be enshrined in the College Football and Pro Football halls of fame in 2016.

He was a consensus All-American and runner-up for the Jim Thorpe Award as a senior. Woodson is one of only four players in Purdue history to be selected first-team All-Big Ten three times. Scott Campbell – When he graduated from Purdue in 1983, Campbell was the Big Ten's second all-time passing leader, trailing his predecessor Mark Herrmann. Campbell threw for a record 516 yards against Ohio State in 1981 and finished his career with 7,636 yards and 45 touchdowns. Jim Everett – After waiting his turn for three seasons, he became the only Purdue quarterback to lead his team to victories against Notre Dame, Ohio State and Michigan in the same season (1984).

touchdowns. His seven 300-yard passing games in 1986 set a school record.

Steve Bryant - The junior college transfer led the Big Ten in 1981 with 60 receptions and 11 receiving touchdowns. His 971 receiving yards were good for second place.

In his two seasons at Purdue, Bryant caught 110 passes for 1,863 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Rodney Carter - The running back led the nation with 98 receptions in 1985, going for 1,099 yards and four touchdowns.

In four seasons, Carter rushed for 1,149 yards and 10 touchdowns. He also caught 176 passes for 1786 yards and five scores.

Cris Dishman - Converted from wide receiver to cornerback, Dishman would intercept nine passes in his Purdue career and go on to play in the NFL for 13 seasons.

Fred Strickland - The linebacker led the Big Ten as a senior with 130 tackles and never finished out of the top four in the conference during his three

seasons as a starter. He left Purdue for a 12-year NFL career with the record for solo tackles (321) and second in school history in total tackles (479).

Calvin Williams - One of the few bright spots in the coach Fred Akers era, Williams caught 138 passes for 1,855 yards and 17 touchdowns.

Williams went on to play seven seasons in the NFL, all but one with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Bucket thoughts In retrospect, COVID was the worst thing that could have happened to now former Indiana football coach Tom Allen.

No, as far as anyone knows, Allen wasn't among the millions to contract the disease. Instead, he was able to take advantage of its impact on his Big Ten peers.

With Michael Penix's heroics, the Hoosiers upset No. 8 Penn State 36-35 in overtime in the abbreviated 2020 season opener. After a win at Rutgers, next to

losses to Purdue.

As the nice person he seems to be, Allen gave Indiana a financial break when the school fired him this past Sunday. Allen will be paid \$15.5 million over two installments not to coach any more.

In retrospect, 2020 was a fluke - not just for Indiana but for the traditional powers the Hoosiers knocked off that season. Penn State is 28-10 in the three seasons since posting a 4-5 mark in 2020. Michigan went 2-5 in 2020, putting Jim Harbaugh on the hot seat. Whether it's coincidence or the impact of the recently discovered illegal spying on opponents, the Wolverines have gone 37-3 since then and are almost certainly making the College Football Playoffs for the third consecutive season. Wisconsin was the only name school on the IU 2020 schedule to have a winning record (4-3) and has been an OK program since (23-15), transitioning from Paul Chryst to Luke Fickell as head coach.

Now, the losingest football program in NCAA major college football will have to find someone who can coach, recruit and overcome the obstacles of NIL, which should stand for "Now It's Legal" when it comes to writing big checks to recruits and other schools' players. The cash Indiana has laid out to fire Allen and former basketball coach Archie Miller (another \$10.35 million) could have been used to lure better players to Bloomington.

As for Purdue, a 4-8 mark in Ryan Walters' first season is less disappointing when you factor in how little talent Jeff Brohm left behind on his way to Louisville. The offensive line suffered two major injuries to its most promising duo (Marcus Mbow and Mahamane Moussa) and was forced at times to use fouryear starting center Gus Hartwig at right tackle. The receiving corps also battled injuries, as did quarterback Hudson Card. The only bright spots on offense were Tyrone Tracy successfully making the switch from wide receiver to running back and sophomore Devin Mockobee overcoming fumble issues to rush for a team-high 811 yards and six touchdowns. Westfield graduate Dillon Thieneman is almost certainly a Freshman All-American, especially after winning the Big Ten's Thompson-Randle El Freshman of the Year award. On Monday, he received his fifth Big Ten Freshman of the Week honor and was selected second-team All-Big Ten. Thieneman is Purdue's seventh Freshman of the Year, joining quarterbacks Brian Fox (1988) and Eric Hunter (1989), running back Corey Rogers (1991), safety Stuart Schweigert (2000) and wide receivers



Photo courtesy of Purdue Athletics

Rod Woodson

Rondale Moore (2018) and David Bell (2019).

Thieneman's accomplishments include breaking Schweigert's freshman record with six interceptions. The safety also broke Rod Woodson's freshman record for solo tackles with 74. Thieneman leads all freshmen in interceptions, solo tackles and tackles (106).

Sophomore Nic Scourton led the Big Ten with 10 sacks, but was only given second-team All-Big Ten honors. Purdue also had the Big Ten runner-up in that category, Kydran Jenkins (7.5). Jenkins has announced he will use his COVID year to return in 2024.

Purdue's victory over Indiana was its 300th in Ross-Ade. The first was also against the Hoosiers in 1924.

Walters has been public about his program's need for NIL support, even stating at one point he'd rather have NIL funds than better facilities. Will Purdue's well-heeled boosters climb down from the moral high horse to give their coach the financial wherewithal to pick up quality offensive and defensive linemen, linebackers, cornerbacks, receivers and a kicker? Or will they stubbornly insist that they'd rather lose while doing things "the right way? There is no more "right way" of doing things with a weak NCAA worn down by losing court battle after court battle. Plus, there's the spectre of other schools coming in with blank checks to buy Purdue's best players. One doesn't have to look too far south of the Ohio River for two programs that aren't restricted by rules or ethics.

have been ranked No. 1 in at least three straight seasons: UCLA, Duke, Kentucky, Kansas, Gonzaga, Virginia, North Carolina and Villanova.

The Boilermakers earned that milestone by once again winning a prestigious November tournament, this time the Maui Invitational. Reigning National Player of the Year Zach Edev was the tournament MVP and was joined on the all-tournament team by Westfield's Braden Smith. Edey also was selected Big Ten

Player of the Week for the seventh time in his career, matching Glenn Robinson's school record.

Purdue's victories over No. 11 Gonzaga, No. 7 Tennessee and No. 4 Marquette mark only the second time in the last 40 years a school has defeated teams ranked in the top 15 of the AP poll on three consecutive days. Connecticut accomplished a similar feat in the 2011 Big East tournament on the way to winning the national championship.

Fifth-year senior guard Lance Jones sank what is believed to be the longest shot in school history when his 80-footer beat the halftime horn against Marquette.

Dick Dullaghan led to the Boilermakers stunning the Fighting Irish with 19 seconds remaining.

On fourth-and-goal at the Notre Dame 7, Dullaghan suggested "The Sail" to head coach Jim Young. Steve Bryant's sudden cut to the left side of the end zone left him wide open for Scott Campbell's touchdown pass. Young went for the win and called the same play to the opposite corner of the end zone. Same result.

Oct. 6, 1984: Purdue 28, No. 2 Ohio State 23 - Was it the power of positive thinking or were future NFL stars Jim Everett and Rod Woodson the edge Purdue needed to upset the Buckeyes?

Head coach Leon Burtnett brought in consultant Fred Mills for the third

Everett led the nation in total offense in 1985 with 3,589 yards.

In two full seasons as the starter, Everett threw for 7,411 yards and 43

fall was No. 23 Michigan 38-21. After a 14-6 win at No. 16 Wisconsin, Indiana closed the regular season at 6-1. An Outback Bowl loss to Mississippi didn't dampen the enthusiasm and support for Allen, who received a seven-year contract that bumped his salary to \$4.9 million annually. It also included a buyout of \$20.8 million if IU elected to fire Allen before Dec. 1, 2023. One more season would have dropped the buyout to approximately \$8 million.

But Penix left for the University of Washington, where he has guided the Huskies to a 12-0 regular season in 2023. The Hoosiers haven't come close to the expectations created from 2020, posting a 9-27 record with three consecutive Old Oaken Bucket

Purdue basketball makes history

On Monday, Purdue became the first Big Ten men's basketball program ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press poll for three consecutive seasons. Eight other schools also

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Hall of Famers

Former Indiana player/ coach Dan Dakich and a member of Purdue's 1969 national runner-up team have been elected to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

Dakich starred at Andrean, where he was a first-team All-State selection and an Indiana All-Star in 1981.

Evansville Bosse graduate Larry Weatherford was an Indiana All-Star in 1967 before scoring more than 1,100 points at Purdue.

- 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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Indiana Teachers Union Presses Reticent State Grounds For A Law Suit Lawmakers To Reopen Budget In 2024 Session

ISTA's president said millions more are needed for the school funding formula, textbooks and teacher retention.

By Casey Smith Indiana Capital Chronicle

Indiana's largest teacher's union is calling for better collective bargaining, increased pay for support staff and more say over curriculum in the upcoming legislative session.

Indiana State Teachers Association (ISTA) President Keith Gambill said Tuesday that Hoosier educators are also seeking new social and emotional learning support for students.

"These priorities ... reflect what educators need to create better learning environments for their students, and better working environments for all educators," Gambill said during a news conference. where he released the union's 2024 legislative priorities.

The General Assembly reconvenes Jan. 8. Although Republican legislative leaders have said they do not plan to reopen the state budget during the short session, ISTA's latest agenda includes multiple funding requests that total at least \$540 million.

More money for traditional public education

ISTA will advocate for a \$500 million increase to basic tuition support for traditional public schools in the 2025 fiscal year – the second year covered by Indiana's current biennial budget. Gambill said that amounts to a boost of 7.98% compared to what schools are currently on track to receive.

Under current law, K-12 public schools are projected to see average per student funding increases of 1.7% next year.

"While we recognize the 2024 legislative session is not a budget year, we are calling on legislators to reopen the budget to fix several inadequacies that require immediate attention," he said. "If we want Indiana to be a leader in the region or country, we're going to have to do

right by our schools.' He emphasized, too, that the legislature needs to earmark more money in the second year of the biennium to "fully fund" the cost of textbooks and curricular materials. State lawmakers dedicated \$160 million in the new state budget to eliminate textbook and curriculum fees, starting with the 2023-24 academic year. While the new law

was championed by state officials, school districts are still on the hook to pay for those materials.

The ISTA leader said the union is aware of 'several" school districts that are "concerned" about their ability to pay for textbooks in the 2024-25 school year. Gambill said more data needs to be collected before ISTA can recommend an exact dollar for curricular fees.

"If schools are forced to either make changes in staffing or other programming in order to fully fund the textbooks, then we're not getting the best for our students," he said. "It and not born on the backs of school employees — to make that happen."

Gambill said while charter and voucher schools benefited from significant funding boosts in the 2023 session, traditional public schools still lack "appropriate" appropriations.

"We have over 90% of all Hoosier families send their children to a traditional public school, and if you look at the way that that funding was distributed this past year, that was not equal, especially when you look at the amount that was increased for voucher schools," he said.

ISTA is also continuing to lobby for professional pay benefits and support for parent educators, bus drivers, food service workers and other "vital support staff." Gambill said Indiana also "must recognize the commitment of our retired teachers and public employees" by giving a 2% cost of living adjustment for Indiana's retired educators.

"We certainly know that the state has the surplus available," he continued. But he said ISTA has not outlined a specific location in the budget for lawmakers to draw on the requested dollars. ***

Better support systems for students

To address ongoing gaps in social and emo-

school and involve 30 school districts. Gambill said the goal is to address physical and mental health issues - and if successful - could later be applied statewide.

ISTA is further seeking to restore discipline as a mandatory discussion item, or under restored collective bargaining rights. Gambill said doing so would help teachers better address student disciplinary issues that have become more common since the pandemic.

In recent years, the Republican legislature has rolled back collective bargaining rights.

To improve student discipline, the union also called for statewide class size data to be gathered, and for a grant program to be created to hire additional teachers. Gambill said ISTA is also seeking to establish a task force to improve student behavior.

After a slew of so-called 'culture war" issues in the 2023 session precipitated into new laws - like those concerning the use of pronouns in classrooms and the ability for Hoosiers to challenge books in school libraries — Gambill said it's not fully clear how teachers have been affected.

"It's a little bit different from school district to school district as to how they're interpreting the law and in which ways they're moving forward. We're still learning from that," he said. "But we also know that we have to continue to address the social-emotional welfare of our students, and we believe that in doing so, that will have an impact in other areas such as absenteeism and behavior within the classrooms.'

Gambill said educators are hoping "those types" of hot-button bills don't return in 2024.

"The challenge really has not been with our parents at large. The challenge has been those who have preconceived notions of what is actually occurring in the classrooms, oftentimes without having a student attending the class," Gambill noted. "When you look at the school communities, and the engagement with parents in the classrooms, and when we're speaking directly about the parents who have students attending the classes, those connections have been and remain very strong.²

Bargaining and teacher recruitment

More broadly, the teachers union is continuing to press for restored and expand collective bargaining rights, in addition to mandatory discussion.

Lawmakers stripped Hoosier educators of the right to collectively bargain over working conditions like class sizes and schedules under a 2011 law. The topics that teachers can currently bargain over during the fall bargaining window are salaries, wages and benefits, including pay increases.

Gambill said ISTA's membership is calling on policymakers to allow teachers to negotiate working hours, influence and determine class size and caseloads, and provide input on textbooks, teaching methods and student support.

Educators should also "have the freedom to teach accurate, age-appropriate lessons about America, from our greatest triumphs to our darkest moments," according to ISTA's legislative agenda.

Recruitment and retainment of educators of color will additionally require more state funding, Gambill said.

"Students should not have to look much further than their own classes to find mentors or materials with roots in their own community. Our public schools should reflect the cultural diversity and identity of the communities they serve," he said.

As part of that effort, ISTA wants to see more paraprofessionals become licensed teachers. Enhanced mentoring programs for educators of color and increasing funding for professional development "with a focus on Black, Indigenous and all educators of color" will also help, Gambill said.

The union also hopes lawmakers will establish a statewide commission to address diversity in staffing and support pipelines

The other day my wife and I stopped at a Panera's for a quick bowl of

soup. "Do

apple with

that or an

you want an

sorry, sir, we have no books today, but we are printing up some fresh ones even as we speak." And a Panera's would never run out of bread. Or so I thought.

"Do you only make a pot at a time?" I asked the barista.

"Yes, that's our new approach to delicious coffee. We brew it fresh when we need it. And because of you, we need it.'

"Okay, I don't have a brain like Einstein's (Although they ran out of coffee, once too), but it seems to me if the one pot is getting low, you could start another pot so when people like me come in and desperately need an over-priced libation, it's ready to go."

"Not a bad idea, sir. Let me check our new employee manual about that. In the meantime, would you like a scone?"

"Were they baked today?

"Oh, I'm not sure, but the good news is that they can't get any harder than when they are fresh."

I was very sleepy and spacey, my normal state before purchasing a hot cup of coffee. I needed a pick-me-up. I made my way down the street to a sweets shop.

"I'd like a coffee ice cream cone," I told the young man behind the counter.

"Sir, I'm sorry, but we don't have any ice cream."

'How can you stay in business without having any ice cream?"

Because this is Wild Birds Unlimited."

That never happened, of course, but the story is based on an old joke that I have always wanted to work into a column.

Well, that's it for this week. I'm a writer, and guess what? I am out of words.

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apple?" said the cashier.

I was confused, but the

cashier explained that they

were out of rolls and that

the customers. I was not

amused. You can't dunk

of creamy tomato soup.

I wanted a hunk of sour

dough bread. Minutes lat-

er, a manager came over

and said they just found a

piece. I probably should

have asked exactly where

they found it. I'm not into

gluten-free, but I'm a big

A similar thing hap-

pened to me at a Starbucks

many years ago. I walked

corner of whatever street

I was on and asked for a

cup of coffee. The clerk

"I'm sorry for the

said:

profits.

school.

looked a little sheepish and

inconvenience, but we are

There was a glimmer of

ently," suggesting that this

was not a permanent state

of affairs. I'm no Wharton

School MBA, but being

out of java could impact

He stared at me for

in the world of high-oc-

tane caffeine is a creepy

amount of time to have

eye contact. He explained

that they needed to make

a fresh pot, which would

able justification if I had

stopped at June Cleaver's

The grumpy old man in

unexpectedly before the

Beave got home from

me started to percolate.

like this had ever hap-

At the time, nothing

pened before. Never had

the clerk at Staples said,

"Sorry, but we're out of,

um, staples." Never had

the woman at Barnes and

Noble ever said, "I'm

have been a totally accept-

about six seconds, which

presently out of coffee."

hope in the word "pres-

into one of their coffee

shops, the one on the

fan of germ-free.

an apple in your last drop

little joke seemed to amuse

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Funny Bone

tional learning support for students, Gambill said the union is proposing a threeyear pilot program focusing on student wellbeing. The ask comes with a \$20million annual price tag.

The pilot seeks to reduce student-to-staff ratios by hiring additional guidance counselors, social workers and school psychologists. The initiative would span from elementary to high

to teach.

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O BUTCH

glass watch face has a crack in it. Maybe Santa can bring me a new Timex for Christmas.

Problems continued. I made my monthly payment for some land we purchased a few years ago. While waiting for the receipt to be printed, I spied a candy dish on the counter...containing peppermint Life-Savers. I stuck three in my pocket. Hey, why not... it's the least they can do for me forking over \$848 each month. On the drive back home, I popped a Life-Saver into my mouth. No...just could not wait for it to dissolve. Had to bite it. Chipped off a piece of my front tooth. Later that evening after work, I told my wife, who stated unequivocally, "That's gonna cost you at the den-tist's office." I had anoth-er idea. But I decided to wait until the next morning when she had left for work. Found my Dremel

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tool, inserted the little grinding wheel, tightened it up with a wrench, said a little prayer...Yep, in a few seconds, Butch Dale, DDS-TCW (Doctor of Dental Surgery-The Cheap Way), had ground off the bottom of the chipped front tooth. Maybe no one will notice that it's a little shorter than the one next to it. But thankfully, when I had my dentist fill a cavity the next week, he ground off the other tooth to make both look even. His assistant, who was laughing, told me that she had heard of a few crazy people using a Dremel grinder tool on their teeth, but she had never actually met such a person. Thanks....I think.

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