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TODAY'S VERSE

Philippians 3:13 "Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (NIV)

Meet Kahlua



Kahlua is a gorgeous 10 month old female domestic longhair that arrived at The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL) as a public drop-off on 3/29/24 with a badly broken leg (compound fracture, bone protruding out). Kahlua's leg was saved and she's on the road to recovery!! Kahlua is friendly, affectionate, and would love a nice home to recover in. Kahua is spayed, dewormed, and up to date on her shots. Kahlua is available to foster and/or adopt. Come say hi and ask the staff about meeting Kahlua!

Montgomery Minute

Dearly Departed: Death & Dying in Montgomery County is the new exhibit at the Carnegie Museum. On May 5 at 2 p.m., historian Sheila Riley will talk about the history of Victorian mourning practices and how they are still seen in our culture today. Admission is free.



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By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous details, bias or slanted reporting. To borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!

4-22-24

Earth Day!

According to the Earth Day website, this day is a reminder of the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability.



1-28-69

The date of the Santa Barbara Oil Spill. More than 3 million gallons of oil was released off the coast of Santa Barbara, Calif. After a well six miles out blew. The spill killed thousands of birds, dolphins, seals and other marine life. This is generally regarded as the single event that spurred the first Earth Day 14 months later.

1970

The very first Earth Day was celebrated on the first day of spring, March 21, 1970.

60x40

This stands for a goal of reducing plastics by 60 percent by the year 2040.



2016

On Earth Day that year, the Paris Agreement was signed, a comprehensive climate accord. World leaders from 175 nations, including the U.S. were involved.

1 billion

How many people around the world take part in Earth Day activities, marking this as the single biggest protest on the planet.



193

The number of countries involved in Earth Day observances.

The Story of One Hometown Soldier



Marion "Runt" Maxwell



BUTCH DALE Columnist

Previously I wrote about the summer of 1956, when I was 7 years old, and my Dad signed me up for Farm League baseball. My first coach was Marion "Runt" Maxwell, who coached boys of all ages for the teams sponsored by the Darlington American Legion. Runt was my coach each summer until I was in high school. He stressed fundamentals and was very patient with each boy on the team. Runt also demanded that everyone put forth 100 percent effort, and win or lose, show good sportsmanship.

Many people in the Darlington area had nicknames. It was almost a requirement! Runt was so named because he was the shortest one in his family, which included 16 brothers and sisters! Runt graduated in 1936 during the Great Depression. Along with many other young men in the community, he enlisted in Company E, 151st Infantry division of the local National Guard. When WWII began, most of these men ended up fighting against the Japanese in the Pacific theater, and saw heavy combat at Bataan, Corregidor, the Philippines and other islands. As a youngster, I was not aware of what Runt and all of the other veterans had gone through. Just like my dad, who fought in Europe, they never talked much about the war.

While looking through old issues of the Darlington Herald newspaper a few years ago, I ran across the following letter that Runt had sent to Rev. A.L. Vermillion and was printed on the front page, part of which is shown below . . .

"Dear Reverend, I have an incident I want you to tell

➡ See BUTCH Page A3

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Keep your fingers away from your eyes if you want to minimize your chances of getting "pink eye." 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



TODAY'S QUOTE

Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." Matthew 22: 17-21

THREE THINGS

You Should Know

- The mother of all book sales is going to take place at Hachette Books in Lebanon on June 15. From hardcover best sellers to children's books to all sorts of titles, books will be sold for \$1 each. That's right, \$1. Want a new Grisham, Evanovich or some other top author? Only a buck! The sale begins at 9 a.m. at Hachette Book Group, 121 N. Enterprise Blvd. in Lebanon. No children under 12 are allowed and neither are carts or wagons. You might also be prepared for a walk. Parking can be a bear!
- The Indiana Department of Homeland Security is part of a \$10 million state investment in new personal protective equipment that is aimed to help volunteer firefighters across Indiana. to better serve their communities. The \$10 million will purchase 940 complete sets of PPE and SCBA, benefiting 66 fire departments across every Indiana fire district. The selection process addressed the poorest volunteer departments first and those with the oldest equipment. IDHS accepted submissions for several months in 2023 to determine the highest need departments. The application process is now closed.
- The Department of Natural Resources Division of Fish & Wildlife plans to stock nearly 63,000 rainbow and brown trout across the state this spring in preparation for inland trout fishing season, which, for inland streams, opens Saturday, April 27. Thirty-five bodies of water across 21 counties are anticipated to receive fish before and after opening day. To find a stocked stream near you, see this year's trout stocking plan at on.IN.gov/fish-stocking.

TODAY'S JOKE

Do you know how the 1040 form got its name? For every \$50 you earn, you get \$10 and the IRS gets \$40.



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Earth Day: What is Climate Change?

“Climate Change” and “Global Warming” are common hot topic terms that get politicized... a lot. Generally, both terms are defined as; the statistically significant changes in atmospheric conditions that result from human activities. “Climate” describes what the weather is like over a long period of time in a specific area. Scientists define an area’s climate using the averages of precipitation, temperature, humidity, and sunshine, over a period of time, typically 30 years.

I am not here to debate how climate change happens or pretend to know all that causes it. I am here to tell you that the climate in our area and other parts of the world has changed. From 1895- 2015 the average annual temperature in Indiana has gone up 1.3 degrees Fahrenheit. In the same time frame, Indiana’s annual total precipitation has gone up 6.5 inches of rain to around 43 inches per year.

I think it is common that when we think about climate change, we don’t think it is happening where we live. I don’t care what you believe how, when, or who started the increase in global temperatures. I care that we recognize it. My mom was born in 1960, she often would tell us we do not have the same winters that she had in her childhood. Our local farmers and growers have no doubt noticed a change in our weather patterns from their childhoods compared to now.

Climate change is an equitable beast, it will not only affect the farmers, ranchers, and growers. It will attack the lives of everyone and our lack thereof of snow days. Our summers are getting warmer, with more serious weather events. With warmer weather, we will use our air conditioning more, which can be costly to your wallet. More AC means more electric energy use, which can lead to energy shortages and

more carbon emissions. Energy companies increase their prices, which makes the elderly, and impoverished more susceptible to higher temperatures and its health and financial effects.

With Earth Day being observed today, how do we address these climate changes at home? May I suggest some basic adjustments to make the warmer climate more tolerable to our comfort and wallets?

1. Shade your AC unit. Plant a tree near by the AC unit to provide some shade can reduce energy use of the unit.
2. Increase the energy efficiency of your home. Does your attic need new insulation? Leaky windows? Increasing the energy efficiency of your home can reduce your energy use and comfort.
3. Proper Car Maintenance – Get the oil change and check your tires! Proper engine care and tire inflation can increase your fuel efficiency.
4. Turn off the car! – Stop idling your engine in parking lots—The music, podcasts, and phone calls can be done with the engine off—Park in a central location when shopping at multiple stores, to prevent starting the engine. Walk when you can!
5. Address the bare spots in your lawn, bare spots are susceptible to soil loss during large rain events. Soil erosion is a loss of often environmentally harming nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen.
6. Spend more time outside. Maybe even plant a tree or shrub while you’re out there. (Deciduous trees should be planted to the south of your home for summer shade and winter sun.)

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Purdue Extension Crop and Weather Updates Going Public

The first Purdue Extension field crop call for the season took place earlier this month. These calls have been an internal tool used in Extension since 1982, when educators and specialists would huddle around landline telephones to give updates on production issues facing local field crop growers. In turn, the specialists on campus would give what recommendations they had to combat the issues.

As we move Extension into the 21st century, we are finding new ways to utilize technology in order to meet the in-season informational needs of crop growers. Now that the calls are being hosted online, they can be recorded, edited down to just the vital pieces, and shared in a relatively timely fashion with our crop producers. You can find our first Purdue Extension Crop and Weather Update for 2024 on the Purdue On The Farm YouTube Channel at <https://youtube.com/@PurdueOnTheFarm>

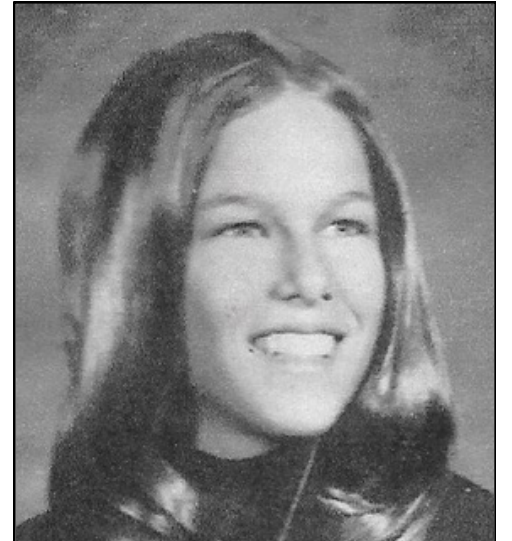
Each call this season will start with a state weather update from the Indiana State Climate Office, then each department on campus is invited to

give updates; agronomy, botany and plant pathology, entomology, weed science, agricultural economics, and agricultural engineering. The Office of the Indiana State Chemist is also invited to the calls to provide regulatory updates as policies are frequently evolving from season to season and even within seasons.

This first update features a winter weather summary and throughout the update there are discussions of its implications for pest issues this season. Specialists also shared early-season wheat management reminders, equipment maintenance reminders, and other production issues to keep an eye out for as the season gets under way. Growers can expect the remaining Crop and Weather Updates will be posted to the Purdue on the Farm YouTube Channel on April 26, May 10, May 24, June 7, June 21, July 12, Aug. 9, and Sept. 13.

To reach members of the Purdue Extension Field Crops and Purdue on the Farm Teams, please reach out to purdueonthefarm@purdue.edu.

Butch Dale’s Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This 1974 North Montgomery Graduate?

HINT:
She works for a great community organization on Main Street.

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Perfection Has to be Imperfect Enough to Notice It



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

I was lying in bed the other night in the little apartment my husband, Peter, and I rent in Mexico, and thinking that things were perfect. Then I wondered what that meant.

Because, without trying very hard at all, I could come up with things that were far from perfect—in the world, in the neighborhood, even in my body if I really started digging. But it did not prevent me from feeling that—at that moment, lying in bed, listening to the distant cacophony of noises outside my window—things were, in fact, perfect. I thought about my day and decided it had to do with imperfection.

I only noticed my sheets because I could feel them against my legs. They are not 1000-thread-count sheets. These are cotton sheets that have likely been used for a few years. They are sturdy and a little rough from drying on a clothesline on the roof.

“There is nothing as nice as a crisp cotton sheet” is what my mother would say.

She hangs her sheets out on the line to this day, and perhaps that’s what got me thinking about perfection. Perfection has to be imperfect enough to notice it, to enjoy it, to make me pay attention.

Walking earlier that night, I saw a crowd of young men gathered around the back of an old hatchback. They were excitedly peering into the open back door and, because I could not help myself, I stopped to see what had them all excited.

Puppies. The whole back of the car was filled with puppies, and these were not some kind of special breed. They had a little of this and a little of that in them, and they were all different patterns and colors and, yes, they were absolutely perfect because they were all so very alive and all a little homely.

Earlier in the day, I went to the vegetable market. Peter calls it “Carrie’s Candy Store” because I get so overwhelmed by all the things there are to eat and to buy. There are boxes of beets on the bottom shelf, a bucket of asparagus on the counter, pudgy carrots of various sizes and shapes and celery bunches that stand half as tall as me. None of the vegetables are uniform; all of them are jammed into a small place filled with other shoppers who have a lot more experience navigating Mexican markets than I do.

“I’m afraid to go in there!” Peter says. I love it.

I love those vegetables because they are unusual shapes and are very fresh, and they look and taste like they just came out of the garden. They are not packaged or presented in any special way. They are perfect.

On my way back into the apartment, I took a photo of a flower in a pot, sitting on the stairwell, catching the late afternoon light. The wall behind it was a little stained, and as I looked closely, I saw the bloom was past its prime, a little faded. That flower was as beautiful as it could be because it was blooming at just the right time, in just the right light, not trying to be anything other than what it was.

And that’s it, I suppose. Too often, I imagine that perfection is an absence of flaws. But I don’t think that’s how I experience it. Perfection is perfect because it is messy and oddly shaped and possibly just a little past its prime. Perfection is rough enough to get our attention and smells a little like sunshine.

*Till next time,
Carrie*

Wolfsie’s Brew Ha Ha



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

I was wrapping up my visit to my local car dealership, but I was having a great deal of trouble deciding. There were so many choices available. What to do?

“I need help making a final decision,” I told the general manager. “This is much harder than it used to be. Any suggestions?”

He rattled off a list of his recommended models...

“Wait, I’m not buying a new car. I’m waiting for an oil change. I’m talking about your new coffee machine. I’ve never seen anything so complicated in my entire life.”

Years ago, while waiting for a \$19.95 oil change, I could treat myself to a newly brewed hot cup of coffee that I poured out of a Pyrex coffee pot. There were no options, no add-ons, no goofy ingredients. If I wanted cream and sugar, there it was. How much I wanted of each was my choice. Life was sweet, like how I wanted my coffee to be.

This new machine baffled me. Despite its relatively small size, it provided a sultan’s harem of choices. But first, it offered a few introductory remarks rolling across the high-tech screen:

“Whoever tastes this coffee will be happy every time and everywhere.”

I doubt that would be true for someone who came in for an oil change and then was told they needed a new six-thousand-dollar transmission. A good cup of java can do just so much to cheer you up.

Here is another of their screen testimonials...

“Perfecting who we are is a never-ending story.”

But I do want the story to end because now I have too many choices, 32 to be exact. Here are some of the options they

offer...

Espresso long: But there was no Espresso short or medium offered. This is what happens to me when I buy pants.

Mochaccinos: According to Google, some coffee lovers claim that mochaccinos are the same as mochas, but we strongly disagree.” Avoid this controversy at your next dinner party. It’s safer to debate Biden versus Trump.

Flat White: I hesitated to try something I had just used to paint my living room.

Dirty Chai: I would never call anyone that, not even coffee.

There was also Filthy Chai, which seems even more rude.

Premium Instant: Isn’t all coffee pretty instant at a machine? That’s why I’m not waiting in line at Starbucks.

Another option was HOT WATER. Like every other selection, it was complimentary. So, the hot water at this dealership is four bucks cheaper than plain hot water at Starbucks.

There were also nitros, listos, lattes, and cappuccinos, but I could not find COFFEE. Regular, plain, boring COFFEE. It was still early morning and I was getting a bit drowsy so I probably missed seeing it. I simply pressed something called Cortado, having no idea what it was. When the brew cooled a bit, I chugged it and headed home. But halfway there, I started to get sleepy and had to pull over.

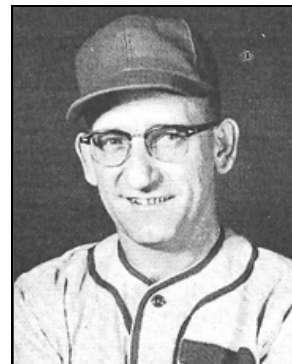
I need to find another auto dealership. One offering coffee that gets better mileage.

– 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.

THE PAPER

↓ BUTCH

From Page A1



your congregation if you care to. Sometime ago during a very trying moment for some of my men and myself this incident occurred. In one of our foxholes three of the men had some of their personal belongings in an old ammunition box, on top of the box was placed the Holy Bible. A Jap sneaked up to the position and threw a demolition charge into it. The box, belongings, and everything was blown away and destroyed. The Holy Bible was still there after the smoke cleared, not a scratch on it. It goes to show that no matter what happens, God's words cannot be destroyed. We all pray every night, and I hate to say it, concerning myself, it took a war to make me a Christian."

Marion "Runt" Maxwell was awarded two Silver Stars and two Bronze Stars during his service in WWII. He was happy to come back to his hometown, where he married, raised a family of four children, and served as the postmaster and rural carrier for many years. I think Runt coached baseball, with very little pay, for all of those years . . . yes, because he loved the sport, but primarily because he wanted to give back to the people and country he loved.

Thanks, Runt, for your bravery and service to our country. There are people today who have very little knowledge of our nation's history. Some of these people love to protest, criticize, and spew hatred for America. And there are many, many people who have no desire to give back to society for the freedoms they enjoy. Marion "Runt" Maxwell was a great coach . . . and like the many other brave men I knew when I was growing up in the little town of Darlington, Indiana . . . he was also a true hero.

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 35 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

**Butch Dale's
Flashback Trivia**
Answer:
Cheryl (Redden) Keim

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BMW Conjures an Ultimate Driving Machine from Its Six-Figure X5 M60i Crossover



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

Back in the waning days of the last century when the BMW X5 began production in South Carolina, the vehicle was intended to be an “ultimate driving machine” marinated with American spirit – an SUV that could go flat-out on the Autobahn... or Eisenhower’s Interstate. Through four generations, the X5 has been a staple of the German automaker. But what if we crossed an M5 super sedan with the X5 and threw in a hybrid system for extra kicks? Then, you’d have the 2024 BMW X5 M60i.

It has a look that doesn’t endear itself to being peeved off! When you see that large twin-kidney grille and flared facia nostrils, it would serve you well to move into another lane. It’s especially menacing over 22” M-style wheels, sport exhaust outlets and black

Shadowline trim, but the tall body and Hoffmeister kink in the rear windowline clearly identify it as a BMW... and X5. Subtle, it is not. But, it is approachable.

Designers recently brought the interior up to standards set by the 7-Series and EVs. That means twin dash screens for gauges and infotainment, heated/ventilated front seats, Harman Kardon audio, and a panoramic moonroof. Charge devices wirelessly and control volume and your music library through hand gestures. You can still control the system with the iDrive joywheel, but it works even better via touchscreen. Caress the carbon fiber trim and deep leather. Safety is enhanced by a head-up display, automatic emergency braking, and blind spot warning systems.

Whether slipping through clogged city streets or locking onto the horizon heading cross-country, the M60i is ready. Behind

that angry grille is a 4.4-liter twin-turbo V8 engine with an 8-speed automatic transmission, all-wheel-drive, and 48v mild hybrid system. Throw all that together and it conjures 523 horsepower and 553 lb.-ft. of torque – good for 0-60 mph in 4.2 seconds. This kind of hybrid is more of an electric supercharger than fuel sipper, but the big and heavy X5 achieves a very respectable 17/22-MPG city/highway.

What about finesse for the firepower? Well, with 22” wheels, not even the adaptive suspension system can provide a smooth ride. It’s quite firm, wrenching over rough pavement, but is a mother’s dream on wide expanses of smooth asphalt where it can take a set and toss itself forward. Of course, that could also toss your kids towards the cargo area, but it is competent for a large barge of a crossover. The M Sport exhaust and Brembo brakes with blue calipers are

ready for a sprint – even if you’re just taking the tykes to taekwondo. Fortunately, rear steering makes short work of tight parking garages.

It takes some gumption to look at a family-friendly crossover and reimagine it as high-caliber road runner. Pile in all of the leather and luxury one expects of a BMW and the M60i is pretty fly. Sure, it’s no fan of rough pavement, and it’s ungodly expensive, but most will find it dreamy. While the X5

starts at \$65,700, our M60i came to a towering \$105,745. Also consider the Mercedes-AMG GLE 63 S, Range Rover Sport and Cadillac Escalade-V.

Storm Forward!

Send comments to Casey at AutoCasey@aol.com; follow him on YouTube @AutoCasey.

2024 BMW X5 M60i
Five-passenger, AWD SUV
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0-60 mph: 4.2s
Fuel economy: 17/22 mpg city/hwy
Assembly: Spartanburg, SC
Base/As-tested price: \$65,700/105,745

Likes	Dislikes
· Muscular style	· Firm suspension
· Regal comfort	· Lofty price
· Potent V8	· Gesture controls?

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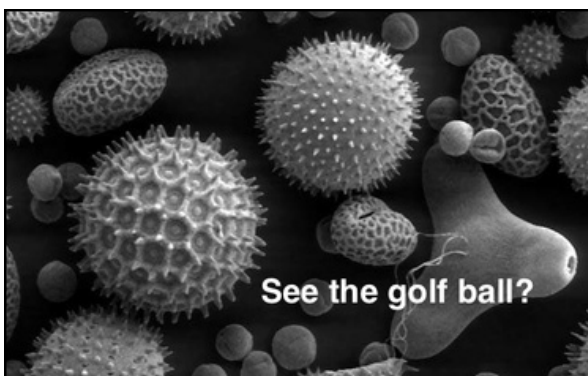
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The Season of Sneezing



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.
Montgomery Medicine

It's once again time to run my annual column on allergies. Some of our readers are likely already cursing the annual return of allergy symptoms. Tree pollen levels in Indiana, including Oak, Cedar/Juniper and Birch, are high and climbing. Spring allergy symptoms can make it even more difficult to differentiate who might have an upper respiratory infection, Covid, or just run of the mill allergy symptoms.

Seasonal allergies are a major problem for many people. When allergy sufferers are asked about their quality of life, they generally rate allergies as more bothersome than heart disease and sometimes even cancer. Many different things cause allergies; I will focus on the seasonal type.

Seasonal allergies are caused by pollen. Pollen contains the male genetic material of plants; it is analogous to sperm in animals. One of the main jobs of any organism is to disseminate its genetic material as far and wide as possible to mix with that of others in the species in order to improve fitness and survival. Pollen accomplishes this task in exquisite fashion.

There are two main categories of pollen – *anemophilous* (wind-loving) and *entomophilous* (insect-loving). Anemophilous pollen is very lightweight, allowing it to move great distances, particularly on windy days. Anemophilous pollen is produced by trees, grasses, and weeds. Golf ball engineers utilize biomimicry of pollen grains to design the dimples on the balls to allow them to fly farther.

Entomophilous pollen is produced primarily by plants that bear flowers. It is much heavier and stickier, allowing it to be picked up and spread by other organisms (pollinators), including insects such as bees. The loss of pollinating insects due to things like insecticide use and climate change is a real threat to these types of plants.

Entomophilous pollens are much less likely to cause allergies since they are not typically inhaled or blown into noses and eyes by the wind.

Plants produce and release pollen at various times of the year, hence the “seasonal” nature of allergies. Trees in Indiana start pollinating in late February and usually end sometime in May. Each species of tree pollinates for around one to two weeks.

Grasses start pollinating in April and continue through May. Hoosiers then get a slight break until about mid-August when ragweed starts up and continues until sometime in October. The allergy season has become longer over the past two decades, starting two to three weeks earlier and lasting two to three weeks longer. This is very likely due to warming from climate change.

Pollen grains contain proteins on their surfaces that bind to the tissues of the eyes and on the inside of the nose. In order to develop allergies, a person's immune system must be genetically programmed to recognize these proteins as foreign invaders. This is the case in about 40 percent of people.

A person's immune system reacts to these proteins by creating a specific class of antibodies called immunoglobulin E (IgE). It can take from two to ten years of exposure to an allergen to develop IgE in sufficient quantities to cause allergy problems. This is why many people suddenly develop an allergy to a family pet after they have had it for a few years.

When IgE against a particular allergen is produced, it attaches to the surface of specialized mast cells where it sits, waiting to do its job. When pollen finds its way to a mast cell coated with IgE programmed to react to it, it binds to the IgE that causes the cell to release various substances that cause allergy symptoms.

One of the most common molecules released by mast cells is histamine. It causes the typical nasal symptoms of congestion and watery discharge as well as red, itchy, watery eyes, and perhaps wheezing. These physical effects are all designed to do one thing – cough, sneeze, or flood the allergen out of the body.

Diagnosing pollen allergies is fairly straightforward. The

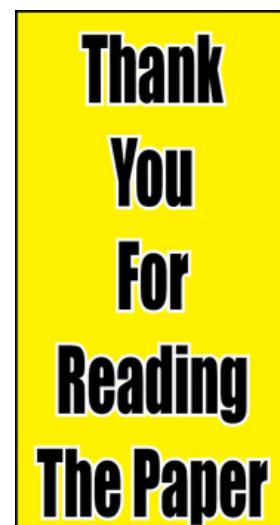
offending agent can often be determined based on the time of year a person develops symptoms. Sometimes an allergist is required to do skin or blood tests to identify the specific offender(s).

There are numerous treatments for allergies. Avoidance is the most important prevention strategy – stay indoors when possible, particularly on windy days, and run the air conditioning instead of opening windows. Using fresh, quality allergy filters in the ventilation system is important. Saline (salt water) rinses can be very effective at rinsing pollen out of the nose. This can be done using commercial products such as a Neti Pot or squeeze bottle such as Sinus Rinse® manufactured by NeilMed.

Antihistamines are also a mainstay of treatment. They block the release of histamine by mast cells. There are numerous antihistamines available both off the shelf and by prescription. Older antihistamines like Benadryl® (diphenhydramine) often cause drowsiness, but are very effective. Newer medications like Claritin® (loratadine), Allegra® (fexofenadine), Zyrtec® (cetirizine) and XYZAL® (levocetirizine) are generally less sedating but tend to be a bit more expensive.

Other treatments are also available such as nasal steroid sprays like Flonase® (fluticasone) as well as sprays that stabilize mast cells from bursting and releasing histamine. Severe allergy sufferers, or those who fail other therapies, may need to move on to allergy injections under the skin or drops under the tongue to reduce the severity of allergy symptoms.

– Dr. John Roberts is a retired member of the Franciscan Physician Network specializing in Family Medicine.



Waveland Place to be May 4 for Dinner, Tour and Laughs

Waveland Strong will be hosting the Fifth Annual Progressive Dinner featuring Angela Riccio Comedienne from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on May 4.

Participants will make five local stops through Waveland enjoying food, drinks, and entertainment. This is a great opportunity for a date, an evening out with friends or a chance to meet new folks as you mingle with one another while traveling together to the next location and food course.

It's also a great opportunity to visit unique architectural and historic gems in our community. So come join us for a walk down memory lane. Stops include:

- T.C. Steele Boyhood Home for appetizers and an open bar;
- Waveland Christians in Action Church for soup and salad;

- Waveland Fire Station for the main course by Trish Schwabe of Sunoco Midwest Catering;
- Waveland Library for entertainment;
- and T.C. Steele Boyhood Home for dessert and nightcaps.

Besides the delicious food, the entertainment is something not to be missed. Angela Riccio combines her quick wit with years of experience as a stand-up comedienne with her pointed observation. She puts into words exactly what everyone else is thinking but are too

polite to say. Angela will keep you in stitches using stories about her family, the bumpy transformation from lifelong singlehood to marriage, her unusual outlook on how things work and why people act the way they do and her superhuman ability to remember inane, useless information. The result: riotous fun when she arrives and dazzles you with her zany humor. She will provide an unforgettable, funny experience for you.

Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased at the Waveland Library, (765) 435-2700. Tickets are limited and guests must be 21 or older.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

Wabash College intends to apply for financial assistance from the USDA – Rural Development to construct a new community center. The proposed project includes the construction of a 56,000 square foot building in the heart of the Wabash campus in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Wabash College will hold a public hearing on May 1, 2024 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Trippet Hall, located at 410 West Wabash Avenue, Crawfordsville, Indiana, to provide interested citizens an opportunity to express their view on the recently completed preliminary architectural design. Representatives from the College will present their findings and recommendations at the hearing.

Every effort will be made to allow persons to voice their opinions at the public hearing. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact James Amidon, Chief of Staff at Wabash at amidonj@wabash.edu or 765-361-6221, not later than April 29, 2024. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons.

For additional information concerning the public hearing or the preliminary architectural report, please contact Mr. Amidon at the address or phone number listed above.

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MANAGER OF GUEST SERVICES

The Manager of Guest Services (Manager) serves a critical role on the finance and auxiliary services team and is responsible for curating a professional guest experience for conferences, meetings, and events of the conference and hotel operations of Wabash College. Located in Trippet Hall and Caleb Mills house, the Manager ensures smooth implementation of conferences for our program managers and administrators, including the complete guest services experience from reservations and scheduling through check out and payment. The Manager oversees student and part-time staff that support the reception operation and ensures guest rooms and event rooms are ready for guests and program participants by facilitating facilities and dining services with facilities management and food service teams and working with the campus travel coordinator as needed on preparing for arrivals and departures. The manager serves as the college's hospitality professional.

To learn more about the position and how to apply please visit our employment page at www.wabash.edu/employment. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Wabash College, a liberal arts college for men, seeks faculty and staff who are committed to providing quality engagement with students, high levels of academic challenge and support, and meaningful experiences that prepare students for life and leadership among diverse populations around the globe. Wabash is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes applications from persons of all backgrounds.

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Chamber Chatter: Quick Rundown of Chamber Happenings



STACY SOMMER
Guest Columnist



KYLEE RISNER
Guest Columnist



What a great turnout at the recent Chamber State Legislative Breakfast. More than 50 community members gathered to hear updates from our legislators, with the honor of guest speaker United States Congressman Jim Baird.

We appreciate the continued support of the legislators and the community interest.

JOIN US on April 26 at 10 am on the 3rd floor of Fusion 54 to discover why your business of 100 employees or less needs Human Resources guidance? Erika Wonders Melvin of Wonderfully Simple HR Consulting presents the importance of the topics shown below with the opportunity for questions.

This event is one of the benefits of membership in the Chamber and is indeed for members only. For more information on how to join our local Chamber, go to www.crawfordsvillechamber.com and click on Join the Chamber." In the meantime, Come enjoy donuts and coffee while learning how to protect your organization.

NETWORKING without the work at Business Buzz! Come join us at Emporium 109 located at 213 E. Main St. in Ladoga on the patio if the weather cooperates! Thursday, May 2, any time after 5 p.m. Door

prize drawing at 6:15.

ALREADY 42 people have signed up for breakfast!! Please sign up soon so we can plan for space accordingly!!!

The Annual Meeting will be held during the May Breakfast Before Business on Monday, May 6, at 8 a.m. on the 3rd floor of Fusion 54 (101 W. Main St). Come join us to hear the summary of 2023 with the Chamber during the annual meeting followed by presentations from the sponsors

BOWLING NIGHT sold out last year so we added a session for the May 13 event this year!

Session 6-8 p.m. is more than half-way sold out!!

Session 3-5 p.m. is filling up quickly!!

Bowling night is super fun so you don't want to miss a great time with your co-workers while networking and promoting your organization!

It's DISCO theme!! Costumes are encouraged, not mandatory. However, most go ALL OUT and it makes it extra fun! There will be a prize for the best dressed team in both sessions!

AS A member of our chamber, your organization is eligible for a Health Clinic. We are transitioning our chamber program from Proactive MD to Franciscan

HEALTHeACCESS. You are welcome to continue your service with Proactive MD or have the option to sign up for our new program with Franciscan HEALTHeACCESS.

The Franciscan HEALTHeACCESS program will begin June 1, 2024 located at 308 W. Market Street in Crawfordsville. The cost of this program is \$65 for your family. An informational meeting is planned for May 6 at 9 a.m. on the third floor of Fusion 54.

Stacy Sommer is the Executive Director of the Crawfordsville / Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce and has an extensive background in not just growing the Chamber exponentially, but as a communication specialist and human resources generalist as well as being a Spanish interpreter for the Montgomery County Courts, Crawfordsville Police Department and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department. She is also a nationally certified fitness instructor,

KyLee Risner is the Assistant Director at the Crawfordsville / Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, where she passionately promotes and supports local businesses. Originally from Ladoga, KyLee relocated to Crawfordsville in 2015 and has since become involved in the community.



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Congressman Jim Baird addresses the crowd.

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Kenny Thompson Talking Boilermakers Basketball





KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Recognizing Greatness That is Purdue Basketball This Season

Purdue University is very selective when it comes to erecting statues. John Purdue. He only founded the place in 1869.

Neil Armstrong. First man on the moon. The Hall of Engineering bears his name.

Amelia Earhart. Legendary aviator and former career counselor in Purdue's Office of the Dean of Women. Earhart Hall, a residential complex, is named in her honor.

John Wooden. All-American guard at Purdue from 1930-32. Coached UCLA to 10 national championships. You'll find his likeness outside Mackey Arena, located on John R. Wooden Drive.

And of course, The Boilermaker. Larger than life at 18 feet tall (not including the base) and appropriately located outside Ross-Ade Stadium on Wooden Drive between the Drew and Brittany Brees Academic Performance Center and the (Jack) Mollenkopf Athletic Center.

Five statues among 2,468 acres in West Lafayette is modest, even by Purdue's conservative standards. No matter what happens this weekend, serious consideration should be given to erecting a statue of Zach Edey. The sculptor could make it life sized (7-4) to fit in one of the handful of entrances to Mackey Arena if outdoor space won't allow.

Humorously, I'd like to see a statue recreating a 1930 photograph of the college basketball giant of his day, Charles

“Stretch” Murphy, and legendary Purdue coach Ward “Piggy” Lambert portraying Edey and coach Matt Painter.

Murphy stood a foot taller than Lambert at 6-6. Edey only has a 10-inch advantage on Painter but you get the idea.

As a now two-time National Player of the Year winner, it's time to anoint Edey as the greatest basketball player in Purdue history. That's a sentence I didn't think I'd be writing a year ago. To me, Glenn Robinson and Rick Mount have been the standards for Boilermaker greatness. Robinson for his all-around skills and Mount's status as the greatest shooter I've ever seen and Purdue's career scoring leader for 54 years.

None of this would have happened if then assistant coach Steve Lutz and Painter hadn't taken a chance on someone who didn't start playing basketball until he was 15.

“For me to have payback for Coach Paint for really believing in me, it's amazing,” Edey said following Purdue's 72-66 victory against Tennessee for the Midwest Regional championship in Detroit. “There were so many coaches that looked over me. It's kind of been the story of my life. People have doubted me. People looked past me. Can't do that anymore.”

It didn't go unnoticed that Edey also honored Purdue Hall of Fame coach Gene Keady, who made the trip to Detroit with the team. After eschewing a ladder to cut a piece of the net, Edey handed a piece to Keady. Reading Keady's lips, he uttered “wow!” before doffing his cap to the cheering crowd.

“You've always got to pay respect to those that came first,” Edey said when asked what it meant to have Keady there. “He built this. It doesn't go over our heads. He helped set this all up. To be able to pay him back and give him a little piece of net, it's the least I can do.”

Larry Bird. Elvin Hayes. Rick Barry. Oscar Robertson.

Edey's performance this season has elevated him alongside those basketball legends. No one since Bird in 1979 has recorded at least 900 points (926) and 450 rebounds (452) in a season. Hayes, Barry and Robertson are the only other players in NCAA history with those numbers.

Edey also is the first since Robertson in 1960 to lead the country in scoring (25.0 ppg.) and advance to the Final Four.

Until Edey's career-high 40-point performance against the Vols, no one in NCAA Regional finals history had

posted a double-double effort of 40 and 16 rebounds. Those 16 rebounds boosted Edey's season total to 452, breaking his own school record of 438 set a year ago. It's also the first 40-15 game for a Boilermaker since Dave Schellhase on Jan. 21, 1964 against Notre Dame.

Another record within Edey's reach is the single season free throw attempts of 440 set by Furman's Frank Selvy in 1954. Edey has 424 heading into the matchup with North Carolina State.

Edey is the fourth Boilermaker to put up 40 points in an NCAA tournament game. Robinson had 44 against Kansas in the 1994 Southeast Regional semifinal. Carsen Edwards had 42 against Villanova and Virginia in the 2019 South Regional second round and final, respectively.

Painter believes Edey is capable of even greater scoring accomplishments. “He should have got 50 tonight, if he makes his free throws,” Painter said after the Tennessee game, slightly exaggerating Edey's 14 of 22 effort at the line. “I know the season is not over, but I thought he'd get 50 in a game this year.”

Westfield graduate Braden Smith joined Most Outstanding Player Edey on the Midwest Region All-Tournament team after posting nine points, seven rebounds and seven assists against the Vols. Smith just missed recording Purdue's second triple double with 14 points, 15 assists and eight rebounds in the 80-68 semifinal victory against Gonzaga.

Smith is 13 assists away from the Big Ten single season record, set by Michigan State's Cassius Winston with 291 during the 2018-19 season. “He's evolved as one of the best point guards in the country, if not the best point guard in the country,” Painter said. “Just his ability to pass and see things. He's very knowledgeable, very instinctive, makes good decisions but somebody you want the ball in his hands . . . Keeping the ball in his hands helps everybody, especially Zach. Now they've got to deal with him and stop him, and know they've got to deal with Zach coming into the post.”

Future Looks Bright for Painter, Purdue Boilermakers

Once the disappointment subsides from Monday's loss to two-time national champion Connecticut, this will be remembered as arguably the best season in Purdue men's basketball history.

The Boilermakers' 34 victories blew

past the previous record of 30 set during the 2017-18 season. Zach Edey, Mason Gillis, Ethan Morton, Lance Jones, Chase Martin and Carson Barrett depart with a 110-29 record, the most wins by a senior class in school history.

Westfield's Braden Smith set the Big Ten record for most assists in a season with 292, one more than Michigan State's Cassius Winston in 2019.

Edey's 37 points against Connecticut were the most scored in a national championship game in 46 years. Only UCLA's Bill Walton and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar have also had at least 37 points and 10 rebounds in national championship game history.

Space does not permit listing every record the 7-4 center set this season but here are some highlights:

- Edey finished his career with 90 consecutive double-figure scoring games and 116 double-figure games in his career, tying E'Twaun Moore.

- Edey and Shaquille O'Neal are the only players in NCAA history to average at least 25.0 points, 12.0 rebounds and shoot 60.0 percent from the field in a single season.

- Edey leaves Purdue with 2,516 points and 1,321 rebounds in 138 games. Rick Mount's 54-year scoring record was 2,323 points in 72 games. Joe Barry Carroll's 44-year-old rebounding standard was 1,148 in 123 games.

- With Wednesday's Wooden Award announcement, Edey is the first player to sweep the National Player of the Year honors in consecutive seasons since Walton in 1972 and 1973. Edey also was named the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year for the second season in a row.

- Edey joins Dave Schellhase (1966) and Glenn Robinson (1994) as national scoring champions from Purdue. Edey averaged 25.2 points along with 12.2 rebounds, which was second-best in the nation.

After the Connecticut loss, Purdue coach Matt Painter was asked if Edey should be remembered as one of college basketball's greatest centers.

“When you look at his numbers against the greats, there's no question he's in the conversation,” Painter said. “But he's also the winningest player at Purdue.

“Everybody wants to have the argument about . . . who is the greatest. That's the ultimate separator because every person in that conversation is great. I think

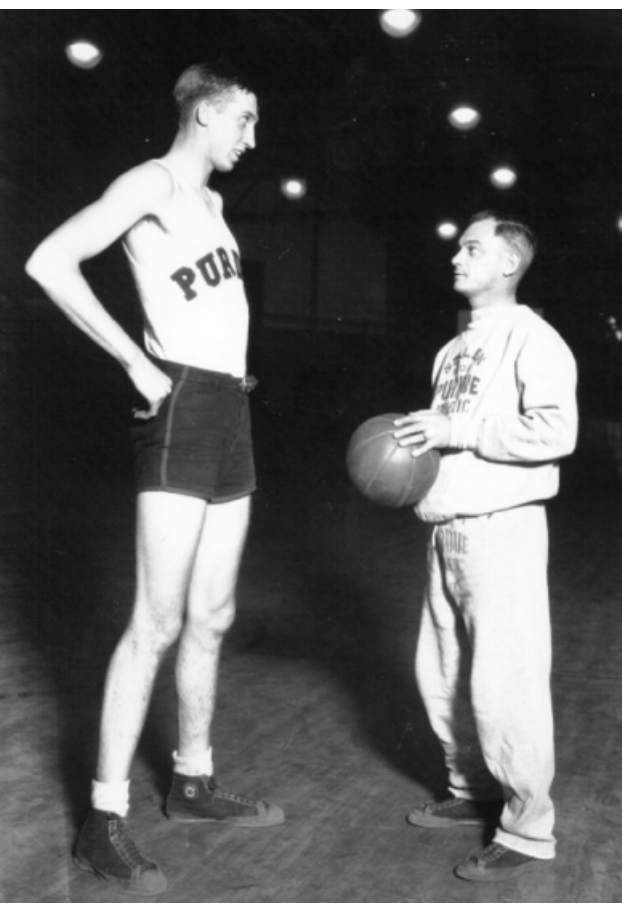


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Charles "Stretch" Murphy and Piggy Lambert

he was great in how he did it, too. People have no idea the burden you carry when you're as good as he is, produce like he does going into opposing arenas.

"A lot of those old-timers, they didn't have to hear it on social media. For young people that are successful, they have to go through a lot of stuff. But in a way you kind of like it 'cause it toughens you up, allows you to focus, allows you to push through things.

"I just told him in the locker room, 'You're not going to go on in life and push past here and not deal with adversity. In the workforce, in relationships, everything. You're going to deal with adversity. He was superior dealing with adversity. He was a guy that didn't get recruited, then all of a sudden he started to get recruited, then that picked up. That got him on edge. All the great ones stay on edge.

"He's going to be a terrific NBA player. We're really proud of him."

Smith, whose deliveries to Edey helped

him set the Big Ten assists record, also praised his teammate.

"He taught me so much. I went from 6-4 center (in high school) to a 7-4 center. Definitely a huge change," Smith said.

"The most unselfish person you'll ever meet. Like coach Paint said, he gets more hate for no reason. For what? He's out there dominating everybody?"

Now the ceiling has been raised for Purdue basketball. Early predictions have the Boilermakers favored to three-peat as Big Ten champions for the first time since 1994-96. Of course, those expectations could change after their rivals shop from the transfer portal. Indiana, Illinois and Michigan are expected to heavily invest in filling major holes in their rosters.

Painter welcomes the pressure, which is nothing compared to being reminded for 12 months about losing to Farleigh Dickinson as a No. 1 seed.

"I told our guys in the locker room, like, when you have the most wins in school history, you're the first team to win back-to-back championships by multiple games since 1976, which was the last undefeated team in college basketball, and you get an eyelash away from winning it all, that's the standard," Painter said.

So, like, now just like any other year we're going to take two to three weeks off, then get back to work. We like our young guys that are coming in next year, so we're excited."

The class of 6-8 forward Kanon Catchings of Brownsburg via Overtime Elite, 6-4 guard Gicarrri Harris of Loganville, Ga., 6-6 guard Jack Benter of Brownstown, 7-3 center Daniel Jacobsen of Brewster Academy, 6-10 forward/center Raleigh Burgess of Cincinnati and 6-2 guard CJ Cox of Milton Academy is ranked second in the Big Ten and 11th nationally by 24/7 Sports composite rankings.

Catchings, the nephew of University of Tennessee and Indiana Fever great Tamika Catchings, is ranked 34th in the nation by 24/7. Harris, the son of Glenn Robinson, is 90th.

Here's a sample of the early expectations awaiting Purdue.

ESPN's Jeff Borzello has Purdue ranked sixth behind the Worldwide Leader in Sports' unofficial favorite school, Duke, Gonzaga, Kansas, Connecticut and Iowa State. Maryland is the second Big Ten school in Borzello's rankings at No. 20. Rutgers is 21st and Wisconsin 24th.

"The post-Zach Edey era in West Lafayette has officially begun but don't expect Matt Painter's team to fall too far in the national discussion," Borzello writes. "The Boilermakers will still bring back one of the best backcourts in the country in Braden Smith and Fletcher Loyer, and Trey Kaufman-Renn is ready for a bigger role in the frontcourt. The questions will be whether Smith and Loyer can take the jump from being complimentary players to go-to guys and which reserve or freshman breaks out. A good bet would be Camden Heide.

Yahoo Sports' Ryan Young is the most bullish on the Boilermakers, ranking them second behind Duke. His reasoning, though, may be flawed unless Young knows something the rest of us don't. "Zach Edey is off to the NBA, but head coach Matt Painter won't have to adjust much with freshman Will Berg, his 7-foot-2 Swedish center," Young writes. "Fletcher Loyer and Braden Smith will be back, too, so Purdue should return atop the expanded Big Ten next season. It might finally be time for the conference (national title) drought to end."

Young has Rutgers ranked 16th and Maryland 19th.

At the opposite end of the optimism spectrum are The Athletic's CJ Moore and Sam Vecenie, who have Purdue 12th behind Duke, Gonzaga, Houston, Iowa State, Connecticut, Alabama, Kansas, Tennessee, North Carolina, Auburn and Arizona.

Moore and Vecenie project a starting lineup of Smith, Loyer, Kaufman-Renn, Heide and Caleb Furst.

"It will now be time for Kaufman-Renn to become the featured low-post scorer. The Boilermakers got a preview of that last summer when Edey was off with

Team Canada and Kaufman-Renn led the Boilers in scoring during a foreign tour. Smith is already one of the best point guards in college hoops and could elevate himself to All-America status when he takes on more of a scoring role.

"It's rare to have so much experience and production returning. It's going to be difficult to replace Edey, but Matt Painter has two giants lined up to possibly be next. Berg, a 7-2 freshman this season, shot 75 percent from the field in limited minutes, and Painter signed a 7-foot-3 center in Jacobsen. He's got a type!"

Moore and Vecenie have Rutgers 16th, Maryland 20th and Michigan State 22nd.

Like his peers, Sports Illustrated's Kevin Sweeney has Duke No. 1 ahead of Iowa State, Kansas, Gonzaga, Connecticut, Arizona and Houston. Purdue comes in at No. 8.

"The end of the Zach Edey era in West Lafayette will take some getting used to, but that shouldn't bring an end to Purdue as a national contender," Sweeney writes. "Braden Smith is an easy projection as one of the nation's best floor generals after a massive season in 2023-24, and Purdue has quietly stockpiled athletic, versatile wings with the likes of Cam Heide, Kanon Catchings and Myles Colvin. Don't expect a big drop-off from the Boilermakers."

Sweeney has five Big Ten teams in his Top 25: Maryland (18), Ohio State (19), UCLA (20) and Rutgers (23).

CBS Sports' Gary Parrish, who was one of the few national pundits to predict a Purdue national championship before the 2023-24 season, has Purdue ninth in his Top 25 Plus 1 rankings. Parrish deviates from group think, ranking Houston No. 1 over North Carolina, Iowa State, Kansas, Duke, Connecticut, Gonzaga and Auburn.

"The Boilermakers have finished in the top 25 at KenPom.com nine straight years, and there's no reason to think that streak won't continue next season even without the two-time National Player of the Year," Parrish writes.

Parrish ranked Wisconsin 21st, Rutgers 23rd and Ohio State 26th.

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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