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## TODAY'S VERSE

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

## Meet Preacher



Preacher is a 4 year old male larger mix breed available for adoption. Preacher is a needy super snuggler that enjoys walks and lots of quality time spent with his favorite person. Preacher is a LOVER and the shelter life is stressful for him. Preacher is looking for his best friend. Could that be you? Preacher is available for adoption, to foster, or just simply going out for walks. We're open today from 12:15-5p. Come say hi!! AWL is open Monday - Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 9:30a-3p. Come say hi, snuggle cats, walk dogs, or lend a helping hand!

## Final Thoughts Before the Election...



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

It will soon be over. Thank the Lord. I quit tuning in to the election news, both real and fake, a couple of months ago.

A person can only take so much. I believe everyone would agree that changes to the election process are needed, such as....

...Campaigns should be limited to six months maximum. No longer could a person declare their candidacy two years beforehand. As the rock group Twisted Sister said, "No, we're not gonna take it any more!"

...Campaign contributions from any group or

individual should be limited to \$100. Super-PACs, unions, and ultra wealthy individuals have been buying elections for too many years.

...Voter ID must be mandatory, and voting must be done in person, except for military overseas or the disabled. No drop-box voting. No mail-in ballots. No electronic ballot counting. All ballots must be hand-counted, with observers of both parties present.

...Any news organization or syndicate who lies, covers up the truth, or engages in outright propaganda shall have their broadcasting license permanently revoked. We want to hear the facts, plain and simple,

not their biased opinions.

...There should be three mandatory presidential debates on TV, using moderators who are absolutely neutral in the views and politics.

...Any candidate for president must take a comprehensive health physical, psychiatric exam and drug screen...with the results made available to the public. An IQ test and lie detector test would also be nice!

Those are just a few ideas...and yes, I know they likely will never occur. And let's face it, for the most part the days of the "educated voter" are over.

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## The Purpose of Exit Polls



The League of Women Voters, open to men as well as women, is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the Montgomery County LWV, visit [www.lwvmontco.in.org](http://www.lwvmontco.in.org) or message to LWV, PO Box 101, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47932.

Election day is next Tuesday, Nov. 5, which means that you'll soon start to hear about exit polls and what they tell us about how voters nationwide cast their ballots.

Exit polls are meant to take a snapshot of voters' political choices and opinions immediately after they leave the polling place. Unlike most other election polls, which ask people to state in advance which candidates they speculatively plan to support (usually by asking, "if the election was held today, which candidate would you vote for?"), exit polls ask them on election day who they voted for, once their vote is a done deal.

Many exit polls are sponsored by major media outlets. Several of these outlets pool their resources to conduct their exit polls, which is known as the National Election Pool. Under this arrangement, ABC News, NBC News, CBS News and CNN contract with Edison Research for their exit poll data. Meanwhile, FOX News and The Associated Press join together to contract with the University of Chicago's National Opinion Research Center for their exit polls.

For all of these media outlets,

➡ See LWV Page A5

## Red Kettle Campaign Looking for Volunteers

The Salvation Army of Montgomery County is gearing up for the 2024 Christmas Red Kettle Campaign and is looking for dedicated people to assist with the campaign. Not only are ringers needed but the local Advisory Council is looking for a few people to assist with kettle collection and other duties.

Money collected during the Red Kettle Campaign is used to assist people in Montgomery County with emergency needs including food, utilities and rent throughout the year. The Salvation Army also offers assistance during times of disaster. This year the Salvation Army has already assisted over 140 families with the over \$36,000 raised during last season's Kettle Campaign.

To offer these and other services, The Salvation Army of Montgomery County relies on volunteers. Bell ringers can sign up to ring the bell at [www.registertoring.com](http://www.registertoring.com). Ringing will take place at Walmart and Kroger. Shifts are two hours, but hour shifts will also be accepted. Organizations can also sign up for an entire day at either

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## Bubba's Attempted Stay in House was Haunting



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Two Cents

Doesn't it seem like with the explosion of emails the phone should ring less? For some reason, it doesn't work that way. And

the other day was seemingly one call after another . . . and another . . . and another. So if you were one of those calls toward the end of the day and if I sounded anything less than cheerful, let me apologize now.

Please understand, there was one in particular that sent me over the edge.

"Paper, Timmons."

"We's looking for the owner of the business," the nasal twang started.

We's? Nasal twang? Sigh.

How does Bubba Castiron ALWAYS call at the worst possible time?

"As the proper and forthwith owner, we would like you to take part in a short survey about the presidential election. Can y'all tell us who you are voting?"

"Cut it out, Bubba! I know it's you!"

"Dang, Timmons. "How do you always figure out it's me?"

For those who haven't had the "pleasure," Bubba Castiron is the guy everyone avoids at the family reunion. He's loud, smokes and drinks too much and if rednecks all over the country were a family, Bubba would be considered the black sheep.

"Lucky guess, Bubba. Listen, I'm kind of busy here. What can I do?"

"Well damn, Timmons. We ain't even started talking yet and here you is already trying to get rid of me. And I got a great story for you, considering it's the eve of all Hallowed Eve and everything."

"Thanks, Bubba. But I think we've got"

"Timmons, me and the mizzus decided to spend the night in this old house that we're pretty sure is haunted. And boy howdy, did we ever have a night!"

I sighed. I hate to admit it, but as a newspaper vagabond with worn-out Weejuns, I have seen my fair share of things I can't

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## TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Smoking does not relieve stress – it actually reinforces it.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at [www.thepaper24-7.com](http://www.thepaper24-7.com)



## THREE THINGS You Should Know

**1** Have you had a bad dream this week? Nightmares are haunting Americans not only because of Halloween, but also because of mounting election stress. A new report by Thriving Center of Psychology reveals Thirty-four percent of Americans report having at least one nightmare a week. Sixty-nine percent say it's from external stressors; 38 percent have had more nightmares than normal in the last six months; 42 percent experience increased anxiety after nightmares; and 72 percent say it affected their mood the next day. Hey we get it. Life is tough these days. Then again, in the immortal words of somebody, maybe we ought to just suck it up, buttercups!

**2** In honor of Halloween, we got this from our friends at Survey of Drivers from Gunther Volkswagen Delray Beach. They surveyed 3,000 drivers to find out which roads they mostly would avoid after dark - those infamous for supernatural encounters, spine-tingling tales, and eerie sightings that make the bravest souls' hair stand on end. Three in Indiana made the list: The Avon Bridge, also known as "Haunted Bridge" came in at No. 64. Hamilton Road over in Clinton County ranked No. 70 and Reeder Road in Griffith was 111th. The top three in the nation? Route 9 (Sleepy Hollow) in New York, Old Ghost Road in Georgia and Superstition Mountain Apache Trail in Arizona. Happy Halloween!

**3** Indiana icon Sammy Terry is again partnering with the Attorney General's office to remind Hoosiers to search for unclaimed treats at [IndianaUnclaimed.gov](http://IndianaUnclaimed.gov). Sammy Terry is featured in a digital advertising campaign calling all Hoosiers around the state to text SAMMY to 46220 and search your name for unclaimed property. "Go, my minions, to [IndianaUnclaimed.gov](http://IndianaUnclaimed.gov) and hunt for any unclaimed pleasant nightmares just waiting to be claimed by you," Sammy Terry said.

## TODAY'S QUOTE

"When witches go riding and black cats are seen, the moon laughs and whispers, 'tis near Halloween."  
Unknown

## TODAY'S JOKE

Who's there?  
Bee!  
Bee who?  
Bee-ware of the full moon at Halloween!

## MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Montgomery County Commissioners have fittingly declared that our county will be designated as a Green Light for Veterans County on Nov. 11. That means it's a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service. Commissioners encourage everyone to recognized Veterans always, but especially on that day, by displaying a green light in a window of their home or business that day!



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



## Karen Shares Tale of Giving Young Lady



**KAREN ZACH**  
 Around The County

I don't know why people complain about young folks today because I know many who are loving, kind and giving. This features one of these loving, kind and giving young ladies!



Kaitlin Morgan Townsend was born and raised in our area, graduating from North Montgomery High School along with twin sister, Kirstin. Kait was involved in swimming while at the high school, having attended Sommer Elementary near her home.

Kait is the daughter of Aaron and Tina Townsend also North Montgomery High School graduates. They own and operate the Hidden Hollow Farm and venue which is half way between Crawfordsville and Waynetown on Half-Way Road. They also have amazing local honey (I take a T. each day and it helps my allergies immensely). Besides Kirstin, Kait has an older and younger sister (and yep, all NM grads), plus four nephews she absolutely adores.

It was at North that Kait became interested in why I chose to write about her special gift for my last article. There was a young man with cancer at the high school at the time and there was a blood drive for him. Several got out of class to give blood. Kait has an unusual blood type which didn't match the sick young man but she also did a swab and she was thus added to a donor's list.

It was eight years thereafter when Kait was contacted to be a bone marrow donor. Ironically, the eight-year-old boy from Germany whom she helped would have been born about the time Kait signed-up for the donor program.

Kait's gma' was born and raised in Germany and since Kait was the perfect match (both with unusual DNA's) for the young fellow, she wondered if he might be close relation. That would be another irony for sure.

In June, Kait received a letter from the parents

of her recipient, telling her he was doing well and thank you for saving their son's life. A year from this coming February, if he wants to, they can meet. Kait's hoping of course he says yes! She was flown to Washington DC where her bone marrow was extracted (thanks to her mom, Tina for the photo) and immediately flown overseas for the boy! It's a tough operation but add "tough" to Kait's repertoire and she bounced back pretty well. Okay, she noted it really took 4-6 weeks before she felt back to herself. When I asked her if she'd do it again, she didn't hesitate with her answer, "For him, I would!" (some do later reject the marrow, hopefully our young fellow will not)

Having swam in high school, Kait still enjoys swimming, her two standard pure-bred poodles, her 60-80s vintage items collection and thrifting. She can't see any of that changing but otherwise has no real thoughts on the future!

There are other donors around our area and bless them all. Plus, anyone can sign-up (under 40) with NMDP.org to be a donor. Originally centered on National Marrow Donating, NMDP changed their name and evolved more to "save lives through cell therapy." They will send a kit and after swabbing your mouth via their instructions, you send it back and you'll be added to a world-wide database and who knows in a few years you too may be contacted to save someone's life, as well! What an awesome experience!

*Karen Zach is the editor of Montgomery Memories, our monthly magazine all about Montgomery County. You can reach her at karen.zach@sbcglobal.net.*

## Paid Statehouse Internship Applications Closing

The Oct. 31 deadline to apply for an Indiana House Republican internship during the 2025 legislative session is a day away.

State Rep. Beau Baird (R-Greencastle) said this full-time, spring semester internship is Monday through Friday at the Statehouse in Indianapolis during the legislative session, which will start in January and conclude in April. House interns earn \$900 biweekly and can gain academic credit through their college or university.

"Interning at the Statehouse provides students with hands-on experience that prepares them for a wide range of careers," Baird said. "From learning the legislative process to making valuable connections, this internship is an excellent opportunity for professional and personal growth."

State Rep. Sharon Negele (R-Attica) said interested college sophomores, juniors, seniors, graduate students and recent graduates of all majors should visit indianahousepublicans.com/internship to complete the application before Oct. 31.

"From networking to learning about policy and government, the Statehouse is the perfect place to explore new paths for your future career," Negele said. "College students and recent graduates should apply and take advantage of the connections and skills you can gain."

State Rep. Mark Genda (R-Frankfort) said Indiana House internships include free parking, career and professional development assistance, and enrollment access to an Indiana government class. Interns are also eligible to apply for a competitive \$3,000 scholarship to use toward undergraduate and graduate expenses.

"Whether you know exactly what you want to do or are still considering options, an Indiana Statehouse internship is a great way to explore different careers and network with industry leaders," Genda said. "With the deadline coming up, I urge all local students interested in an internship to apply today."

State Rep. Jeff Thompson (R-Lizton) said the program offers opportunities for students to work in various departments related to their studies, including legislative operations, policy and communications.

"Working with lawmakers and legislative staff is a great way to build professional contacts, learn new skills and apply your education in a real-world setting," Thompson said.

"Interning with Indiana House Republicans is a tremendous resume builder and career starter."

Applications are available online at indianahousepublicans.com/internship and are due by Oct. 31.

## RED

location. People are also needed to help assist with kettle collection. People interested in assisting with this will need to pass a background check.

If you have a heart for service join The Salvation Army of Montgomery in the work of serving your community. For more information contact Clay Adams at clayadams47933@gmail.

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com. You may also reach Clay via phone or text at (765) 376-7194. The Salvation Army of Montgomery County will thank you but more import, your community will thank you.

Checks may also be mailed to the Montgomery County Salvation Army at 2746 US 231 S Crawfordsville, IN 47933 before 12/31/24 to qualify for this years campaign.

## Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



This Gal Was a Sophomore at Ladoga High School in 1957. Do You Recognize Her?

**HINT:**  
 She sells the best tasting sweetcorn in Montgomery County!

Answer on Page A5

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# Now the Flag is a Negative Symbol?

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR** Dear Editor, Since 2016, a phenomenon has occurred in this country. The U.S. flag has become synonymous with Donald Trump. Consequently, people suffering from TDS have developed an unhealthy disdain for not only Trump, but for patriotism and the flag itself.

percent of the time, which tells me this election could be the death knell for the U.S.

I got stopped by a guy in the restroom at Walmart one day when I was wearing my flag shirt. He bellowed "What are you, some kind of white supremacist?" I replied that I prefer the term "patriot." at which point he sneered "F--k Trump and all you people."

At that juncture, I admonished him to get out of my way and to seek counseling. And he was an old white man!! God help us all.

*Ron Carmony  
Indianapolis*

I encounter this on a regular basis when I wear my flag shirt or my hat with a small flag patch on it. The number of people who either roll their eyes or sneer is very disturbing. Unfortunately, it happens about 50

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The average person does not examine the issues, check the facts or weigh the strengths and weaknesses of the candidates. They just absorb, in bits and pieces, what they hear on TV talk shows, the Internet and from their favorite celebrity...that is, if they even take time to vote at all. The United States currently ranks 139th out of 172 countries in the world in voter participation. In other words, most people are fed up with politics and don't give a damn anymore.

Now why is that? For one reason most of the promises to voters never materialize. Campaign speeches are just big talk...nothing else. If the winning candidate does try to effect change, our divided Congress will snuff out those proposals before they have a chance for passage...after arguing back and forth for months of course. The

majority of Congressmen are in it for the money, insider tips to the stock market, political junkets, fame, fortune, and a life-long job. And as I have stated before, nothing will change until we have term limits...eight years maximum for any elected official.

To you voters out there, I have one final suggestion. In all elections, whether they be national, state, or local...instead of choosing between two (or occasionally three) candidates, there should be another option listed..."NONE OF THE ABOVE." In some elections, if no one wins, we might be better off.

*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.*

Looking for a part-time job that does not involve the words:

## Would You Like Fries With That?

The Paper of Montgomery County is looking for clerical help. This could be the perfect job for part-time students all the way up to Baby Boomers looking for something to do.

Basic data entry skills are required. Experience with QuickBooks is a bonus.

E-mail [jobs@thepaper24-7.com](mailto:jobs@thepaper24-7.com)

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Thank you for reading The Paper

## Crawfordsville District Public Library


# November FOR ADULTS

### FOR KIDS

- Saturday 2** Free Play Game Day!  
All ages are welcome  
10a in Meeting Room D
- Tuesday 5, 12, 19, & 26** Tech Tuesday Computer Classes  
Registration Required for Most  
6p in Meeting Room D 
- Tuesday 12** Genealogy Club Meeting  
Monthly Meeting  
7p in Meeting Room A
- Saturday 16** Coffee with a Naturalist  
Adults and 12+  
10a in Meeting Room A
- Tuesday 19** D & D for Beginners  
Registration Required  
5p in Meeting Room B 
- Tuesday 19** Beginner Genealogy  
Intro to Digital Databases  
6p in Local History (2nd Floor)
- Wednesday 20** Wyrd Words Book Club  
Open to Adults 18+ years of age  
6p in Meeting Room C

- Monday 4** 1st Grade Book Club  
For 1st Graders  
4p in Youth Services
- Wednesday 6, 13, & 20** Kindergarten Book Club  
For Kindergarteners  
4p in Youth Services
- Thursday 7** Lego Club  
All ages are welcome  
4p in Youth Services 
- Monday 11** 2nd Grade Book Club  
For 2nd Graders  
4p in Youth Services
- Thursday 14** Tween/Teen Book Club  
For 5th-8th Graders  
4p in Youth Services 
- Monday 18** 3rd Grade Book Club  
For 3rd Graders  
4p in Youth Services
- Monday 25** 4th Grade Book Club  
For 4th Graders  
4p in Youth Services

### FOR TEENS ONLY

- Saturday 16** Mug It! for Teens  
Ages 13-19 (only)  
2p in the Classroom (D) 

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Notice of Public Hearing**  
**Crawfordsville Common Council**

Please take notice that on 14 October 2024, the Crawfordsville Common Council passed a preliminary resolution declaring that certain property in the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana as an economic revitalization area. Council Resolution No. 29-2024 is available in the City-Clerk Treasurer's office and the Montgomery County Assessor's office. This resolution declared the Common Council of the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana (the "Council") has been requested by Midwest Bale Ties, Inc. (the "Applicant") to designate the property at 1200 E. Wabash Ave (54-07-33-333-063.000-030) (the "Real Estate") as an Economic Revitalization Area (an "ERA") under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 (the "Act"); the Council has prepared a simplified description of the Area or maps and plans that identify the Area, which are available for inspection in the City Clerk Treasurer's Office and Montgomery County Assessor's Office; the Area is located within the Council's jurisdiction under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-2; the Applicant plans to purchase and install an automated wire forming cell (the "Improvements"). These personal property improvement costs are described in an Application and a related Statement of Benefits submitted by the Applicant to the Council (collectively, the "Application"); the Council has reviewed the Application; the Applicant has requested that the Council approve personal property tax abatement for 3 years; and the improvement of the Area described in the Application will be of public utility and will be to the benefit and welfare of all citizens and taxpayers of the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana ("City"); and based on the foregoing, the Council hereby finds that (1) the Area is within the City, and (2) the Area has become undesirable for, or impossible of, normal development and occupancy because of a lack of development, cessation of growth, or deterioration of improvements or character of occupancy, age, obsolescence, substandard buildings, or other factors that have impaired values or prevent a normal development of property or property use. The Council makes the following findings: 1. The estimate of the value of the personal property is reasonable for projects of this nature. 2. The estimate of the number of individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed personal property. 3. The estimate of the annual salaries of those individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed personal property 4. The other benefits about which information was requested are benefits that can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed personal property 5. The total benefits are sufficient to justify the granting of the deduction. The Area is hereby declared to be an "economic revitalization area" under the Act, to allow the Applicant to realize three (3) years of abatement on the Improvements. 6. The Statement of Benefits is hereby approved and the Real Estate described hereinabove is hereby designated as an ERA pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-1 et seq. 7. That the Council has considered the factors set forth in I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-17 and the Applicant is granted a three-year personal property tax deduction schedule as set forth in the Abatement Schedule. The Council fixes 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 in the City Council Chambers, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, for the public hearing of remonstrances and objections from persons interested in the Project. At this hearing, the Council will take final action relative to this preliminary resolution and finally determine whether the Real Estate should be designated as an ERA and whether three-year personal property tax deductions should be granted as set forth in the Abatement Schedule. A copy of this preliminary resolution and the final resolution shall be filed with the City Clerk Treasurer and Montgomery County Assessor. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to attend, hear, or present evidence at the public hearing and is in need of reasonable accommodation, please contact the Director of Operations & Community Development at 765-364-5160 or ballen@crawfordsville-in.gov.

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**City of Crawfordsville, Indiana**  
**Notice to Taxpayers of Additional Appropriation**

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana that the Crawfordsville Common Council will consider the following additional appropriations more than the budget for the current year at its regular meeting place, Council Chambers, 2nd floor, City Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, at 6 o'clock P.M., on the 12th day of November, 2024.

Amount	From	To
\$637,607.30	Fund 2258.999 ARP COVID Response Grant Unappropriated	2258.000.300 (Infrastructure) Appropriated
\$14,018.37	Fund 2258.999 ARP COVID Response Grant Unappropriated	2258.000.310 (Children and Youth) Appropriated
\$456,266.97	Fund 2258.999 ARP COVID Response Grant Unappropriated	2258.000.312 (Tourism Support) Appropriated

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting will have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The Department will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within 15 days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken. If you require accommodations to this meeting, please call 364-5152.  
 Dated: 15 October 2024  
 /s/ Karyn Douglas  
 Karyn Douglas, City Clerk-Treasurer

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice is hereby given that the Montgomery County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed proposals and preliminary bids until 8:00 a.m. on November 12, 2024 at the Montgomery County Government Center 1580 Constitution Row Room E109, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 for the following:

A cash rent contract (lease) for farming certain real estate owned by the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County, consisting of approximately 24.6 tillable acres of real estate on the former Montgomery County Farm, which is comprised of two parcels:

- West Farm: Approximately 12.32 tillable acres located west of Whitlock Avenue (parcel 54-07-29-100-031.000-028); and
- South Farm: Approximately 12.28 tillable acres east of the County Highway property and south of Memorial Drive (parcel 54-07-32-100-001.000-030).

Bid proposals shall be for a stipulated gross rent of not less than \$233.00 per tillable acre. The term of the lease will be for a three-year period beginning March 1, 2025 and ending on February 28, 2028. The lease will be for the 2025, 2026, 2027, crop years. Cash rent will be due and payable under the terms and conditions of the lease in equal installments on April 15th and November 15th each year during the term of the lease, except that the first installment will be due at the time of execution of the lease.

After preliminary bids are opened, bidders may raise their bids, a raise takes effect after the board has given written notice of that raise to the other bidders. Final bids must be submitted to the County Commissioners on or before November 25, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. Final bids will be opened by the Board on November 25, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

A proposed form lease and bid forms may be examined in the office of the Montgomery County Commissioners, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. local time Monday through Friday. Bids may be submitted on a bid form that can be picked up at the office of the Montgomery County Commissioners. Bids must be accompanied by a financial reference statement that includes at least two financial references; accepted references are banks, financial institutions, and suppliers. The lease may be subject to approval by the Montgomery County Council. The real estate may not be leased to a person who owes delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interests or costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale on a tract of real property listed under Ind. Code §6-1.1-24-1 or to an agent of any such person. A bid submitted by a trust must identify each beneficiary of the trust and each settlor empowered to revoke or modify the trust. The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects of irregularities of deemed to be in the best interests of Montgomery County, Indiana.

All meetings of the Montgomery County Board of County Commissioners will take place in Room E109 of the Montgomery County Government Center 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. The Board of Commissioners will award the lease to the highest responsive and responsible bidder. The successful bidder must execute a cash rent agreement provided by the Board of Commissioners within seven (7) days of notice from the Board.

Dated the \_\_\_ day of October, 2024.  
 Tom Klein, Montgomery County Administrator

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**54D02-2410-EU-000073**  
 STATE OF INDIANA ) IN MONTGOMERY SUPERIOR COURT 2  
 ) JSS:  
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 UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF )  
 BENJAMIN D. FOWLER, Dec. )

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

Notice is hereby given that on October 21, 2024, David J. Fowler and Beth A. Fowler were appointed co-Personal Representatives of the estate of Benjamin D. Fowler, deceased, who died on October 5, 2024, in Montgomery County, Indiana.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Crawfordsville, Indiana, this date 10/21/24.

Sondra K Sixberry  
 Clerk of the Montgomery County Courts

/s/ William A. Goebel  
 William A. Goebel, #8381-54  
 Counsel for Estate  
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**Notice of Public Hearing**  
**Crawfordsville Common Council**

Please take notice that on 14 October 2024, the Crawfordsville Common Council passed a preliminary resolution declaring that certain property in the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana as an economic revitalization area. Council Resolution No. 30-2024 is available in the City-Clerk Treasurer's office and the Montgomery County Assessor's office. This resolution declared the Common Council of the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana (the "Council") has been requested by Kroger Limited Partnership II (dba Pace Dairy) (the "Applicant") to designate the property at 800 N. Englewood Dr. (54-07-33-100-003.000-028) (the "Real Estate") as an Economic Revitalization Area (an "ERA") under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 (the "Act"); the Council has prepared a simplified description of the Area or maps and plans that identify the Area, which are available for inspection in the City Clerk Treasurer's Office and Montgomery County Assessor's Office; the Area is located within the Council's jurisdiction under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-2; the Applicant plans to install two lines to produce shredded cheese with improved machinery and equipment (the "Improvements"). These personal property improvement costs are described in an Application and a related Statement of Benefits submitted by the Applicant to the Council (collectively, the "Application"); the Council has reviewed the Application; the Applicant has requested that the Council approve personal property tax abatement for 5 years; and the improvement of the Area described in the Application will be of public utility and will be to the benefit and welfare of all citizens and taxpayers of the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana ("City"); and based on the foregoing, the Council hereby finds that (1) the Area is within the City, and (2) the Area has become undesirable for, or impossible of, normal development and occupancy because of a lack of development, cessation of growth, or deterioration of improvements or character of occupancy, age, obsolescence, substandard buildings, or other factors that have impaired values or prevent a normal development of property or property use. The Council makes the following findings: 1. The estimate of the value of the personal property is reasonable for projects of this nature. 2. The estimate of the number of individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed personal property 3. The estimate of the annual salaries of those individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed personal property 4. The other benefits about which information was requested are benefits that can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed personal property 5. The total benefits are sufficient to justify the granting of the deduction. The Area is hereby declared to be an "economic revitalization area" under the Act, to allow the Applicant to realize five (5) years of abatement on the Improvements. 6. The Statement of Benefits is hereby approved and the Real Estate described hereinabove is hereby designated as an ERA pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-1 et seq. 7. That the Council has considered the factors set forth in I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-17 and the Applicant is granted a five-year personal property tax deduction schedule as set forth in the Abatement Schedule. The Council fixes 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 in the City Council Chambers, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, for the public hearing of remonstrances and objections from persons interested in the Project. At this hearing, the Council will take final action relative to this preliminary resolution and finally determine whether the Real Estate should be designated as an ERA and whether five-year personal property tax deductions should be granted as set forth in the Abatement Schedule. A copy of this preliminary resolution and the final resolution shall be filed with the City Clerk Treasurer and Montgomery County Assessor. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to attend, hear, or present evidence at the public hearing and is in need of reasonable accommodation, please contact the Director of Operations & Community Development at 765-364-5160 or ballen@crawfordsville-in.gov.

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**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

Notice is hereby given that on September 19, 2024, Denise L. Hull was appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Don E. Bodager, deceased, who died on September 9, 2024, in Montgomery County, Indiana.

All person having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Crawfordsville, Indiana, this 19th day of September, 2024.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that on October 22, 2024, Roxann Hudson Trustee for Patsy D. Lane (deceased) filed with the Montgomery County a Petition to Vacate Alleys & Streets in Kirkpatrick, Indiana. A copy of this petition is available for public inspection at the office of the Montgomery County Commissioners, 1580 Constitution Row - Suite E, Crawfordsville, Indiana from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday and at www.montgomerycounty.in.gov.

On Monday, November 25, 2024 @ 8:00 AM, the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners will conduct a hearing in Room E-109, Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana in order to receive public comment on the vacation and to determine the public utility of vacating the street and unimproved alley as requested. The public is invited to this hearing and may comment and file objections to the request.


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the exit poll data gathered on election day helps them decide when to “call” a state and announce its winner during news broadcasts on election night. Political analysts also use exit poll data in the weeks and months (or even years) after election day to study trends in voting behavior.

Exit polls have had a long and sometimes controversial history in this country’s elections. The main controversy has to do with exit poll results being leaked or released during election day before polls have closed in a given state. These leaked results can then influence voters – sometimes leading them to stay home when they originally had planned to vote – and potentially even affect the outcome of an election. It’s not illegal in the United States for exit poll results to be released early (it is illegal in some other countries, however). But the media outlets that sponsor exit polls have entered into binding agreements to not leak exit poll data and have strong security protocols in place to keep it from happening.

While the national media outlets don’t usually exit poll locally, this year Montgomery County voters can participate in an exit poll designed by the students in Professor Shamira Gelbman’s “Election Polling” course, a political science course she teaches at Wabash College.

The students’ exit poll will contain approximately 20 questions for voters to answer anonymously. They will include several questions about voters’ choices on the 2024 ballot and their turnout in previous elections, as well as questions on their opinions about important issues in American politics.

There will also be a few questions about demographics – age, gender and the like. The purpose of these questions is to enable the students to analyze the results to see if, for example, younger voters on average are thinking similarly or differently from their elders about this year’s political candidates and issues, or if men and women approach this year’s politics in similar or different ways.

The student pollsters will be stationed outside near the vote centers at the 4-H Building, North Montgomery High School and Rock Point Church from about 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5.

All voters in Montgomery County are invited to participate in their exit poll, which should take under 10 minutes to answer on a pen-and-paper clipboard form.

If you voted early, you can still stop by on Election Day to fill out the poll. And everyone – voters and non-voters, and those who choose to participate in the poll and those who don’t – are welcome to stop by their exit poll tables to learn about election polling and receive stickers and snacks.

Unlike the national media’s exit polls, the Wabash students’ poll results will not be used to predict local results on election night. Instead, Gelbman said that the students will analyze them in class the week after election day. She added that their analysis will not look at any individual’s opinions or voting behavior – instead, they will focus on the aggregate results, which means that they will try to understand the political choices and concerns of the community as a whole.

Once they have done their analysis, the

students will give a presentation during a lunchtime event on the Wabash College campus, in Baxter Hall room 101 on Friday, Nov. 15. This event is open to the public, and all are welcome to come and hear about the exit poll results.

This is the third time Wabash students will conduct an exit poll in Montgomery County, said Gelbman, whose students also polled Montgomery County voters in 2012 and 2016. She said that it’s a great educational opportunity for the students, who will be practicing what they learned about how to design a poll and to learn more about the community they live in during their college years. It’s also a good opportunity for the community to experience an exit poll in action and learn about how exit polling is used in American presidential elections.

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explain. Besides, the day was almost over so what would it hurt to hear him out?

“You know that house out on that gravel road way north of town?” Bubba asked.

With that kind of detail, how could I not!

“Gee Bubba, can’t say that I do. But how about just telling me what happened?”

“Well sir, we drove all the way out there and of course it’s a rainin’ and a thunderin’ to beat the band. We run up on the covered front porch and sure enough, the door’s unlocked. To tell the truth, Timmons. We kind of was hoping it’d be locked up tighter than a drum. But we go ahead and fird up our loins and-”

“Gird,” I corrected.

“Heard what?” Bubba said.

“Not heard, gird.”

“Huh?”

“Never mind, just go on with your story.”

“The weird thing was, the insides wasn’t at all what we expected. It was pretty clean and tidy and actually had furniture. But then we got to thinking that that made it spookier. It was like someone left, and left in a hurry.

“So anyways, we looked around for a bit and then decided to turn in. You know, things that go bump in the night always seem to get more active when you hit the hay.”

Much to my frustration, Bubba had me thinking. Why would someone abandon a house like that? What horrible things happened?”

“The bed was really soft and warm and even though I had a few devilish ideas, if ya know what I mean,” Bubba actually giggled. “It pretty much fell right asleep purt near after my head hit the pillow.

“But Timmons, I got to tell you, the next thing that happened was as wild and crazy as you could ever set your imagination to.”

“What happened, Bubba?”

“We woke with a start when we heard this loud banging and there were flashing blue lights going off everywhere and this super loud wailing. I mean to tell you, Timmons. It was like the good Lord Almighty was waking us up Hissself! The next thing you know, the bedroom door goes flying open with a mighty crash and . . . “

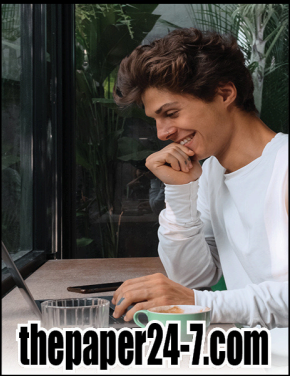
“And what, Bubba? What happened then?”

“Two police officers came running in with guns drawn and wanted to know exactly what we were doing there. Turns out the house wasn’t abandoned at all. This nice old couple lived there. They was out for dinner and came home to find us in their bed! Well, after hearing our story they decided not to press charges. In fact, Timmons, we all had a good laugh about it.”

I wonder if I give Bubba my email he would stop calling?

*Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically on Wednesdays in The Paper. Timmons is the publisher of The Paper and can be contacted at [ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com](mailto:ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com).*

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# Purdue's Braden Smith leads Big Ten Plus Eight Preseason Basketball Honors



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

Purdue and head coach Matt Painter.

Flash forward three years to Tuesday, when the Big Ten Conference's coaches and media unanimously voted preseason Player of the Year honors upon Smith.

Smith was the only unanimous selection on the 10-person preseason All-Big Ten team. He follows former teammate Zach Edey as preseason Player of the Year.

The 2022 Indiana Mr. Basketball, Smith established Purdue and Big Ten records as a sophomore with 292 assists while helping the Boilermakers reach the national championship game for the first time since 1969. Smith averaged 12.0 points, 7.5 assists and 5.8 rebounds per game while shooting 43.1 percent from 3-point range.

"He's evolved as one of the best point guards in the country, if not the best point guard in the country," Painter said following Purdue's victory against Tennessee that sent the Boilermakers to the Final Four for the first time since 1980.

"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. He's been fabulous."

Bruce Parkinson's career assists record at Purdue could be within Smith's reach this season, needing 245 to break the standard set in 1977. Smith's 445 career assists rank only behind Magic Johnson's

491 in Big Ten history through his first two seasons.

Lafayette Jeff's all-time leading scorer, Brooks Barnhizer of Northwestern, is also a part of that 10-man Big Ten squad. Ten of the newly expanded 18-team Big Ten schools are represented on the honor team.

Surprisingly, Indiana junior Malik Reneau was bypassed in favor of newly arrived Oumar Ballo. Less surprising were the selections of Iowa's Payton Sanford, Minnesota's Dawson Garcia, Ohio State's Bruce Thornton and Penn State's Ace Baldwin Jr.

Highly regarded Rutgers freshman Dylan Harper, Oregon's Jackson Shelstad and Utah State transfer Great Osobor of Washington round out the 10-man team.

On Wednesday, the Big Ten sportswriters predicted Purdue to three-peat as league champions. The Boilermakers garnered 20 of the 33 first-place votes to outpoint Indiana 572-549. The Hoosiers received seven first-place votes. UCLA (2 first-place votes), Illinois (2) and Michigan State (1) round out the media's top five. Eighth-place Ohio State earned the remaining first-place vote.

## Now the bad news

Smith's honor came two days after Purdue head football coach Ryan Walters dismissed offensive coordinator Graham Harrell.

Harrell, who was Walters' first hire as head coach in December 2022, was the highest-paid assistant football coach in Purdue history. His three-year contract was worth \$2.85 million, and Purdue will be on the hook for \$1 million next year.

"Obviously, not an easy conversation," Walters said. "But this is a business. It has

nothing to do with anything personal. I think Graham's a great coach, just, you know, for whatever reason, it wasn't working here."

Since whipping Indiana State 49-0 in the season opener, Purdue (1-3, 0-1 Big Ten) has been shut out in the first halves of losses to Notre Dame and Nebraska. Including a loss at Oregon State, the Boilermakers have been outscored 83-17 over the first three quarters of each defeat. Worse, after his nearly perfect season opener, quarterback Hudson Card has thrown as many pick-6s (3) as touchdown passes during the three losses.

Purdue ranks 15th in the Big Ten Plus Eight in total offense (322 yards per game) and scoring offense (21.8). In fairness, Walters' defense has been lousy too, dead last in points allowed (33 per game), total defense (399) and rushing defense (242) in the Big Ten. The Boilermakers are the only program in the nation without a single forced turnover this season.

Former Noblesville and Ben Davis head coach Jason Simmons was elevated from his analyst role to assume play-calling duties for the rest of the season.

"I believe we have a better team than we've been showing the last three weeks and there's a lot of football still to be played," Walters said. "I feel like if I didn't do anything right now, it would be kind of like waving a white flag on the season and nobody in that building is ready to do that. So if a change was going to be made in December, I just didn't think it would be fair for everyone involved."

After leading Ben Davis to semistate appearances from 2019-2021, Simmons spent the 2023 season as running backs coach at Miami (Ohio).

Simmons' first task? Finding a way to end Wisconsin's 17-game winning streak against Purdue.

Harrell's dismissal hasn't taken the pressure off Walters, who was placed atop the Big Ten coaching hotseat list this week by CBS Sports writer Tom Fornelli.

## Rest in peace, Pete Rose

Growing up a Cincinnati Reds fan in the 1970s was a lot of fun.

Given the nickname "The Big Red Machine" by Cincinnati sportswriter Bob Hertz, the Reds of this era were a threat nine of the decade's 10 years to win at least a division title. Johnny Bench was the greatest catcher of all-time. Joe Morgan made the offense go. Tony Perez always seemed to get the big hit. Somehow, manager Sparky Anderson kept the team's oversized personalities focused on winning ahead of fame and fortune.

There should have been a fifth Baseball Hall of Famer from this squad, but Pete Rose's baseball story was never predictable.

Rose died unexpectedly Monday at age 83 in Las Vegas, one day after attending an autograph show in Nashville, Tenn., with Perez and fellow Big Red Machine teammates Dave Concepcion, George Foster and Ken Griffey Jr.

The Clark County (Nevada) Coroner's Office confirmed to The Cincinnati Enquirer that Rose died of hypertension (high blood pressure) and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (plaque buildup blocking blood flow to the heart).

Rose only got a chance to play professional baseball because his uncle, a scout for the Reds, convinced team officials to give the hometown kid a tryout



**Braden Smith**

in 1960. It became the best \$7,000 the Reds ever invested.

It took Rose three seasons to reach the major leagues, winning National League Rookie of the Year honors in 1963. That same year he earned the nickname "Charlie Hustle" from New York Yankees legends Mickey Mantle and Whitey Ford, who believed Rose was showing off by sprinting to first base after a walk during a spring training game.

Rose never slowed down, even when age finally eroded the switch-hitting skills that carried him to a record 4,256 hits. He became the first singles hitter to earn a contract for \$100,000. Rose would hit a Major League record 3,215 singles from 1963 to 1986. He also owns MLB records for games played (3,562), at bats (14,053) and plate appearances (15,890). Rose's other numbers are just as staggering. Three-time World Series champion with the Reds (1975-76) and Philadelphia (1980). National League MVP (1973) and World Series MVP (1975). Three-time National League batting champion. A 17-time All-Star.

All of that, though, was



overshadowed when he agreed to a permanent ban in 1989 for gambling on Major League Baseball. That became Rose's epitaph when the news spread of his death.

Rose always pleaded that if the game he loved would give him a second chance, he wouldn't need a third. Three commissioners refused Rose that second chance despite pleas from Bench, Morgan and former Phillies teammate Mike Schmidt.

Commissioner Bud Selig did allow Rose brief pardons from the ban, notably permitting Rose to be part of the on-field All-Century Team celebration in 1999. Selig also allowed Rose to attend on-field ceremonies when the Reds retired his No. 14 and placed him in the team's Hall of Fame.

I met Rose one time in Indianapolis. I was a young sportswriter for the Lafayette Journal and Courier and my sports editor, knowing my passion for the Reds, sent me to meet the Reds Caravan during one of its many stops across the Midwest trying to sell tickets and build up fan enthusiasm.

Player-manager Rose was his usual gregarious self. But the non-players accompanying Rose on the caravan gave me pause. I didn't know it then but a couple of them would become part of baseball's investigation that led to Rose's downfall.

The day after Rose's death, ESPN (a television partner of MLB) posted a story on its website touting "props, picks and futures" in its Major League Baseball wild-card round betting guide. Oh, the irony.

*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.*

## Zach (Alcindor) Edey Already Proving NBA 'Experts' Wrong



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

Remember when skeptics didn't think Zach Edey would be a first-round draft pick by the NBA and would have to go overseas to play professionally?

Do you recall on NBA Draft night the shocked reaction when the Memphis Grizzlies selected the two-time National Player of the Year from Purdue with the No. 9 overall pick? One draft analyst even went so far to say Edey could be one of the worst picks of all-time.

Edey began his professional career Wednesday night not only as the Grizzlies' starting center but as a favorite to win NBA Rookie of the Year honors.

The Indiana Pacers saw first-hand Oct. 14 that Edey has a place in the 3-point heavy NBA. In just 19 minutes, Edey put up 23 points and nine rebounds in Memphis' 120-116 preseason victory at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.

"History will likely show that where he was chosen in the draft was low," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said afterward. "He's gonna have impact. He was drafted by an organization that believes in size and they believe in what he accomplished."

"Two-time national player of the year is a big deal. It's rare that that can even happen in today's world of college basketball. I have great respect for what he accomplished at Purdue and a lot of respect for what he did tonight because he put a will and a physicality into the game that we simply did not match."

Kevin Garnett, a member of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, is a fan of Edey too. The Commercial Appeal of Memphis quoted Garnett

comparing Edey's hook shot to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's sky hook.

"He looks like ... Zach Alcindor," Garnett said on the 'Ticket & The Truth' podcast, referring to Abdul-Jabbar's birth name of Lew Alcindor.

The Sporting News' Stephen Noh gave four reasons why Edey will join Terry Dischinger as Purdue All-Americans to be named NBA Rookie of the Year.

"Rookie of the Year hasn't always been about who the best player in a draft class is going to be," Noh writes. "More often, it's gone to the player who has put up the best box score stats."

Reason No. 2: "Rebounding is one of the most translatable skills from college to the pros, and Edey is going to be amazing there. He was also automatic in the low post, leading the nation in scoring and effective field goal percentage."

Reason No. 3: Memphis is a good fit with two former NBA Defensive Player of the Year winners in Jaren Jackson Jr. and Marcus Smart playing alongside Edey. Their skills will help cover any defensive mobility issues Edey might have. Desmond Bane is an outstanding shooter and Ja Morant's ability to drive to the basket will give Edey opportunities to score inside.

And finally, the 2024 Draft wasn't exactly filled with future Jordans, Barkleys, Olajuwons, etc. Edey is the only lottery pick projected to begin the season in his team's starting lineup.

"Edey could very well win the award by putting up 15 points and 10 rebounds per night," Noh writes.

The second NBA lottery pick from Purdue's recruiting class of 2020, Jaden Ivey, began his third season with the Detroit Pistons against Indiana on Wednesday night.

Ivey will be playing for his third head coach in three seasons, with J.B. Bickerstaff taking over for Monty Williams, who was fired after going 14-68 in his lone season on the bench.

The No. 5 pick in the 2022 NBA Draft, Ivey is averaging 15.8 points, 4.5 assists and 3.8 rebounds in 151 NBA games. He was a second-team All-Rookie Team selection and has been a part of the NBA's Rising Stars Game in each of the first two seasons in Detroit.

### Boilers 14th in AP poll

The two-time reigning Big Ten champion Purdue Boilermakers are the highest ranked conference team in the preseason Associated Press Top 25.

Indiana (17th), UCLA (22nd) and Rutgers (25th) also were ranked.

Purdue will play four, possibly five, preseason Top 25 teams in the non-conference portion of the schedule. No. 2 Alabama comes to Mackey Arena on Nov. 15. The Boilermakers travel to No. 18 Marquette on Nov. 19 and play neutral site games against No. 13 Texas A&M on Dec. 14 (Indianapolis) and No. 11 Auburn (Birmingham, Ala.) on Dec. 21. Purdue could play No. 24 Mississippi in San Diego as part of the Rady Children's Invitational on Nov. 29.

Purdue travels to Creighton for an exhibition game Saturday that benefits the United Way of the Midlands Disaster Relief Fund. Grand



**Zach Edey**

Valley State serves as a final tune-up on Oct. 30 before the regular season begins Nov. 4 in Mackey Arena against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

Purdue has sold out Mackey Arena for the season.

### BTN Gold and Black

Purdue will be well represented on the Big Ten Network's basketball coverage this season.

Robbie Hummel returns as an analyst in a lineup that also includes former Purdue assistant Bruce Weber. Rapheal Davis returns as a studio analyst, roles that Hummel and Weber will also assume when not calling games. Former CBS analyst Seth Davis has joined the in-studio lineup headed by Dave Revsine and Rick Pizzo. BTN welcomes UCLA and Washington to the fold with a pair of episodes of "The Big Moment" featuring former UCLA guard Tyus Edney's heroics in the 1995 NCAA Tournament and former Washington guard Isaiah Thomas, not to be confused with the Indiana basketball legend.

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