

PHOTO PROVIDED BY DEAN OF STUDENTS KATIE SERMERSHEIM

The Dean of Students smiles with Purdue Pete while she hold a picture of Purdue's official mascot.

BY QUINT HOLGUIN

Asst. Campus Editor

Looking up from the Engineering Fountain, dozens of steps lead to a towering building that seems to peer over the student body. While Hovde Hall may impose its marble authority over the Purdue campus, its administrative residents inside have a much more welcoming mood about them.

One of the most familiar faces amongst Hovde Hall is Purdue's Dean of Students, Katie Sermersheim.

While the dean works mostly within Hovde, she also makes an effort to be supportive and participate within the student body. Lucky sports fans may find her within the roaring crowds of Ross-Ade and Mackey Arena. Other Boilermakers can see her grabbing lunch around campus at popular spots like Centennial Station in WALC.

Even while being around campus, some students may not know the responsibilities their dean has, or the programs the Office of the Dean of Students offers. Even fewer know the football-loving, Goodyear Blimp-riding person behind the deanship.

Defining Purdue's Dean of Students

This being her 11th year at Purdue, Sermersheim has continued to establish a strong reputation within the student body and foster a welcoming environment, she said. It holds welcomed at Purdue and their journey be as smooth as possible.

"I always say when our students come to

we're only here for undergraduates, but ... all (students) are welcome and encouraged to take advantage of the services and support that

Student success looks different from person to person, but ODOS is there to help guide those Boilermakers to their own vision of success, Sermersheim said.

While always aiming for the advancement of the entire Boilermaker community, Dean Sermersheim said she also realizes life won't stop just because you're in college.

"Our students will always have the hometown that they came from, their family, friends, or other relationships," Sermersheim said. "They obviously have both mental and physical health needs they are working through, so we just want to help our students to address, find resources, and receive support, (to) deal with whatever that challenge may be."

One of the most common examples a student may reach out to ODOS is for an absence exemption regarding grief or military leave. Purdue always try to support its students and "we help communicate to the faculty members that this student will need some grace or flexibility with their coursework," she said.

Another service the office provides are Student of Concern reports.

SOC reports are an online form that anyone can fill out if they are concerned about the Boiler football victory over The Ohio State in activities at Purdue. "You met people, you wellbeing of another student.

"For instance, we heard from a lot of BGR the utmost importance that students feel leaders (being) concerned for a student that was in their group on day one, but didn't show up anymore," Sermersheim said. "We've even had an Uber driver submit a SOC report becampus, 'life continues to happen," the dean cause they overheard (a concerning conversasaid. "Sometimes there's a perception that tion) when a student was talking with another

Boilermakers, meet your Dean of Students

Get to learn what Katie Sermersheim is all about in and out of the office

person.'

Another tool ODOS offers is an emergency loan program for students who need temporary assistance to bridge the gap while waiting for their financial aid to kick in, she said.

Behind the deanship

While the dean is busy covering over 50,000 students across Purdue, she also finds time to enjoy the college atmosphere and relax all on

The dean is a fanatic for sports, unsurprisingly with a lean towards everything Purdue.

"I love college sports. I love Purdue sports. I am a regular season ticket holder for women's basketball, men's basketball, and football," Sermersheim said.

The March Madness run two years ago in Arizona for the Final Four and National Championship was definitely an incredible memory that checked a box off her reverse bucket list,

Sermersheim's reverse bucket list consists of monumental moments she has completed or participated in, like any normal bucket list. However, the dean said she often doesn't know she even wanted to participate or be a part of an event until after it's over, so she retroactively adds it to her bucket list and checks it off.

One of the reverse bucket list items was the 2018.

While Ross-Ade was crammed with people for the largest upset in recent Purdue History, Sermersheim was supposed to have the best seat in the house — The Goodyear Blimp.

On that day, the blimp was supposed to televise the game from the sky, but due to high winds it could only make it up to Indianapolis.

The Goodyear Blimp "invites certain administrators to come down with students to ride the blimp. So I got to go down, and I rode in the blimp with four other students. It was amazing," she said.

The dean also said she always loves to participate in Boiler Gold Rush and hear from the student body. This year students really made an impact when they shared how much the Boilermaker community meant to them.

A student told Sermersheim the Purdue community was welcoming and made them understand "I belong here, I know I can be my true authentic self," she said.

"It just tells me we're off to a great start. Of course, we'll have bumps along the way ... because again, life goes on," she said. "But the energy, the passion, the enthusiasm for all things Purdue and their fellow community members really felt good."

Some students may remember the Dean of Students when she introduced herself to the student body at BGR. Most students will recognize her coloring book magic trick, she said.

The dean would present a blank color book to a crowd during BGR, as she began her story.

"This is you when you first started BGR ... you were a little blank, and you didn't know what to expect," Sermersheim said.

Then students go through programs and learned ... You started to have a little but more of an outline and direction and knew more what you needed to do to be successful," the dean continued.

Finally the picture comes together when "you actually implement all of (the experience and passion) and then you will truly be adding color to your world," she said.

WL leaders cast doubt on SK hynix rezoning repeal

BY AVERY GOLDTHORPE

Managing & City Editor

Despite significant community pushback at Tuesday night's West Lafayette City Council meeting, city leaders expressed significant doubt on the city's ability to reverse previous actions on SK hynix's proposed semiconductor facility.

The council had voted 6-3 in favor of a rezoning for the \$3.87 billion facility after a contentious meeting on May 5 that lasted seven hours. Numerous community members have continued to voice their opposition to the project in the months since the rezone's

The rezoning transformed a 121-acre plot east of Yeager Road and north of Kalberer Road from a residential area into an industrial zone, which would allow for construction

"Those 20 professors who signed the letter of support are experts in semiconductors, but they are not experts in the long-term, environmental health, or infrastructure risks associated with chip manufacturing or other heavy industry," said Kristen Patton during the public comment section of the meeting, citing a letter of previous support from university

One city councilor, who voted against the rezone in May, reaffirmed his opinion.

"I was not in favor of the rezoning. I was pretty vocal in opposition," said Councilor David Sanders. "(SK hynix) said they were going to continue to be in communication since that meeting. I haven't heard from them once."

Many community members, including Sanders, expressed frustration at the lack of transparency from the South Korean manufacturing company. The company didn't offer public comment until after large opposition appeared at an Area Planning Commission meeting, Sanders said.

See SK HYNIX | Page 2 meeting.



EXPONENT FILE PHOTO

Community members sit in the city hall council chambers ahead of the start of a previous

MISSED THE EXPONENT CALLOUT?

120MW solar project brought to a halt in Tippecanoe County

BY EMERY DENHAM

Campus Editor

In a packed Tippecanoe County Office room, the Board of Zoning Appeals made the decision to deny a special exemption for Rainbow Trout Solar, a utility-scale solar project, stopping the plans in their tracks.

After over seven hours of public comment, debate, and rebuttals from the community, the cheers that broke out shortly after 1:30 a.m. were tired, but relieved.

The room was largely split down the center aisle, with those on one side wearing bright red shirts or bandanas to express their opposition to the project. Across from them sat a gradient of blues and teals — the colors supporting Rainbow Trout Solar. While the red clearly took up most of the room, the teal supporters had grown in numbers compared to previous meetings regulating Rainbow Trout. Both spilled out of the meeting room's open doors.

Each side presented their case in-depth, but in the end, the opposition took the win in a tight 4-3 vote against the special exemption request Rainbow Trout needed to move forward. Had the request passed, it would have been the go-ahead for Rainbow Trout to start construction on the 1,700-acre, 120-Megawatt project.

"We submitted a strong proposal that complies with county ordinance, so we're disappointed in the outcome but appreciate the time the board spent hearing both sides and deliberating their decision," said Nick Gruzdowich, director of utility scale development for RWE Clean Energy, one of the companies collaborating on Rainbow Trout. "We will carefully review the board's findings and evaluate options for moving the Rainbow Trout project

RWE indicated their interests lie in reevaluating why the board's final decision was reached and continuing to pursue the project in the county.

Kenny McCleary, president of the group called Tippecanoe County Residents Against Utility-Scale Solar, also committed to continuing his involvement in solar discussions for the

"We have more stories to tell," he said. Now that the project has been halted, the door is open for the community to come together and discuss what solar energy should look like in Tippecanoe County, McCleary said.

The whole community is on the same side they all want what's best for the county and what's best for renewable development, he

Red and teal — what the community had to

Those in support of Rainbow Trout receiving its special exemption were the first to take the floor. They were a mix of largely company workers involved with the project, local Purdue students, and a few residents in the area.

Many spoke in overall support of renewable development in the face of climate change or rebutted certain arguments they anticipated to be raised by the opposition. Others, specifically members of the Purdue Solar Racing Team, which received sponsorship money from Geenex, spoke to the positive effects of investment in the community.

The supporters argued that Geenex and RWE, the two companies collaborating on Rainbow Trout Solar, had addressed many of the complaints raised by residents.

Native pollinator species would provide benefits to wildlife and protect against erosion. Buffer zones had been increased from county minimums, and the size of the project was reduced from its original scale.

"I want to say that I believe that many of the initial concerns raised with the project were valid," said Reed Davidson during public comment. "Yet, the developer has listened to the community and responded in good faith."



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Those in opposition of the solar project wait to share their concerns during the meeting.

But opponents said their concerns were not by this application." addressed.

Nearly all members of the group were local residents who would border the panels, and they shared concerns about everything from aesthetic damage to property value decline.

A major point, stressed by multiple members, was the loss of the farmland Rainbow Trout Solar would be built over. The land would have been out of agricultural use for the 40 years that the solar field will be in commission, and many shared worries that it couldn't be returned to its original state after the removal of the panels.

"This is not a time for leniency. This is not a time to ignore the rules," said Katherine Sobiereski, concluding the opinions of the resident's group. "The rules have not been satisfied

She referred to Rainbow Trout not addressing missing documentation for drainage, driveways, a power purchase agreement, and needed federal and state approvals in their plan.

Representatives from RWE stated that the mentioned documents had either been substituted with other paperwork or would not be required until a later date, when they would be

Moving forward, RWE plans to determine what went wrong so they can find the best path forward. Despite the loss, "(RWE) remains excited about the opportunity," Gruzdowich said.

Gruzdowich said he was not able to comment on whether RWE will now be restricted by the June 16 moratorium on Tippecanoe County's solar ordinance.

SK HYNIX

"We're going to continue to insist on transparency about why our health and safety has not been considered historically," said Lora Marie Williams, who filed a law suit against SK hynix in early June.

Public comment at Tuesday night's meeting lasted for over an hour, as community members were insistent on the power of the city council to reverse the rezoning.

"To support innovation does not mean to disregard public well being. Furthermore, your decision directly contradicts what you yourself have called an existential housing crisis in

Although the community was vocal in their opposition and Sanders agreed with their sentiment, the city councilor and Purdue biology professor was unsure about how changes could move forward. "I don't know enough about the potential legal avenues that

could change things, but there are some possibilities going forward, in terms of noise ordinances, environmental impact statements, things like that," he said.

rezone," said West Lafayette Mayor Erin Easter.

The mayor, who has previously spoken to both the economic opportunity and need for accountability with SK hynix, largely

viewed the situation as out of the city's hands.

"It's a complex project, and there's a lot of parties involved —



EXPONENT FILE PHOTO

Mayor Erin Easter of West Lafayette shares plans for the future of the city, including SK hynix.

state government, federal government. Right now they're in the "I don't know if there's legal validity to being able to repeal a process of data gathering for their environmental review," she said. "It's taking longer than I think anyone expected, but it's a good time to get out in the community."

Additional reporting contributed by Lauren Hoogeveen, staff reporter

Correction: Purdue University added further information about how they worked with West Lafayette on parking. The West Lafayette ParkMobile signs do not have QR codes and ParkMobile spots are in effect from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays. The article about parking by Olivia Mapes, editor-in-chief, from Thursday, Aug. 28 has been edited to reflect this.

Assembly of God

River City Church @ Lafayette 765-474-1432 ww.rivercity.info facebook.com/ Vederacov Lead Pastor: Robby & Tracey Bradford Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am Wednesday: 6:15 pm - Dinner 7:00 pm - Worship Starts

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Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. Free, Ample Parking Behind Sanctuary

Kossuth Street Baptist Church 2901 Kossuth Street, Lafayette, IN Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 am Sunday Connections Hour: 9:15

am www.ksbc.net

Purdue Baptist Student Foundation/ The Found

200 N. Russell St. West Lafayette, IN 47906 Services: Sundays 11am, 2pm, 4:30pm & Tuesdays 7:30pm. https://www.thefoundatpurdue.org/

Second Baptist Church

Our vision is to create an ethnically diverse church where people are transformed into committed disciples of Jesus. Pastor Charles Walter – Senior Pastor 2925 S. 18th St Lafayette, IN 47905 Sunday morning Service - 10:30 am Transportation Available by calling 765-477-7259 option 4 Tuesday Devotion & Prayer Call - Dial 677-770-1536

Twitter: https://twitter.com/SecondBaptLaf Tippecanoe Bible Church 3990 St. Rd 38 East. Lafayette, IN 47905 Church times: Sunday 10:30am and Thursday 6pm

Facebook: www.secondbaptistchurchlafayette.com

Instagram: www.instagram.com/sbclafayette

vw. tippecanoebible.org

Religious Directory

Bible

Battle Ground Bible Church 2430 W. 600 N., West Lafayette, IN Worship Service: 9:00am Fellowship Groups: 10:30 am

Catholic

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Center 535 W. Mitch Daniels Boulevard 765-743-4652 Daily Mass Monday-Saturday: 11:30a Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30pm Wednesday: 9pm*

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 9am, 11:15am, 7pm* & 9pm* *when Purdue is in session http://www.boilercatholics.org

Church of Christ

Christian Student Center https://www.elmwood-church.org/christian -student-center-at-purdue/ Devotional: Wednesday 7:00 pm

Elmwood Church of Christ

2501 Elmwood Ave, Lafayette Sunday Worship: 9:30 am Sunday School Class: 10:40 am For a ride, email: csc@elmwood-chu Campus Minister: Deron Freudenthal nod-church.org

Episcopal

Episcopal Campus Ministry Chapel of the Good Shepherd The Rev. Dr. Hilary Cooke, Chaplain 610 Meridian Street (near Mackey Arena) Online Morning Prayer - Sundays at 9:00 am Holy Communion - Sundays at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm 765-743-1347 * www.goodshep.org

Evangelical Covenant Church

The Grove Covenant Church 3600 S. 9th Street, Lafayette (765) 474-4842 • www.thegrovecov.c Worship Service: Sundays 10:30 am Streaming Online: www.thegrovecov.church/worship

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Evangelical Charismatic

Calvary Chapel

2111 State St, Lafayette IN 47905 (765) 477-7744 www.cchapel.org Sunday Meets: 10:30 am Understanding the RAPTURE! Join us as we study the RAPTURE. WHEN will it happen? WHO will it involve? WHY will it occur? IS it in the Bible? (HINT: 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52)

Evangelical Presbyterian

Covenant Church 211 Knox Dr., West Lafayette, IN 9:00 am - Worship Service

CovenantEPC.org or call 765-463-7303

10:30 am - Worship Service

(765) 743-3683

office@faithpresbyterian.org

Faith Presbyterian Church faithpresbyterian.org/livestream IG @faithpreswl FB @faithpresbyterianchurchwl

Interdenominational

Federated Church of West Lafayette 2400 Sycamore Lane 463-5564 Nursery available Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am PreK - 1st grade 10:45 am Disciples of Christ & American Baptist "Traditional with a Twist"

Islam

Islamic Educational Center of Lafayette 1744 Everett Street, Lafayette, IN 4790 info@iecol.org 951-316-4484, 765-771-0911 *Spiritual gatherings for the love of God and Ahlul-beyt.
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Judaism

Temple Israel
The Greater Lafayette's only Reform Synagogue 620 Cumberland Ave West Lafayette, IN 47906 765-463-3455 765-465-495 www.templeisraelwlaf.org Check our calendar for Shabbat service times and programs!email: templeisrael@templeisraelwlaf.org Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/TempleIsraelwlaf/

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Lutheran Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

1005 N 21st Street, Lafavette Sunday Services @ 10:00 AM Christian Education @ 9:00 AM Wheelchair Accessible 765-447-4205 www.holytrinitylafayette.com All are welcome

Our Saviour Lutheran Church (ELCA) Corner of Fowler & Vine, West Lafaye (One Block East of Knoy Hall)

Congregational Pastor: Randy Schroeder Sunday 9 AM Worship & 5 PM Dinner Church The 9 AM is also streamed on Zoom & Facebook Live https://www.facebook.com/osluth/ Request the Zoom link at randy@osluth.org www.plm.org

Methodist

St. Andrew United Methodist Church 4703 N. 50 W. West Lafayette, IN 765-497-7755 www.andrew-umc.org Pastors: Brian Cook, Lead Paster On-site Worship with Nursery Care Traditional Worship 8:30 am Contemporary Worship 10:30 am Uprooted Faith, a supportive online community for those disconnected from church. facebook.com/groups/uprootedfaith

Wesley Campus Ministry (all students welcome) Wesley Foundation Student Center @ 200 N Russell St. (Sharing Space with the Baptist Student Foundation) Open M - F 8 am to 10 pm, Sat-Sun 1 pm to 10 pm Worship: Sunday 4:30pm (Dinner afterwards) Spiritual Support Group 3pm Sundays Interactive Devotion & Bible Study: Tues 7:30pm Global Connections Meal: Friday 6:30pm (intercultural & interfaith discussion with home-cooked meal) Recreation, Service, and Travel Opportunities! Love Always Wins (GiQ): LGBTQ + Allies group www.WesleyFoundation.org

Please check websites and social media or call your preferred organization to confirm service dates & times.

If You Would Like to Be Listed In The Religious Directory, Call 765-743-1111 Ext.205 addirector@purdueexponent.org

Non-Denominational

Upper Room Christian Fellowship 2234 Indian Trail Dr. West Lafaye Sunday Service: 10:30 am College Fellowship, Friday 7:00 pm Call 463-5923 or 463-7380 www.urcfellowship.org www.facebook.org/urcfello

Victory Christian Center Sharing The Love, Acceptance, And Forgiveness of Jesus, Pastors Bill & Pam Mickler Sunday Service-10:00am Wednesday Service- 6:30pn 325 Burnetts Rd, West Lafayette, IN 47906 765-447-7777 | www.victorylafayette.org

West Lafayette Christian Church 1980 Lindberg Road West Lafayette, IN 47906 765-463-7995 | www.wlchristian.com Sunday Worship Service: 10:10 a.m.

The Gathering with Dr. Will Miller (formerly University Church) 522 Columbia Str. Lafayette, IN 47901 Held in the TCHS History Center at the corner of 6th & Columbia Live contemporary service Sundays at 11:00 am youtube.com/@thegathering6674/streams 765-532-0804 | drwillm@mac.com

Orthodox

St. Alexis Orthodox Church

2115 Indiana 225 East, Battle Ground, IN 47920 Sunday: 8:15am - Matins | 9:30am - Divine Liturgy Tuesday: 7:00am - 1st Hour Wednesday: 7:00am - 1st Hour Thursday: 7:00am -1st Hour Friday: 7:00am - 1st Hour Saturday: 5:30pm - Vespe Priest: Father Gregory Allard

Unitarian Universalist

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tippecanoe County (http://uuctc.org/sunday) Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Everyone Welcome! 333 Meridian St., West Lafayette, IN 47906 765-743-8812, Website: uuctc.org

Please join us on Sunday, September 7th at 10:30 a.m. for "Living in the Present." [Guest Speaker, Larry Guentert]
Eckhart Tolle is a widely acclaimed author, therapist and spiritual healer, and his work on living in the present momen will be discussed, and how his recommendations echo those made by the Positive Psychology Movement that has emerged in the last 10 years.

United Church of Christ

Immanuel United Church of Christ

9:00 am Christian Ed for all ages 9:45 am Coffee & Conversation 10:00 am Worship In-Person & Online (Facebook, YouTube, Twitter) Facebook.com/uccim Pastor: Dr. TJ Jenney 1526 S 18th St. Lafayette, IN 47906

Everyone Welcome!

Lafayette's second annual flea market proves unique

BY ETHAN ENOCHIAN Staff Reporter

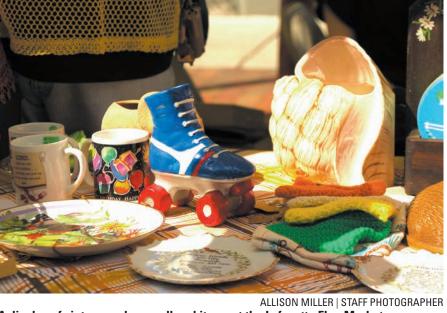
Along most of Lafayette's Main Street last Saturday, every piece of sidewalk was filled with flea market vendors selling a wide variety of items for sale.

For the second year in a row, a stretch between Fifth and Sixth Streets carried many odds and ends. The market was filled with people of all ages, browsing the stands with dulled, rainbow silverware or boxed toys exactly as seen in a store.

Stationed in the flea market, was James Post and his estate sale business. His company specializes in helping clients move to a smaller home or part ways with a deceased relative's belongings by



A woman looks through records at the Lafayette Flea Market.



A display of vintage and secondhand items at the Lafayette Flea Market.

helping to sell the contents of an unoc- by October 1, will hold Weisenberger and

"It is our honor to help families through the overwhelming task of what to do with a house full of 'stuff," according to Post's company's website.

Post's booth contained varied antique books, toys, and other small articles previously owned by grandparents.

One tent was attended by Emily Weisenberger, who had a collection of thrifted glassware, clothes, assorted novelties, and coupons. The coupons, Weisenberger explained, are for a new collective antique mall at 525 Wabash Ave. in the French Knot warehouse building. The new mall, which will open

several other vendors.

On the corner of Fifth and Main was the father and son partnership of James and Matthew Bishop. The pair source their wares in ways that range from lucky finds to yard sales. The wares in question consisted mainly of ornaments, toys, and loose cooking utensils which were indicative of yard sale finds. Matthew personally enjoyed the event, specifically how the "farmer's market was in the morning and the flea market was in the afternoon."

Even if the day ends in empty hands, there is always next year to find some-

Prof arrested for allegedly driving under the influence

BY STAFF REPORTS

A Purdue professor was reportedly arrested Tuesday night for driving under the influence, according to Tippecanoe Jail

Elizabeth Tran, 49, teaches biochemistry in the College of Agriculture. Her blood alcohol concentration, taken during a traffic stop at the corner of Sagamore Parkway West and N. Salisbury St, was reportedly .15 or more. The legal limit for ACE

in Indiana is .08, and penalties increase if it reaches above .15. Tran has a previous charge for driving under the influence with a blood-alcohol content of 0.206 on Oct. 2, 2023, accord-

ing to reporting from the Journal and Courier. Tran ran as a Democrat for the Tippecanoe County coroner, but withdrew shortly after she had pleaded guilty to the previous charges, according to previous Exponent reporting.

She is in the Tippecanoe County Jail with a cash bond of \$500 as of Wednesday morning, according to jail logs.

WL City Council approves budget, towing changes

BY LAUREN HOOGEVEEN AND AVERY **GOLDTHORPE**

Staff Reporter and Managing & City Editor

Tuesday night, the first West Lafavette City Council meeting of the 2025-26 academic year was packed full of potential efforts to address the housing crisis, towing law changes, and the swearing in of a new city council member. At the meeting, Rabita Rajkarnikar was

worn in as District 2's new city council member. Along with being assistant director of experiential learning and a construction engineering lecturer at Purdue, she has served on the Area Board of Zoning and worked as planner on the Area Plan Commission for the past few years.

She replaced Michelle Dennis, who stepped down to attend law school. Rajkarnikar is the second person to fill a vacant city council seat in 2025 after Nick Schenkel filled the District 1 seat in July.

The first reading of the 2026 city budget was approved, which appropriated \$39 million for the city, an overall 16.3% increase from the 2025 budget. Of the more drastic changes was the Motor Vehicle Highway fund, which saw a \$2.3 million growth, good for a 75.3% increase. The second reading of the budget will take place at next month's Oct. 6 meeting.

After House Bill 1390 was enacted in early May, West Lafayette Mayor Erin Easter sponsored an ordinance to revise city code, now requiring towing companies to provide options for picking up towed vehicles outside of normal hours. Additionally, it sets a maximum fee of \$68 to retrieve a towed vehicle during these times.

"Well, I do think it's good," Easter said. "Because in the past, the statement would just be, 'oh, well, we're closed.' Like, say



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City council members Nick Schenkel, Michelle Dennis, and Colin Lee sit at a meet-

have to wait until Monday, you're incurring three full days at least fees, and now you don't have to wait. You can go get your car immediately by reducing potential additional fees. It helps protect customers,

Following concerns about housing and rental properties in West Lafayette, the city council approved a comprehensive study on all single-family homes in the city.

'There's a concern that a lot of residences are going from owner occupied to rental, and that people may be taking advantage of it," said Councilor David Sanders.

Single-family homes are often eligible for a homestead property tax exemption, but if the owners of the property are not living at the residence, they are not allowed

you got towed at 9 p.m. on Friday. You to claim the exemption. There are anecdotal reasons to believe people renting out their properties are claiming the exemption, Sanders said, so the city is conducting a study to figure out where all the rental properties are in the area.

Finally, a resolution was passed to confirm an agreement between West Lafayette and Lafayette for redevelopment on the John T. Myers Pedestrian Bridge.

"As always, there's an opportunity to just make sure that it's in good working shape for a long time," Easter said.

She said the bridge needs some updated repairs on its pavers as well as reconstruction of the ADA ramps. While West Lafayette is involved in the efforts, Lafayette will take the lead on the project.



















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POLICE BEAT

PURDUE

Friday

A person reported a group of seven men had been harassing some women near the 800 block of David Ross Road about 11 p.m., according to police logs.

Someone reported a group of drunk men were peeing on trees outside about 10:45 p.m outside Alpha Chi Omega.

Headphones valued around \$350 were reported stolen about 2:15 p.m in Dudley Hall.

A person reported they had received threatening messages asking for money and "counting down" near the 1100 block of West Stadium Ave. about 11 p.m.

Officers were dispatched to Rawls Hall for a noise complaint about 6:30 p.m. There the officers found Michael Hogg, who had been banned from campus and gave him a citation for criminal trespass.

Sunday

A building in the 600 block of North Russell Street reportedly had to evacuate after residents reportedly smelled gas. Nothing further happened, according to PUPD Capt. Song

Monday

Police were called about suspected marijuna about 8:30 p.m. near the 1000 block of West Stadium Ave. Andrzej Love, a Purdue student, agreed for his room to be searched and a K-9 unit allegedly found a small amount of suspected

Jaider Martinez Arrieta, 22, was arrested for reported possession of marijuana and fake international ID cards about 11 p.m. on Airport Road.

WEST LAFAYETTE

Friday

A trespassing was reported about 6:45 a.m. at Campus Edge. The male was reportedly warned after being found in

A theft was reported about noon at BK Management.

A package theft was reported about 1:30 p.m. near the 100 block of Villageway Lane.

Damaged property was reported about 9 p.m. near the 3000 block of Fall Court. Sahaj Ra-el, 20, was reportedly arrested for shoplifting

about 9:45 p.m. at the Walmart located on Northwestern Av-Saturday Robert Barnes, 37, was reportedly arrested for public in-

toxication about 2:30 a.m. at Neon Cactus. Alexander Arnold, 25, was arrested for reportedly leaving

the scene of a crash and operating a vehicle while intoxicated about 4 a.m. outside of Neon Cactus. Jalissa Green, 29, was arrested for reportedly operating a

vehicle while intoxicated about 4:45 a.m. near the intersection of North River Road and Dehart Street. A credit card fraud was reported about 1:45 p.m. in the 400

block of North River Road. About \$2,900-worth of purchases were reportedly made. Noah Roy, 26, was arrested for reportedly operating a vehicle while intoxicated about 3 p.m. near the intersection of

A broken window was reported about 11:15 p.m. in the 200 block of South Chauncey Avenue. The suspect is currently unknown.

North Salisbury Street and Kalberer Road.

Sunday

Dylan Barron, 21, was arrested for reportedly operating a vehicle while intoxicated about 1:15 a.m. near the intersection of North Salisbury Street and East State Street.

A battery was reported about 2:30 a.m. at Neon Cactus.

Alex Macias, 21, was arrested for reportedly operating a vehicle while intoxicated about 3:45 a.m. near the 100 block of Tapawingo Drive. An open burn was reported about 5:15 a.m. near the 300

Jason Powell, 42, was arrested for reported possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting law enforcement about

block of South Chauncey Avenue. An individual was cited.

6 a.m. near the 500 block of Vine Street. Vehicle damage was reported about 1:30 p.m. near the 200

block of West Fowler Avenue. An assault was reported about 10:15 p.m. near the 1300

block of Palmer Drive. Monday

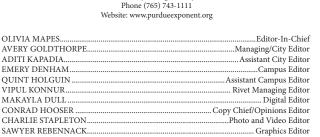
A harassment was reported about 10 p.m. near the 2300 block of Yeager Road.

All person(s) charged or preliminarily charged are presumed innocent until found guilty in a court of law. Compiled by Quint Holguin, asst. campus editor,

and Aditi Kapadia, asst. city editor







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Club Carnival will raise money for local clubs, charities

BY OLIVIA MAPES Editor-in-Chief

Memorial Mall will become a field of festivities this Saturday when the Club Carnival kicks off for the first time. The carnival is a cross between the B-Involved Fair and a fundraising event with over thirty clubs hosting their own activi-

Carnival goers can expect many different games and activities from traditional carnival games like basket toss, milk jug toss, to more club specific activities such as petting a live horse, robots launching projectiles, VR laser tag, and a professor in a dunk

Garrett Foster, a senior in environmental and ecological engineering, started working on putting together the event last March.

The event will run from noon to 7 p.m. The various clubs will price their games individually, but tickets will be sold at \$1.50 per ticket or \$10 for 10 tickets, Foster said.

Classic carnival food like next few months. hot dogs, hamburgers, snow cones, popcorn, and soft drinks will also be sold.

Foster had experience with large events by doing 5Ks and long bike rides as president of Purdue Habitat for Humanity. He wanted to create an event that would engage the community more, he said. A percentage of ticket pro-

ceeds from club sales will go toward their operations as well charities. All net income from the Purdue Habitat booths, food sales

will go directly into funding the Boiler Build, a fundraising initiative to raise \$75,000 by the end of the year to sponsor the construction of a house for a local family, Foster said.

"The Boiler Build will be built and funded by boilers," Foster said.

The net income from the Club Carnival will be donated to Lafayette Habitat for Humanity to help build this house. Purdue Habitat will also be taking Purdue student volunteers to build it for the

"I thought about big events on campus such as the B-Involved fair and the Industrial Roundtable and realized that Purdue Habitat could reach the most people by working with other clubs. I eventually settled on a carnival involving as many clubs as possible because it could be a fun event for the community that would also help our fundraising initiatives," Foster said.

Purdue Habitat did not have enough resources to put on such a large event by itself so it partnered with the 34 other

"This system works wonderfully as this event won't just help Purdue Habitat and our fundraising initiative but will also help clubs raise money for their needs and other fundraising initiatives," Foster said. "This whole project has been focused on bettering the community, helping our fellow student clubs, and providing a fun event for people to



Jason Padgett, director of development at the Salvation Army of Lafayette, reacts after getting dunked into the tank at the Tippecanoe Celebration of Recovery Rally in 2022. There will be professor dunking at the Club Carnival.

Germanfest to return to Lafayette for 20th anniversary



At GermanFest, vendors crowd the streets selling food.

BY ADITI KAPADIA Asst. City Editor

St. Boniface Catholic Church will hold its annual Germanfest this Saturday. This year will mark 20 years since the church started gathering to celebrate its German

cultural roots.

The festival will have authentic German food, beer and wine tents, live music, carnival rides, games, and more, according to the Home of Purdue website.

according to the church's Germanfest website.

The event will start with a holy mass in the church at 4 p.m. followed by the opening ceremony at 5:15 p.m. Afterwards, people are free to mingle and drink in the beer garden and wine tent as they enjoy traditional German music and food.

Food and drink tickets can be pur- Catholic Church located on 318 N. 9th St., chased for \$1 each, according to the St. according to its website.

Admission tickets are \$5 per person, Boniface Germanfest website. These tickets will be available at concession booths during the event.

> Festivities include food and beer sales, games, and music, and will last until the raffle drawing at 10 p.m. The event will end at 11 p.m., according to the St. Boniface Germanfest website.

The event will take place at St. Boniface

SPORTS=

Women's golf grabs 4th in season debut

BY DECLAN LITTLE Staff Reporter

opened the 2025 fall season as host for the Boilermaker Classic at the Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex, with a field of

After three rounds over the course of the two-day tournament, the Boilers secured a fourth-place finish with a team score of +14.

14 teams.

Purdue got out to a strong start in Monday's opening round, recording a +1 through 18 holes. Things went awry in round two, however, as the Boilermakers shot a +12 to

at the end of day one.

nior Ashley Kim and sopho- standings. more Lauren Timpf led the way. The pair each shot +1 to the top three Boilermakers in tie for ninth after 36 holes. the tournament with a +3 and Sophomore Samantha Brown +5, respectively, while freshwas not far behind with a +3, man Luana Valero shot even tying her for 16th.

In the final round, Purdue at a +9. managed to adjust from the tournament just two strokes away from a podium finish.

Brown shot a career-best 69 ing each round with a 75-72- when they take on the Wolver-69 final line. She managed ine Invitational in Ann Arbor, find themselves in fifth place to shoot even for the tourna- MI, beginning Sunday.

ment, placing her in a tie for Strong showings from ju- ninth overall in the individual

> Timpf and Kim rounded out for the final 18 holes to finish

Timpf secured a tie for 15th difficulties of round two, put- while Kim, a transfer from ting up another +1 to end the Arkansas State, and Valero placed 18th and 28th in their Purdue debuts.

The Boilermakers head in the closing round, improv- north for their next action



CHARLIE STAPLETON | PHOTO & VIDEO EDITOR

Freshman Luana Valero attempts a long putt.

OBITUARIES

Victor Ransom

March 23, 1932 - June 27, 2025

Beloved husband, father, and friend, Victor Harvey Ransom passed away on June 27, 2025, surrounded by family. Victor, of Idaho Falls, Idaho and West Lafayette, Indiana, was born on March 23, 1932, in King Hill, Idaho, to Harvey Edgar Ransom and Edna Honess Ransom. He passed away due to heart failure, secondary to metastatic prostate cancer. Remarkably, Victor enjoyed excellent health until the last few months of his life.

A Celebration of Life is tentatively planned for Sunday, July 5, 2026, in Idaho. Please check with Rose-Davis Funeral Home or family members for details as they become available.

Victor was known for his kindness, dedication, and hard work. He deeply valued family and community, often lending his tools and engineering expertise to help neighbors. He enjoyed sharing meals with loved ones and made homemade ice cream on special occasions-always taking time to explain the thermodynamics behind freezing. He had a tender heart for animals and often told the story of raising Grey Tail, a pigeon he cared for from the time it was a tiny squab.

Victor's ancestry traced back to German immigrants who settled over generations in Pennsylvania, Kansas, and eventually Idaho. Born during the Great Depression, he was raised in Aberdeen, Idaho, where his father worked as a potato inspector and his mother taught fifth grade for 35 years. A brilliant and curious child, Victor designed homemade rockets and



fuel from scratch, earning the Outstanding Science Student of the Year Medal at his graduation from Aberdeen High School in

In his teenage years, Victor and friends famously restored an old Model A Ford and took a memorable road trip through Utah

and California. Mistaken for runaways, they were briefly detained by police, who released them after confirming the boys had parental permission and enough money to return home.

Victor graduated from Aberdeen High School in 1950 and earned a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Idaho in 1954. He later earned his PhD in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University (1966-1970).

Victor began his career at North American Aviation, later Rocketdyne, in 1955, contributing to the Saturn V rockets. From 1959 to 1966, he worked for Aerojet in Sacramento on the Titan rocket engines. He later moved to Idaho Falls and worked at Aerojet (1972-1976) and EG&G (1976–1990), both operating the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL). There, with lifelong friend John Trapp, he developed the first well-posed equations for two-phase flow wrote the RELAP5 PILOT code, and provided foundational leadership in nuclear safety analysis. For this work, he was named INEL's first Science and Engineering Fellow in 1980.

RELAP5 remains the most widely used safety code for nuclear power plant analysis worldwide—a lasting legacy of Victor's genius. In 1990, Victor became Head of the School of Nuclear Engineering at Purdue University, where he served until retiring as Professor Emeritus in 2001. He was appointed to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards from 2001– 2005 and consulted globally, including in Japan, Korea, Russia, France, Germany, and Argentina. He once landed in Russia on the same day the Berlin Wall fell. Even in his 80s, SpaceX reached out to request permission to use his thesis code.

Victor also had a passion for adventure. He rode his Heritage Classic Harley-Davidson with the Harley Owners Group (HOG) in Lafayette, IN, proudly earning the "Loudest Exhaust" award at a rally. He loved national parks, downhill skiing, and RV road trips. A highlight of his later life was flying in his favorite airplane, the P-51 Mustang, in the early 2000s.

Victor met Delrie through mutual friends in Idaho Falls, and they were married on July 6, 1974. Together, they restored an old farmhouse on South Holmes Road and reroofed their red barn-later turned into an event venue by the new owners (Curtis and Kris Smith). Victor and Delrie joyfully celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in that same barn in July 2024, under a weathervane Victor had crafted in the shape of an "R" for Ransom.

Victor is survived by his wife, Delrie Ransom, and children: JoEllen Ransom, Vickie McDonough (Tim), Jessica Ratia Ransom (Eduardo Ratia), Natasha Ransom (Scott Grell), and Darin Ransom.

Also surviving him are: Lynda Tomlinson (Mel), Amber Travis (Matt), Jewel, Scarlett, and Stone

Travis; Sandra Kirkpatrick (Veryl), Duran Adams, and Rae Lynn Perkins; Rick and Corinne Gavalya.

Grandchildren: Clair Anderson Davy (Jack), Jed Anderson (Sarah), Nikoletta, Maria, and Kosta Antonakis, Adrea Sosville, Jason McDonough, William Ransom, Tiffany Witter, Chardonnay Ransom, Stryker, Rayder, and Slayter Ratia-Ransom, and Griffin Grell.

Great-grandchildren: Katelynn Davy, Isla and Owen Anderson, Daison and Adalyn Sosville, Theo Ransom, Sofia Gamez, and Audrey Antonakis.

Victor was preceded in death by his parents, Harvey Edgar and Edna Ransom; sisters Berniece Stone and Mary Ann Ervin; Mary Ann Pierce (mother of JoEllen, Vickie, and Darin), and grandson Michael Ransom.

The family expresses heartfelt thanks to Lynda and Mel Tomlinson for their generous support, to their neighbors in Indiana-Dr. Jim and Janice Lehnert, and Bob Zhang and family. Gratitude also to Dr. De Bruyn Kops, Dr. Adams, Nurse Holly, and the team at Teton Cancer Institute; Mr. Kuntz and his wound care team; Ben Eaton; and especially to Hannah Jensen and Anna Eager, for the dignity and care shown as personal care assistants. Deep thanks to Mission Hospice and Lincoln Court for their care during Victor's final weeks.

To share condolences, memories, and photos, please visit DavisRoseMortuary.com

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Senior Living facility getting rid of old apartment fridges due to remodeling. The fridges are gently used, but in still great working condition! They are 24" wide X 60" tall, asking \$50/each. Sale is on August 29, 2025 from 2p-3p 741 Park East Blvd.,

Lafayette, IN 47905 Cash only Pictures are for reference



PSA: Press the button

BY AVERY GOLDTHORPE

Managing & City Editor

 $Me\ vexat\ pede-a\ pebble\ in\ one's\ foot.$ It's bound to happen every year.

A new batch of spry, energetic freshmen make their entrance to West Lafayette. Eyes filled with anxious excitement and first-weekof-school panic, the young souls meander through Purdue's immense, expansive campus oblivious to the dangers of the world in their immediate proximity.

Unlike their rookie counterparts, you would expect the returners to have more awareness about them. And after a week or two, you would expect the condition of the freshmen to improve. But tragically, I've come to accept that this is not the case.

There comes a point at which I simply can not take it anymore. For the love of all that is holy, please learn how to walk like a productive member of society.

Full disclosure — a bike is my preferred method of transport around campus. Bikers are not absolved from the offenses I am about to outline, as I have a separate shortlist of sins expressly for two-wheeler dealers (you're treated as a car when you're on the road buddy, you gotta stop at stop signs).

But when I make my daily journey to the

Purdue police station to check out the crime there are people waiting to cross, and it triglogs, the sheer number of NPCs I encounter is

I'm riding a bike. I'm at the intersection of Third and University streets, a good 15 feet away from any of the pedestrian crosswalk

The traffic lights are firmly green, and I'm patiently waiting as pedestrians pile up on the sidewalk corners. I'm frozen still, waiting for that heavenly orange glow to appear and indicate it's almost my time to shine.

But it doesn't come.

People often expect things to just happen to them. Surely one day, the right moment will come, and they'll finally find that long-desired love. That revered internship offer will come right to their doorstep. But that's not how life works. If you want something to happen, you need to make it happen.

YOU NEED TO PRESS THE DAMN BUTTON!

At nearly every intersection on campus, you'll find a pole with an attached yellow rig and a big button with an arrow. When you push the button, it gives you a red light indicator and yells "Wait!" at you. It can be quite entertaining, especially when the speaker is damaged and all you hear is a bunch of muffled garbage.

The button tells the traffic light system that

gers the lights to switch. At some intersections, there's a regular cycle in place, but at others, the pedestrian crossing signal won't trigger unless the button is pressed.

I'm depending on you to make the move since you're right there. I don't feel like dismounting and towing my bike all that way. It's convenient for you. PRESS THE BUTTON SO WE CAN CROSS!

Traversing the streets of Purdue is a delicate ecosystem. When things are going swell, there is a beautiful balance between the cars, bikes, and pedestrians. We all understand the cycle of the lights and right of way.

Unfortunately, we don't live in an ideal world. People will always walk in bike lanes, they'll never understand how the lights work at the Third and University streets intersection, and they'll never check before they cross behind the giant flower pots and become flattened bicycle skid marks.

It's not the end all, be all. It's just a minor inconvenience that nags at me increasingly with each instance. If you felt a pebble in your shoe, you would take a minute to deal with the situation and avoid any later stress. I'm just asking for all you pebbles to straighten yourselves out before I take matters into my own hands.

PLEASE press the button. Please.



'Exponent Investigates': PILK was banned in Ford

Where The Exponent puts Duncan's body on the line

BY CONRAD HOOSER Opinions Editor & Copy Chief

A little over a week ago, signs were posted on the Ford Dining Court milk dispenser reading

The sign's emotional language, begging for an end to the madness, left us intrigued. But to get to the bottom of it, we had to be prepared to put Exponent investigative reporter Duncan Ways' body on the line.

"NO MORE PILK (Powerade + Milk) PLEASE."

A quick Google search shows that most people understand PILK to be Pepsi + milk, and four years ago that is what it meant on campus too. But then something changed. A frothy



A frothing glass of PILK in a ratio of three parts Powerade to one part milk.

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blue liquid, more dubious than a yellow Gatorade at a construction site, entered the scene.

While many students have been credited with the invention, we were unable to find a specific person who actually claimed it for themselves. Like most tellings of ghost stories, people always seem near but not present at the time of tragedy.

We were able to find a recent expert, Mira, a first-year engineering student who had taken it upon herself to distill PILK to its tastiest form. She settled on a 4:1 Powerade to milk ratio.

But to know if it is worth a ban, we drank and rated not only PILK but several other milk-related beverages to cover the field.

1 to 10 was the arbitrary non-scientific scale we chose to rate the concoctions. We used a measuring cup to keep the ratios exact, and you may ask "did you clean it between uses?" No we did not.

As Duncan looked down at the varied liquids, I don't think the reality of what was about to happen had set in. Likewise, I did not realize that my job was to watch the joy slip from a man's eyes one sip at a time.

To begin, the original 1:1 PILK sat at a 5, setting a baseline for the scale.

Duncan's personal mix was 3:1 while Mira's "optimal" mix was 4:1, which had ratings of 4 and 5 respectively.

All mixes after this stayed at a 1:1 ratio. Pepsi DUNCAN WAYS | STAFF REPORTER + milk, or "PILK PRIME" as we call it, "tasted like a float" and "felt fun," gaining a surpris-

But all fun must eventually

We thought perhaps a different blue drink, like Gatorade or Fanta Berry, or a different flavor of Powerade would be a surprise win, but results were middling.

Mira recommended Hi-C and milk, which was pretty good, but she said not to mix things with chocolate milk.

She was both right and wrong. Hi-C and chocolate milk landed at a well-deserved 1, with a sweetness strong enough to turn a chocolatier's stomach. BUT Pepsi and chocolate milk broke the scale at a staggering 11, being the only thing on the list Duncan would pick over either of its bases.

Speaking of scale breaking, lemonade + milk was a well-deserved o. The lemon immediately curdles the milk and you just end up drinking

So we come back to the "PILK ban." After speaking to several workers, the ban was unofficial and likely a joke. There are unconfirmed reports of PILK drinkers getting sick, and I legal. would easily believe that.

Mira suggests everyone try it at least once.

"We're Boilermakers, aren't we? If we can discover the nature of the universe, invent world-changing technology, and cure deadly diseases, surely we can try something a little Duncan Ways, staff reporter

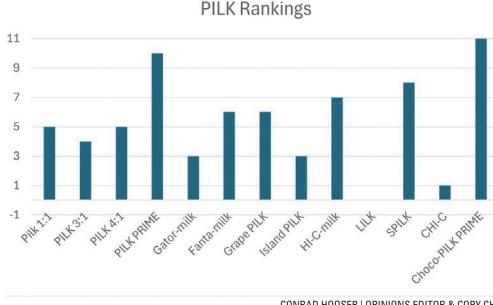
strange in our daily lives," she said.

But it is our now-expert opinion which leads us to the conclusion most of our sane readers already knew — there is no reason to combine Powerade and milk, it just makes both of them

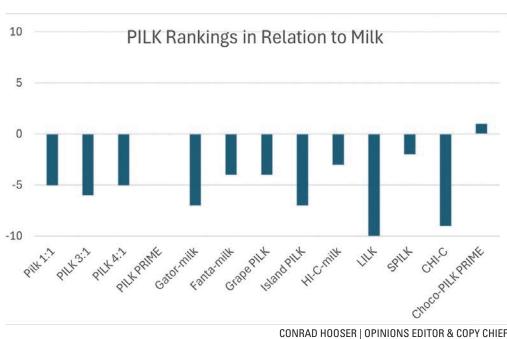
LILK, on the other hand, should certainly be banned and in a perfect world, it should be il-

Our investigation has concluded the following: The Purdue Exponent's official best ratio of Powerade to milk is 1:1 with each liquid in a separate glass on different days.

Additional reporting contributed by



CONRAD HOOSER | OPINIONS EDITOR & COPY CHIEF The ratings 1-10 of each beverage investigative reporter Duncan Ways tried in the order he tried them.



The PILK rankings on a realistic scale with 0 being drinking milk on its own.



On this day, Sept. 4, 1879, the first telephone was installed on Purdue's campus. The phone marked one of over 300 devices to be installed in Lafayette by the end of 1887. A few days after the installation, the first phone call ever made was between Emerson E. White, then president of the university, and John A. Stein, then secretary of the board of trustees.

Squirrel of the Week: On the run



In this photo taken by our Editor-in-Chief, a squirrel is on the run with a snack for later. For a chance to have your own picture featured, send it to digital@purdueexponent.org.

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ARIES: March 21-April 20

Prepare for a time of motivation. Take advantage of your drive to complete tasks and tackle difficult projects.

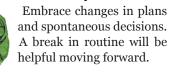
TAURUS: April 21-May 21

Seek balance and joy during this week. Your hard work requires rest and time to replenish your energy.

GEMINI: May 22-June 21

Get to the source of your stress and anxiety rather than looking for temporary fixes. Don't be afraid to take drastic action.

CANCER: June 22-July 22



LEO: July 23-Aug. 23

Don't be afraid to show others your strengths. Professional and personal projects will require you to utilize your specialized skills.

VIRGO: Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Try to remain patient during this time of uncertainty. Decisions and intentions will become clearer soon.

LIBRA: Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Make all communication clear and honest this week. Miscommunication can lead to higher tension than previously.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Look for opportunities for new connections. Sources of support and community are all around you.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23-Dec. 21



SCORPIO

Focus on thoughtful and fast decision-making this week. Progress in your personal goals will require this.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22-Jan. 20



Don't be afraid to speak up for yourself. Make your needs and opinions known to others when necessary.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21-Feb. 18



Prioritize empathy and patience with those around you. Find a balance between both your needs and theirs.

PISCES: Feb. 19-March 20



Try to avoid becoming too focused on a single project. Manage multiple at a time to achieve the best results.

MR. AND MRS. ONION... MADE ANOTHER STUDENT



EXPONENT COMIC FILE

THURSDAY

Open Mic Night

Whether you have a voice to share or want to enjoy the musical talent of your fellow Boilermakers, come to the open mic night on the Hail Purdue Stage located in the basement of the PMU at 101 Grant St., West Lafayette. The event will run from 5:30-8 p.m., so stop by at any time to show your support or step-up on the stage.

Steel Magnolias

Steel Magnolias is being featured at the Civic Theater of Greater Lafayette at 320 N. 5th St. This show follows a group of women in Chinquapin, Louisiana, as they face the struggles of life together and find support in each other along the way. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m., with the house opening at 7 p.m. Adult tickets start at \$26.50.

SUNDAY

Pickett Park Party

Get over to Pickett Memorial Park and have some fun with the Asian American Association. Whether you want to play some volleyball, mini games, or enjoy some great food, Pickett Park will be the place to do it. Don't miss the festivities, come to 1400 Stadium Ave., West Lafayette anytime from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Dorm, Sweet Dorm Decorations

It's move-in season again! If you find yourself in a new dorm or apartment surrounded by nothing but blank walls, it might be time to stop by and create some personalized decorations with the Purdue Student Union Board. Make it to the PMU South Ballroom at 101 Grant St., West Lafayette from 3-6 p.m. to start turning your dorm into a home.

FRIDAY

Mexico in the Heart mariachi Featuring bands, cultural dances, and authentic Mexican entertainment, Mexico in the Heart brings its audience on a magical journey through Mexican folklore. Come to the Long Center for the Performing Arts at 111 N. 6th St.

sion is free.



PHOTOGRAPHER

Women dance in authentic Mexican dresses while performing at the doors open at 5 p.m. and the Long Center for the Pershow starts at 6 p.m. Admisforming Arts.

Green Clubs Callout

From environmental activism to botany, the green clubs of Purdue are coming together to show what they have to offer to students. The callout fair will host 13 different organizations, all with a different focus. The event will take place in Stewart Center room 320 at 128 Memorial Mall Dr. from 5-7 p.m.

ONGOING

Thrill on the Hill

Stop by before the next Purdue Football game and join the Purdue "All-American" Marching Band for a preview of their halftime tunes, trivia, and more. The band will be at the Slayter Center for the Performing Arts at 1200 W. Stadium Ave., and each performance starts 90 minutes before kickoff. The next show is Sept. 6.

Arts Federation Gallery Exhibitions

The Arts Federation is currently hosting the works of four artists: Charmaine Renee, Jamie Hicks, Marlayna Slaughterbeck, and Leanne Mc-Giveron at 638 North St. The galleries are open every weekday, with more detailed hours online, and entry is free.

SATURDAY

Astronomical Society Open House

Turn your eyes to the stars with the Wabash Valley Astronomical Society to learn more about the universe we inhabit. The society will have both the main observatory dome open, as well as several additional telescopes outside for participants to look up into space. The event will go from 8:30-10 p.m. at the Wabash Valley Astronomical Society, 600 Cumberland Ave., West Lafayette.

Foam Finger Making

Are you a fan? Got a sports team you're rooting for, a movie you've put on a million times, or a pizza place you really love? Come to the West Lafavette Public Library at 208 W. Columbia St. to make a foam finger customized with whatever you're the biggest fan of. The event will take place in the Creativity Lab from 1-2:30 p.m.

UPCOMING

The Perils of Girlhood

Join Melissa Fraterrigo and Eileen Drennen for a reading and conversation on Fraterrigo's newest book, The Perils of Girlhood, where she reflects on her own girlhood growing up, and that of her twin daughters. Come to Second Flight Books at 2122 Scott St., Lafayette, from 6:30-8 p.m.

Blood Drive

Make a difference in someone's life by donating blood at the UBI Mobile Blood Drive. The event will run from noon to 4:30 pm and will be set up behind the CoRec at 355 N Martin Jischke Dr.,



AMERICAN RED CROSS AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY

West Lafayette. Compiled by Emery Denham, campus editor

PUZZLES

If you have any feedback as we develop our student-created puzzles, you can contact us at puzzles@purdueexponent.org.

SLEUTH SQUARES By Sawyer Rebennack

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Birthday Club

INSTRUCTIONS

Using the word bank below and the clues on the right, deduce how to fill out the grid completely. Each column corresponds to a different name, and each row corresponds to a different category. Each word will be used once, and there is only one solution.

WORD BANK

Names: Evita, Kim, Ryleigh, Shannon Birth Months: April, May, June, July Party Themes: Beach, disco, horror, fantasy

Cake Flavors: Chocolate, red velvet, strawberry, vanilla

Favors: Bubbles, candy, kazoos, jewelry

HELPFUL NOTE

If a clue says "left," "right," or "ends," it is referring to placements on the grid.

a. \$500,000

c. \$1 million

CLUES

- 1. The friend who hosted a horror party is at one of the ends.
- 2. Shannon was not born in May.
- 3. The friend with chocolate cake is somewhere to Kim's left.
- 4. Ryleigh is somewhere in between the friend who gave out kazoos and the friend who gave out jewelry, in that order.
- 5. The friend who gave out candy was born in June.
- 6. The friend who hosted a disco party gave out bubbles.
- 7. Evita's cake was strawberry-flavored.
- 8. The friend born in July had a red velvet-flavored cake.
- 9. The friend who hosted a beach party is somewhere to Shannon's right.
- 10. Kim is in the last position of the grid.
- 11. The friend who hosted a fantasy party had a strawberryflavored cake.
- 12. Ryleigh was born in April.
- 13. The friend born in May is directly to Kim's left.

SUDOKU By Eddie Culbertson Top: Easy Bottom: Hard 2 5 6 8 7 5 1 8 3 6 5 7 9 6 8 9 1 7 3 2 3 6 8 9 9 5 8

Fill in the blanks with the numbers 1 through 9 so that every row, column and bold 3x3 box holds every number only once. The diagonals do not count.

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CRYPTO CODE

By Sawyer Rebennack

Each letter stands in for another. If A = B, every given A is truly a B. Solve through trial and error, recognizing short words and guessing the phrase.

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QDH ECA BH TDJH YWFLUJ ABHW

"YULULQUY."

Quote by GCLBEBX YBXXBHURRC. Helpful clues: U = E, L = M

MATH PATH

Start with the number on the left. Then, moving through the grid (no diagonals), end up on the right side wit the target number. The number will always be whole.

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BALANCED BORDERS

NEWS QUIZ

Answers can be found within the edition previous to this one.

prize to the winner of the We Give Blood Drive?

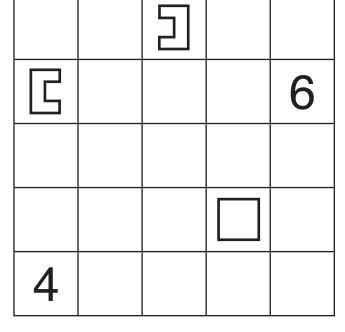
b. \$750,000

d. \$2 million

How much money is the Big Ten offering as a

Divide the grid into the same number of sections as there are labeled squares, using the labels as a guide for either the shape of the section or the number of squares in the section. For example, if a square is labeled with a 3, there will be three squares in its section. If a square is labeled with a horizontal rectangle, its section will be in the shape of a horizontal rectangle.

Each square must be filled. There may be more than one solution.



BIG OL' WORD SEARCH

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MATHDOKU

By Eddie Culbertson

Fill in the blanks with the numbers 1 through 6 so that every row and column has every number only once. Numbers within bolded areas must combine together using the mathematical operation to make the number in the top-left corner. Solve by noting all possible numbers in each box. Some bolded areas have only a few combinations that satisfy the math. Eliminate possibilities through trial and error if needed.

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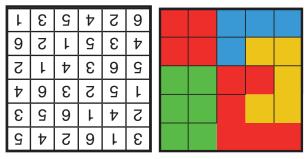
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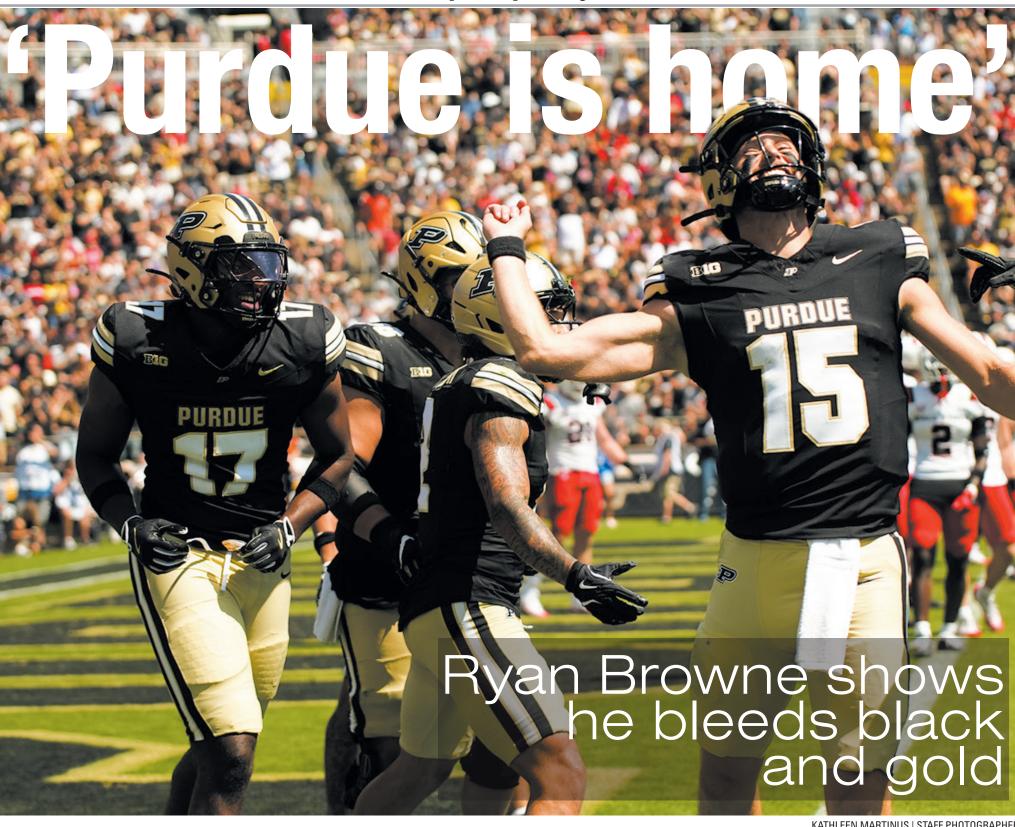
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Sophomore quarterback Ryan Browne pumps his fist in the air after throwing a touchdown in the second-half of Purdue's game against Ball State. Browne went 18-26 and threw for 311 yards.

BY WILL DOWTON

Sports Co-Editor

Sophomore quarterback Ryan Browne has grown accustomed to change in his athletic career. The 6-foot-4 Clarkson, Michigan native played for three high schools and a prep school before committing to Purdue under then-head coach Jeff

Similar to high school, the start of Browne's collegiate career was filled with change as well. Brohm left Purdue to take a coaching job at Louisville in 2022; two years later, his successor, Ryan Walters, was fired, leaving Browne unsure about the future of Purdue's program.

"Losing a coach and being on a team was kind of an interesting place to be in," Browne said.

"I wasn't sure what it would be like just waiting (for a new coach to be hired) and being the guy that a coach (would inherit because he) was just there. So I went and explored my options,

thought that was the best spot for me, and I cherished my time there."

Because of the uncertainty at the end of the '24 season, Browne entered the transfer portal and moved to Chapel Hill, N.C. to play under new Tar Heel head coach NFL legend Bill Belichick. "He was a really personal guy, very smart,"

Browne said. "I learned a lot from him. I'm really grateful for that experience." But it wasn't the right fit. After one semester

and many talks with former teammates, Browne decided it was best to return to West Lafayette. "I learned a lot about the game, but I think I re-

alized just being gone that Purdue is home, and I think I'm meant to be here " Browne said

When Browne arrived at Purdue in the summer, he immediately got to work throwing extra routes to wide receivers. His hard work was rewarded when he was named the team's starting quarterback for the 2025 season, beating out at least two

and that's when I ended up in North Carolina. I others in a wide-open training camp competition.

"It was definitely an honor to come out and win the job," Browne said. "But, you know, all the credit in the world to our whole room. We have a really talented room. I think all of us are very capable of, you know, going out there and doing what I did, and I think we all made each other a lot better throughout the summer and throughout camp."

In Week One, Browne came out shooting, going 18 for 26 with 311 yards passing and three total touchdowns.

Immediately the connection Browne had with his wide receivers was apparent as he launched a 49-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Arhmad Branch on the game's third play, and he found senior wideout Michael Jackson III with seven

"After a play, if I throw a bad ball and I miss Mike on something, I go talk to him, I say, 'Hey, I was thinking this.' And he's like, 'I was thinking that.' And we just, we get a good idea of where

we're at and why we miss each other, and kind of get on the same page. And I think we've done a really good job of that," Browne said.

Browne has built relationships that stretch well past the receiver room, earning respect from the entire locker room

"I don't think it's anything more than just being myself," Browne said.

"I think our whole team, like everybody's just themselves, and that's the most important thing to build relationships with people, is just be genuine, be a real person. And I think people see how hard I am on myself, and I think that just builds respect amongst everybody else."

Browne and the Boilermakers will look to imrove to 2-0 on the season when they face off targets. He says he feels comfortable with the duo. against Southern Illinois under the lights in Ross-Ade Stadium on Saturday.

"I want to go win games, that's the whole reason we play," Browne said. "... Show (the coaches) why they made the right decision."

Five keys for Purdue against Southern Illinois

BY GABE FRYLING

Staff Reporter

As the calendar turns to September, college football season continues as Purdue football stays home for the second straight week.

On Saturday night, Purdue hosts Southern Illinois University for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff as multiple touchdown favorites for the second-straight

Looking to gain some momentum before facing a tough conference opponent next week, Purdue will need to hit these five keys points to get a another convincing win:

Establish Mockobee's presence in the ground game

In the season-opener against Ball State, the running game was the only portion of the offense to not produce proficiently, averaging just over three

Mockobee himself struggled to find many openings, running for 59 yards on 14 carries with his longest rush of the day falling in at 13 yards. His most productive touches came in the passing game, as he rallied in two catches for 45 yards.

With conference matchups just around the corner, the Boilermakers should look to get Mockobee rolling with higher numbers against lesser opponents to build some offensive momentum.

The 100-yard mark should be the goal for Mockobee against Southern Illinois' undermanned defense, capped by at least two big rushes to put on film for upcoming USC Trojans.

Limit the Saluki's No. 1 receiver

In its opening game, Southern Illinois totaled 238 passing yards, a fairly average total despite its dominant 49-3 win against Thomas More.

A bulk of the yards (97) went to senior wide receiver Vinson Davis III, a

2023 All-MVFC honorable mention, and the Saluki's No. 1 wideout on the

depth chart. Davis will be the Boilers' biggest threat on defense, and they'll need to focus on limiting his numbers to make sure the Salukis have no chance to get into the game.

3. Feed its own big play man

Sophomore wide receiver Arhmad Branch came out of the gates sprinting last Saturday, encapsulating the 100-yard receiving mark within the first four minutes of the game.

Branch had two catches for over 30 yards, including one for a 49-yard touchdown on the third play of the game.

Branch said fans will get used to these numbers here soon, and this Sat-

urday will be his best opportunity to repeat his career day, if not exceed it. Purdue will look for Branch in any one-on-one scenario, letting him cre-

ate space and make big plays through his speed and route-running ability. While the Boilers still seek to find their No. 1 receiver, feeding Branch early and often can be the path they use to recreate their fast start from a week ago

4. Start quick and efficient again

The Boilers started last Saturday's game to near perfection, shooting down the field in only a couple plays for a quick touchdown to set the tone and get Ross-Ade pumped up early.

Their second drive was just about the same, tallying another seven points on the board in six plays to take a 14-0 edge just after five minutes of game time. Purdue will look to recreate this start under the lights on Saturday, giving fans something to cheer for early once again.

The Boilers accomplished this quick start through the air in Week 1, and look to lean on sophomore quarterback Ryan Browne's arm once again to move them down the field in chunks.

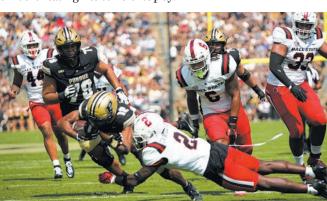
Whether it be in three plays or 13, taking an early lead and securing momentum is the goal of any football program, and this weekend is a great opportunity for Purdue to make this a pattern.

5. Continue defensive dominance

In Week 1 the Boilermakers pitched a defensive shutout, allowing only 203 yards of offense and totaling the 12th-best defensive grade, according to the Pro Football & Sports Network.

They allowed a 31%-conversion rate on third down and held the Cardinals to just over five yards-per-pass, both impressive numbers that they'll look to repeat this weekend.

The only piece of defense Purdue lacked was forced turnovers. If it can add a forced turnover, or two, this weekend the defensive core should feel confident heading into conference play.



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Sophomore wide receiver Corey Smith dives for the ball for a first down in the first half of Purdue's game against Ball State.

Four-star guard Jacob Webber commits to Purdue

BY WILL DOWTON

Sports Co-Editor

Purdue men's basketball has secured the No. 31-ranked re-

Jacob Webber is an athletic guard who can spread the floor

cruit in the 2026 class, according to Rivals.

and knock down difficult shots. The 6-foot-6 flamethrower is chose Purdue. touted by many as the best shooter in the class of 2026.

The Kearney, Nebraska native is a rising senior at La Lumiere and I feel like I can thrive through their offense," Webber said. School in La Porte, Indiana.

Webber had received offers from Tennessee, Nebraska, Creighton, Washington, Arizona State, Iowa, and others, according to Rivals/On3 Sports.

In an interview with Rivals/On3, Webber was asked why he "I felt like Purdue is the best fit with coaching and play style,

"I feel like Coach Painter and all the other coaches care for their players and overall want what's best for them as a person and

Webber joins other 2026 four-star recruit Luke Ertel, who committed to the Boilers in August 2024.

Ertel and Webber are the two top-ranked players in their class in Indiana, according to Rivals/On3.