

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 37:5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Fawn Price smiles brightly (as The Paper caught her off guard) while purchasing items at Great Gas. Thank you for your smile, Fawn!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Governor Eric J. Holcomb and Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers concluded an economic development trip to Sweden, the United Kingdom and Monaco Saturday after attending the Formula E World Championship race in Monaco. The week was spent cultivating new business relationships, strengthening trusted partner ties in Western Europe, harnessing opportunities to advance innovation and investment.

2 Does your child have a curious stuffed animal friend who loves adventures, new experiences, and making new friends? If so, make plans to send it to Teddy Bear Camp, May 8-14. Run by the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA), this second-annual "camp" is for stuffed animals belonging to kids ages 5-12 who live in Marion, Hamilton, Hancock, Shelby, Johnson, Morgan, Hendricks, or Boone counties.

3 WHIN's annual Manufacturing Alliance Summit will be held on Tuesday, May 17th, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Indiana Manufacturing Institute in West Lafayette. Register here: link.whin.org/2022Mfg-Summit. WHIN is installing advanced wireless gear on a tower in Williamsport to support their region wide broadband initiative! This month, WHIN announced their Rural Entrepreneurship Program providing \$798K in funding to the WHIN region to boost entrepreneurship and support local businesses in rural communities.

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Wabash College a 'Best Value' Pick by The Princeton Review

Value and support are essential when it comes successfully reaping the benefits of the college experience, and Wabash College continues to rank among the best institutions nationally when it comes to the value and support its students receive.

In its annual college guide: The Best Value Colleges, The Princeton Review rated Wabash as No. 2 in Best Alumni Network, No. 3 in Best Schools for Internships, and No. 29 in Best Value Colleges for private schools.

According to The Princeton Review, the 209 Best Value Colleges for 2022 comprise only seven percent of the nation's four-year colleges and feature each of the following attributes: stellar academics; af-

fordability via low costs or generous financial aid; and strong career prospects for graduates. The college admissions services company said, "Students who attend these schools don't have to mortgage their futures to pay for their degrees—and we believe they will graduate with great career prospects."

"As we near the end of another incredible year, I continue to be amazed by the strength of our alumni network and what it means to all of the young men who live and learn at Wabash," said President Scott Feller. "Being ranked among the nation's top colleges for our alumni network and internship program is testament to the relationships that are formed

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Butch Got Married in 1966 When Living Was Still Cheap!



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

With prices the way they are right now, I often think back to 1966...the year I graduated from good ol' Darlington High School. My wife and I had been dating for some time, so I thought, "What the heck...we might as well get married!" We were both 17 years old when I gave her the engagement ring, and we were married on October 29, 1966...two days after I had turned 18. We purchased a nice 3-bedroom house, located on a double lot, in Clarks Hill...the price \$5,500...monthly payment \$46. Our folks gave us some of their furniture, so we only had to purchase a few odds and ends. I had always wanted a nice car, and since we had to drive to Lafayette every day, we bought a used 1965 Chevy Impala Super Sport from Bill DeFouw Chevrolet for \$2200...with a payment of \$63

a month. Our wedding was a small affair at the Clarks Hill Christian Church, with only the minister, our parents, and the best man and maid of honor attending. After the ceremony, we celebrated with a wedding cake and a meal for everyone at Miller's Fish House in Colfax. Counting the \$25 we paid the minister for his services, the total cost of everything was \$50! So where did we go for our honeymoon? Well, we headed off to the Payless grocery in Lafayette to stock up on the first week's food...and after it was all said and done, I looked at our checking account. The remaining balance was \$1.74.

My wife took a job as a typist and secretary, and her weekly take-home pay for 40 hours was \$48, while I started full-time as a student at Purdue. However, I worked about 30 hours a week helping her Dad on his farm at the rate of \$1.50 an hour. During my second year of college, I was able to get a job at National Homes, and it paid \$2.10 an hour. During the four years I attended Purdue, we never borrowed any other money and never went below zero in our checking account. You have to remember that food was much cheaper in those days. A loaf of bread was 22 cents, and a gallon of milk was a 99

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Linden Depot Museum to Host Antique Auto Show

The Linden Depot Museum is hosting an antique auto show Saturday May 14th from 12 - 5 p.m. The Lafayette, IN Antique Auto Club will be here with 10-20 cars. This is a chance to visit the museum and see some antique autos. All for only \$6 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under.

They are also announcing the Second Annual Midwest Railroad Fair, scheduled for Saturday August 13th from 9 - 5 p.m. The museum is working with the US Department of Transportation, the Federal Railroad Administration and Amtrak to make this a spectacular show you won't want to miss. The museum is located at 520 N. Main Street, Linden, IN 47955.

Bringing Me into the Fold



JOHN O. MARLOWE
With the Grain

The one thing that you will not find in my underwear drawer is organization. There are no neat stacks; no neatly regimented ranks and files of folded tidiness, ready to serve the underlying cause. What you will find is row after row of briefs, rolled tightly, and stacked like cordwood, cushioning the top drawer of my dresser.

The idea for rolling underwear came from my Mother. She once packed fourteen days worth of clothing for a family of four into a single beer case for our camping trip. She laid each garment out, one by one on the bed, folded them once, then rolled the entire wardrobe into individual tight coils, pressing the air out as she went

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:45 a.m.
SET: 8:44 p.m.

High/Low
Temperatures
High: 75 °F
Low: 58 °F

Today is...

- Eid al-Fitr
- Public Radio Day
- National Teacher Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1958 Truman Capote's book Breakfast at Tiffany's is published
- 1979 Margaret Thatcher is elected British Prime Minister
- 1999 A tornado produces the highest wind speeds ever recorded

Births On This Day

- 1919 Pete Seeger American singer-songwriter, guitarist
- 1933 James Brown American singer-songwriter, producer, actor

Deaths On This Day

- 1916 Patrick Pearse Irish activist
- 2014 Jim Oberstar American politician

along. She surmised that, when packing traditionally, much of the space is used up by air, thus limiting the amount of available space for other items. By applying pressure, she was able to squeeze out much more than anyone ever thought. The IRS adopted her thinking some time ago.

Personally, I don't care whether my underwear drawer has too much air in it or not. Nevertheless, I've used her roll-up method of storage for years. That's because I can't fold.

For some reason, when Mother Nature was restocking my gene pool, she failed to give me the folding gene.

It's true. Even as a child, I couldn't fold things. I hated making paper airplanes, because while my friends' airplanes were streamlined, and

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Anyone else heading over to 16th and Georgetown soon? See you there



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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Keep meat tenderizer in your first aid kit - apply it to stings to destroy the venom.

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



➔ OBITUARIES

Mary Elizabeth 'Beth' (Smith) Barton
Dorothy J. Danzebrink

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➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Want To Go?

Myers Dinner Theatre announced that another award-winning Gospel group, Karen Peck and New River, will be appearing for two shows on Thursday, May 5th. Tickets for Karen Peck & New River are \$53.00 each + tax and fees. If you want to save some money, MDT is having a special for both shows - \$10.00 OFF! Simply use the code PECK when checking out to receive this 20% discount. Tickets may be purchased by phone at 765-798-4902 ext. 2, or online at www.myersdt.com.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Liberty must at all hazards be supported. We have a right to it, derived from our Maker. But if we had not, our fathers have earned and bought it for us, at the expense of their ease, their estates, their pleasure and their blood."
John Adams

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

The rookie racecar driver surprised everyone by defeating a field of talented veterans. He was asked how he managed to pull off the victory and he said, "Pretty simple. My brakes failed."

13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST

70 PARTLY CLOUDY, LATE RAIN	58/75 WINDY AND BREEZY AFTERNOON	51/65 MOSTLY CLOUDY	53/70 RAIN RETURNS	53/65 RAIN, CHANCE STORMS	49/68 SPICY RAIN, BREEZY	53/72 WARMER
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

Gov. Holcomb Applauds Hoosier Small Businesses' Success and Resilience and Recognizes Contributions of Entrepreneurs



Governor Eric Holcomb

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb issued a proclamation declaring May 1 – 7 as Small Business Week in Indiana, celebrating the more than 529,000 small businesses in Indiana and the more than 1.2 million hardworking Hoosiers they employ.

"This week, we recognize all the small businesses driving our state's economy forward," said Gov. Holcomb. "Indiana is laser-focused on fostering a healthy ecosystem for small businesses, startups and businesses looking to expand their footprint. It is the entrepreneurial drive, determination and grit that has become woven into the Hoosier spirit and vital to the great quality of life we enjoy in Indiana.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) will recognize eight Hoosier small businesses that have worked with the Indiana Small Business Development Center (SBDC), a program of the IEDC, to start, grow or pivot their small businesses. These awards, presented in conjunction with the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) National Small Business Week, honor the entrepreneurs' and small businesses' achievements and contri-

butions to grow Indiana's economy and strengthen communities across the state.

The 2022 honorees are:

- Community Impact Small Business of the Year: 3 Sisters Investments (Terre Haute)**
 - Founded by Mark and Tiffany Baker in 2019, 3 Sisters Investments is a real estate investment company that creates community and family spaces in Terre Haute. Named after the couple's three young daughters, the company received a 2021 Building Community award and Mark and Tiffany are 2022 '12 Under 40' Honorees by the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce.
- Entrepreneur of the Year: Kristi and Kelsie Risk (Spencer)**
 - Founded by mother and daughter Kristi and Kelsie Risk, Diamond K Sweets & More LLC is a Spencer-based confectionery manufacturer of gourmet chocolate and candy products delivering quality sweets to consumers across the U.S.
- Family-Owned Small Business of the Year: AMERI-CAN Engineering (Argos)**
 - Founded in 1988, AMERI-CAN Engineering is a third-generation, family-owned business that manufactures specialty sanitation trailers. In 2005, AMERI-CAN Engineering founders, Gladys and Ron Bird, were awarded The Andy Gump Award, the most prestigious honor within the portable sanitation industry. Located in Argos, Indiana, AMERI-CAN Engineering manufactures trailers that are distributed throughout the world.
- Innovative Small Business of the Year: NanoBio Designs LLC**

- (Indianapolis)
 - Founded in 2017, NanoBio Designs LLC is an Indianapolis biotechnology company that develops a simple, fast and cost-effective genetic detection platform using its novel microparticle pairing technology. NanoBio Designs LLC moved from Iowa to Indiana in 2021 and has hit the ground running in the state's agbioscience space.
- Minority-Owned Small Business of the Year: ROCKaBLOCK LLC (Merrillville)**
 - Founded by artist Rockland Page in 2017, ROCKaBLOCK LLC is a lifestyle brand that designs apparel and accessories. Page began designing t-shirts as a creative outlet, and his hobby quickly grew into a successful business in northwest Indiana.
- Rural Small Business of the Year: Beneker Family Farms (Brookville)**
 - Founded in 1884, Beneker Family Farms is a family-owned and operated farm that offers premium angus beef raised in Whitewater Valley Farm. Beneker Family Farms has fed families in Southern Indiana for 130 years. In 2016, Beneker Family Farms was recognized as a historic Indiana Homestead by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture.
- Start-Up of the Year: FIA Technologies Inc. (Indianapolis)**
 - Founded in April 2021 by Isaiah "Izzy" Branam, Krishna Thiru and Emma Hamilton, Fia Technologies Inc. is a talent acquisition software provider that uses machine learning to bring together jobseekers and employers in the most effective, efficient and eq-

uitable manner. The three founders participated in the 2020 Regional and State Innovate WithIN pitch competition as well as the Origin Program and Nexus Pitch Competition through Elevate Ventures to help bring their idea to life.

8. **Woman-Owned Small Business of the Year: Sea Salt & Cinnamon (Muncie)**

- Amanda Reninger founded Sea Salt & Cinnamon in 2014 and became the first vegan food company in the city of Muncie. Her husband, Kyle Reninger, joined her venture, creating the savory side of the company's menu.

The Indiana SBDC, a program of the IEDC, helps Hoosier small businesses and entrepreneurs start, grow, finance, innovate and transition through no-cost, confidential business advising and training. For more information about the Indiana SBDC, visit isbdc.org.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) is charged with growing the State economy, driving economic development, helping businesses launch, grow and locate in the state. Led by Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers, @SecChambersIN, and governed by a 15-member board chaired by Governor Eric J. Holcomb, @GovHolcomb, the IEDC manages many initiatives, including performance-based tax credits, workforce training grants, innovation and entrepreneurship resources, public infrastructure assistance, and talent attraction and retention efforts. For more information about the IEDC, visit iedc.in.gov.

Consumer Alert: List of Products Recalled in April



Attorney General Todd Rokita

Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in April. Consumers are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities available for those who purchased the recalled items.

"Whether it's a pressure washer, pajamas, or pain relief products, Hoosier consumers need to know if the products they purchased are flawed," Attorney General Rokita said. "Protecting consumers is a priority of my office. If you have difficulty finding a solution for your recalled product, call my office."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in April:

- Clikk High Chairs from Stokke
- Wall Beds from Bestar
- Sodium Hydroxide from biOrigins
- Hot Glue Guns from Dollar Tree
- Prenatal and Immunity Dietary Supplements from Rae Wellness
- Hempvana Pain Relief Products from Telebrands
- Bottom Freezer, French Door Refrigerators from GE Appliances
- Craftsman and Troy-Bilt Riding Lawn Mowers

- from MTD
 - Toy Wood Play Smart Robot Buddy(s) and Wood Sensory Boards from MerchSource
 - Diving Inflation Valves from SI TECH
 - Ceramic Knives from Norwex
 - LUXE+WILLOW Heated Blankets from MWA
 - Children's Pajamas from The Red League
 - Air Fryers and Air Fryer Ovens from Best Buy
 - Nectar Premier Mattresses from Elite Comfort Solutions
 - Wooden Push Toys from Monti Kids
 - Overhead Garage Storage Racks from Eagle Industrial Group
 - Woven Bunny Baskets from Bed Bath & Beyond
 - Organic Wintergreen Essential Oil from Best Nutritionals
 - Competition Off-Road Motorcycles from Yamaha
 - Electric Start Pressure Washers from Generac Power Systems
 - School Classroom Stack Chairs from Amazon
 - RZR Recreational Off-Road Vehicles from Polaris
- If you believe you purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice (linked above for all products). Follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.
- To view recalls issued prior to April, visit the Consumer Protection Safety Commission website at <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls>.

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RULES



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cents. We bought TV dinners on sale at five for \$1.00. We ate a lot of chicken noodle soup and blueberry muffins, Kraft spaghetti, and pancakes and sausage. We did eat out quite often at fast food joints, but at that time a McDonalds hamburger was 17 cents, fries 15 cents, and a shake 22 cents. Super deluxe coneys at the A&W root beer stand were 40 cents. On one occasion, we splurged and ordered catfish from Millers in Colfax. They asked me on the phone how many pounds of fish I wanted, and since I had no idea, I ordered four pounds, with a double side order of onion rings. When I picked the order up, I was shocked to learn the total was \$11.00. I had ordered eighteen fried catfish! I was too embarrassed to admit my mistake, and since I was taught from an early age not to waste any food and always "eat everything on my plate," I ate fourteen fried catfish, and my wife managed to get down the remaining four. We also consumed the onion rings! Suffice it say, we didn't have any desire for catfish and onion rings for a few months after that!

For entertainment, we went to movies at the two theaters located in downtown Lafayette. Tickets were \$1.25, and buttered popcorn was 50 cents. Now you might think driving back and forth to Lafayette each day was expensive, but gas in those days was only 32 cents a gallon. And how did I manage to attend Purdue without borrowing any money? When I started college, the tuition per semester

for a full-time student was \$175, and by the time I was a senior, it had only gone up to \$225 a semester. All of my books for each semester averaged approximately \$30-35 total, and I could trade these back in when done. The tuition at Purdue today is \$10,000 a semester, and some books today cost more than the tuition did in 1966! No student today can work their way through college like I did.

We had no children during those four years, but after I graduated, our first child came along in 1971. My wife had a difficult time, and she was in labor over 32 hours before our son finally arrived with the help of a specialist who our doctor had summoned. My wife was at Home Hospital for three days, and the total hospital bill was \$515. Our doctor charged us \$50 for the delivery. Three years later, our daughter was born...the total bill was \$715. When I began teaching school, I was making \$8800 a year, so I decided to trade the Impala in on a new Chevy Nova Super Sport....the price was \$3150. And in 1975, we purchased a house in the country, located on five acres...at a price of \$24,000. We put \$5000 down, so our monthly payment was \$163. We were living the high life!

Well, that's the way it was....that's why us baby boomers call it "the good ol' days!"

- John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 32 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

WABASH From Page A1

at Wabash and that are shared among students, faculty, staff, alumni, and parents around the world that lead to unrivaled outcomes."

The Princeton Review chose the Best Value schools based on return on investment (ROI) ratings it tallied for more than 650 schools under consideration last year. The selection process considered more than 40 data points, broadly covering academics, affordability, and career preparation.

"Navigating the financial aid process can be confusing and overwhelming; especially for the many first-generation college students we serve," said Alex DeLonis, Director of Financial Aid. "Families are often surprised when

they learn how affordable and accessible a Wabash education can be, and the Enrollment Team is there to support them through every step. We work with a very diverse student population, each of whom has unique needs. We take the time to develop a relationship with our students and ensure they walk away from counseling sessions knowing they are more than just a number."

Wabash stood strong in rankings associated with faculty accessibility and interest, receiving scores of 99 and 98, respectively. The College also received an overall academic rating of 91 and a financial aid rating of 94.

According to payscale.com, a Wabash graduate with a bachelor's degree

can expect an early career median salary of \$69,800 with a mid-career salary of \$143,800.

"Our world class alumni are an incredible asset in connecting our students with internships and financially supporting internship programs," said Cassie Hagan, Director of Professional Development and the Center for Innovation, Business, & Entrepreneurship. "The Professional Development team is dedicated to supporting students through the process of exploring potential careers and building workplace skills through summer internships. We are grateful to the alumni, staff, faculty, and recruiting partners who provide these opportunities for Wabash men to apply academic

knowledge, problem-solving skills, and leadership abilities in a professional setting. These internship supervisors often become lifelong mentors for students, and that is a return on investment we aspire to send our graduate off with each May."

Last fall, The Princeton Review included Wabash in its Best 386 Colleges list, which ranked the 190-year-old liberal arts college for men in the top-20 nationally in 10 "Great List" categories specific to the college experience. The College was one of seven schools nationally to be ranked on 10 or more of the publication's "Great Lists" and is consistently rated highly for outstanding professors, classroom experience, financial aid, and career services.

MARLOWE From Page A1

soared gracefully on the gentle breeze, my paper airplanes tumbled through the air like someone left the cargo bay door open.

I can't fold anything. My towels are all rolled neatly in the linen closet. Cloth napkins are rolled tightly in the cherry chest. Extra blankets are rolled up in the laundry room. I rolled up my tuxedo for the plane ride to my brother's wedding, last fall in Los Angeles.

I can't fold in egg whites, and I've lost a fortune playing poker, because when I have a bad hand, I can't fold. I even have trouble folding my arms.

At Christmas time, I never purchase presents

that don't come in a square box, because gift wrapping is essentially folding with something in the way.

This week, my friend Brian, received a phone call from a professional recruiter, requesting that he apply for a Quality Engineer job at ILC Aerospace in Dover, Delaware. The job was in their space suit division. Personally, I can't see Brian being responsible for the safety of our astronauts in space, but honestly, he did a great job in his last position assuring the public's safety from the packaging that the COVID-19 vaccines use.

To date, there have

been no COVID-19 related paper cut deaths.

Brian wasn't going to take the the job at ILC, until he learned that they also make blimps. It seems that the giant airships that flourished in the 1930's are making a comeback. They are slow, but they can carry huge payloads at low fuel costs.

The recruiter told Brian that ILC is shipping everything from high altitude weather balloons to luxury airliners. Once a month, every employee at the Dover facility is required to assemble in the giant hangar to fold a blimp for shipping.

Fold the blimp? Logic would tell me

that to ship a blimp, all you have to do is fill it with helium and fly it to the customer. But no! These things are going out UPS!

My thoughts immediately returned to my Mother. How long would it take to squeeze the air out of a blimp? How big is that beer case?

Regardless, I thought this might just be the job for me. Folding a few blimps would surely give me the skills to fold anything. Well, maybe not anything.

Even God can't fold a fitted sheet.

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