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➔ TODAY'S VERSE

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
(NIV)

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Eloh, the Dog Who Loves to Love. Look up her name and you will discover "E" is for excite - her spirit is catching! "L" is for loyalty she demonstrates to those she loves. "O" is for her outlook and sunny disposition and "H" is for her heart, warm and loving. If you are looking for that perfect snuggle bug companion, Elo is your gal. She was an owner surrender and had lived outside her whole life. Shelter staff report she is now thriving being an inside pup! She is house trained, even when being in a kennel for long periods of time. Elo is a beautiful blue girl who loves her toys and cuddles. She also tested heart worm positive and is undergoing treatment. Won't you please consider adopting Elo and giving her the loving home she deserves? Contact Montgomery County Animal Shelter at 765-362-8846 or mcawll.com

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 It is said that the top two reasons to go whale watching are the experience and the thrill, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. But surely the passengers aboard Captain Dave's Dolphin and Whale Watching Safari off the coast of California recently got much more than an experience and a thrill of a lifetime recently. They got to watch a whale giving birth to an offspring. "For a minute, many of us thought it may be a shark or predatory event. But no, instead of the end of life, it was the beginning of a new one," according to a passenger who got it all tape.

2 Want to see a comet with your naked eye? Well, you just might get your chance soon. Comet C/2022 E3 (ZTF) will be closest to our planet on Feb. 1 and Feb. 2. According to the good folks at space.com, if the comet continues to get brighter, we just might be able to look up and see it. And even if it fades a bit, we should still be able to use binoculars or a telescope around then. Go to www.space.com

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The Wabash College French department received a grant to host a seven-week festival of French films, beginning Jan. 30. The grant from the FACE Foundation (French-American Cultural Exchange) and Villa Albertine will bring the Albertine Cinémathèque French Film Festival to campus Jan. 30 through March 27. The festival is a program of FACE Foundation and Villa Albertine made possible with the support of the Centre National du Cinéma et de l'Image Animée (CNC), and SACEM/Fonds Culturel Franco-Américain, the French American Cultural Fund.



3.1%

Indiana's unemployment rate in December stands at 3.1%, according to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. By comparison, the national unemployment rate for December stands at 3.5%. In addition, Indiana's labor force participation rate held at 63.2% for December, remaining above the national rate of 62.3%. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3,398,408 - an increase of 3,369 from the previous month.

\$180 million

Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) Board of Directors today announced the recipients of the 2023 Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program, which is used to incentivize private developers to fund the construction, acquisition and rehabilitation of affordable housing communities throughout Indiana. More than \$180 million in housing tax credits were awarded to 17 developments to create or preserve 776 affordable units that will serve individuals, families, seniors, individuals with disabilities and individuals experiencing homelessness. The tax credits will be claimed over 10 years.

\$1,000

The Witham Health Services Volunteer Organization is pleased to provide three (3) \$1,000.00 scholarships to Boone County High School Seniors who are pursuing a degree or continuing education in a healthcare field. These scholarships are provided annually by the Witham Volunteer Organization to support and encourage the students as they enter their secondary education. Scholarship Applications and accompanying information are available at each high school guidance counselor's office. Deadline for application submission is Friday, March 3, 2023. The Witham Volunteer Organization is honored to support the students of Boone County in this way.

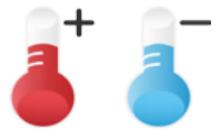


\$870,000

Purdue University's Jingjing Liang has received a two-year, \$870,000 grant from the World Resources Institute to map global forest carbon accumulation rates. Liang is developing an artificial intelligence model that will combine information collected about billions of trees measured on-site with satellite and other geospatial data to map local forest growth rates throughout the global forest range. "This will be the first AI-based forest growth model deployed at a global scale," he said. Beyond accurately quantifying carbon dynamics, Liang's AI-based forest growth model will also capture the dynamics of forest biodiversity and timber quality.

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:58 a.m.
SET: 6:04 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 30 °F
Low: 26 °F



Today is...

- National Escape Day
- Yodel For Your Neighbors Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1982 The first computer virus is released "into the wild"
- 1969 The Beatles give their last public performance
- 1933 Adolf Hitler becomes Chancellor of Germany



Births On This Day

- 1951 Phil Collins English singer-songwriter, producer, actor
- 1941 Dick Cheney American politician, 46th Vice President of the U.S.

Deaths On This Day

- 1649 Charles I of England
- 1948 Orville Wright American aviation pioneer

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Everyone got their Christmas decorations down now? Heck, I was driving down Main Street and saw some Halloween decorations still up . . . or perhaps up way early?



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Women should wait three weeks to resume birth control pills after having a baby and six weeks after having a cesarean section. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



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➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Show Us Those Smiles!

Are you a proud parent or grandparent? Got a great photo of your loved one? E-mail it to news@thepaper24-7.com along with the pertinent info (and your contact information so we can reach you if we have questions). C'mon, let's show off as many bright and smiling faces as we can and make clear exactly why Montgomery County is such a great place to raise a family!

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"At this season of the year, darkness is a more insistent thing than cold. The days are short as any dream."
- E.B. White

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Why should you never laugh at your spouse's decisions? Because you are one of them.

➔ OBITUARIES

NONE

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



7 DAY FORECAST

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 43 A.M. RAIN, FALLING TEMPS | 26/30 A.M. WINTRY MIX | 15/26 COLDER | 15/34 MAINLY CLOUDY | 23/42 NOT AS COLD | 19/35 MOSTLY SUNNY, COOL | 19/35 DRY & COOL |
| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |

Complimenting Strangers

"I have to say, that is a very nice hat!" I told the man as he passed me on the sidewalk.

The man in the snazzy blue fedora had a serious look on his face, as if he was thinking deeply about something far more important than the indigo-blue hat with the red feather sitting on his head.

But whatever less-than-cheerful thought had been preoccupying him (the gathering clouds? The declining stock market? His expanding waistline?), it was whisked away when I complimented his dapper blue hat, and his face broke into a genuine smile.

I know people who say you shouldn't compliment strangers.

"It is intrusive," they say. "It's fake." "Nobody wants a stranger commenting on their appearance!"

I think this is a load of nonsense.

Everyone likes a compliment. I think it means even more coming from a stranger. I don't interrupt conversations to compliment someone. I don't make things up or compliment something I don't genuinely admire. I don't think anyone has ever looked offended when I told them they looked good or something they were wearing was attractive.

I find myself complimenting strangers several times every day. I try to pay attention when I'm on my walks. I try to savor whatever is interesting or beautiful and, much of the time, this is either dogs (because dogs are always interesting and beautiful), or people. I have also complimented gardens, but the people responsible are rarely around to get these compliments. The nice thing about complimenting clothing is that the person associated with it is right there, ready to receive the positive feedback.

"Thank you!" the man in the blue hat said.

I'm sure he knew it was a good-looking hat. It was probably an expensive hat; I haven't bought enough hats to know. But it doesn't really matter. Even if someone has paid a lot for something—or perhaps especially if they have—they like to know that it was money



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

well spent, that they look good and that someone has noticed. So, I try to notice.

I've complimented older women on their coats and scarves, young women on the color of their hair (especially if it is blue or green), and tough-looking men on their clever T-shirts. It is always surprising how the people who look the most withdrawn are usually the ones who seem the most pleased. The young man may have forgotten what T-shirt he put on that day, but he's pleased to know it met with an appreciative audience—even if that audience was the slightly odd, cheerful older woman.

"Thanks!" he'll say, looking both a little embarrassed and absurdly pleased.

It doesn't matter if it's odd, I've learned. It doesn't matter where the comment comes from. It really does not matter at all.

We all want to be seen. We want to know that we do not walk invisible in this world. No one wants to feel alone in a crowd. Compliments may seem trivial or superficial, but sometimes they are the easiest way to throw a line to someone and say, "I see you! Seeing you makes me happy." It costs nothing. And I think it can be more important than we will ever know.

The man in the blue hat had a little more bounce in his step as he walked past me. I have no illusions that I changed his day significantly. But that's not my job. My job is to be more like that little bird who sings the same song, day after day, and makes the world just the smallest bit sweeter.

Till next time,
Carrie

Photos and other news can be found at CarrieClasson.com.

Noted Entomologist Dr. Douglas Tallamy To Speak At Wabash College

Wabash College will host one of the nation's foremost ecologists and conservationists when Dr. Douglas Tallamy visits campus as part of the President's Distinguished Speaker Series. Dr. Tallamy will give a talk entitled, "Nature's Best Hope," on Monday, February 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Salter Hall of the Fine Arts Center.

Dr. Tallamy is a professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware. A graduate of Allegheny College, he earned a master's degree from Rutgers and his Ph.D. in entomology from the University of Maryland.

His research focuses on the impact on biodiversity when non-native plants are introduced in new ecosystems. He has written four books, including "Bringing Nature Home" and the New York Times Bestsellers, "The Living Landscape"



Dr. Douglas Tallamy

and "Nature's Best Hope." His latest book is "The Nature of Oaks."

Dr. Tallamy has been featured in scores of podcasts and interviews, including in the New York Times, Washington Post, NPR, Associated Press, and numerous media outlets. He is the founder of Homegrown National Park, a grassroots call-to-action organization dedicated to regenerating biodiversity by planting native plants and creating

new ecological networks. The organization's goal is to turn 20 million acres of manicured lawns into sites of native plantings and rich ecological diversity.

While researching the mating habits of the cucumber beetle decades ago, Dr. Tallamy looked for information on the association of native insects with invasive species. Finding very little, he shifted his focus to study how restoring native spe-

cies of flora can recharge insect populations. Over the last 20 years, he has removed invasive species from his own property, which has returned hundreds of native insects, birds, and other wildlife. "Ninety percent of insects that eat plants can develop and reproduce only on the plants with which they share an evolutionary history," Dr. Tallamy told Smithsonian Magazine.

In his talk at Wabash, Dr. Tallamy will discuss his research, commitment to caring for native plants and the wildlife they support, and give advice on how anyone can play a role in this important ecological work. Twenty years ago, Dr. Tallamy planted an acorn, which today is a 40-foot oak tree that has restored over 240 species of caterpillars to his property.

Dr. Tallamy's lecture is free and open to the public.

Learn Hands-Only CPR During American Heart Month To Save Lives Of Loved Ones

During February – American Heart Month – the American Heart Association, the leading voluntary health organization devoted to a world of longer, healthier lives for all, is urging at least one person in every household to commit to learning Hands-Only CPR. Cardiovascular disease remains the leading cause of the death in the United States. This year's American Heart Month activities are designed to help motivate people to "Be the Beat" needed to keep someone alive by learning the two simple steps it takes to save a life – call 911 and push hard and fast in the center of the chest.

According to American Heart Association data, more than 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in the United States each year. CPR, especially if performed immediately, can double or triple a cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival – which is key since about 90% of people who suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrests die. And, because about 70% of cardiac arrests happen at home, odds are the person who needs CPR will be a family member or friend[1]. Hands-Only CPR is



American Heart Association.

quick and simple to learn and can be performed by any family member or bystanders.

"If you are called on to give CPR in an emergency, you will most likely be trying to save the life of a loved one: a spouse, a parent, grandparent, child or a friend," said Beth Keyser, President of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Indiana.

"We are excited to support the American Heart Association's Hands-Only CPR campaign and bring awareness to the importance of knowing CPR this Heart Month. We encourage people to be prepared for a cardiac emergency by learning Hands-Only CPR to help save lives."

Hands-Only CPR involves two simple steps and anyone can learn it from a 60-second video available at heart.org/handsonlycpr.

Step 1: If a teen or adult in your home sud-

denly collapses, call 911 immediately.

Step 2: Place one hand on top of the other as shown in the video and push hard and fast on the victim's chest.

Take advantage of our CPR training kiosks as you travel. At Indianapolis International Airport and eight other locations throughout the country, Hands-Only CPR training kiosks are produced by the American Heart Association and supported by the Elevance Health Foundation. Each kiosk has a touch screen with a short video that provides an overview of Hands-Only CPR, followed by a practice session and a 30-second test.

"The public can get trained in Hands-Only CPR in about five minutes while they are traveling," said Dr. Michelle A. Albert, president of the American Heart Association.

"The kiosk has a practice manikin and provides feedback about the depth and rate of compression, as well as proper hand placement – factors that influence the effectiveness of CPR."

According to the American Heart Association, people feel more confident performing Hands-Only CPR and are more likely to remember the correct rate when trained to the beat of a familiar song. All songs in our 'Don't Drop the Beat' playlist are between 100 - 120 beats per minute, the same rate at which rescuers should perform compressions when administering CPR. The beat of any of several songs including "Stayin' Alive," by the Bee Gees, "Crazy in Love," by Beyoncé featuring Jay-Z, "Hips Don't Lie," by Shakira" or "Walk the Line," by Johnny Cash can "Be the Beat" to save a life.

Visit heart.org/handsonlycpr to watch and share a Hands-Only CPR instructional video. Be the beat and help save a life!

The American Heart Association's Hands-Only CPR campaign is nationally supported by the Elevance Health Foundation.

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2023 Kia Niro Crossover Finds Its Efficient Hybrid Soul

It didn't look like much from the outside, but the first generation Kia Niro became a smash success, employing hybrid and EV technology far more advanced than its simple two-box shape would indicate. But it always seemed to while away in the shadow of its more flamboyant and taller sibling, the Soul. Not anymore. A flashier exterior, slick interior, and enhanced hybrid powertrain helps the re-designed 2023 Niro find its inner soul.

It finally looks the part of an electrified stylemeister. Front styling borrows from the larger Sportage with vertical LED headlamps and angled driving lights, but the two-box side is illuminated by black roof rails, distinguished black rear side panel, and taillamps that appear lifted from a Cadillac. It's small, but upscale. Paint it all over stylish

Likes:

- Funky urban style
- MPGs
- Slick infotainment

18" wheels.

The plush interior, focused on twin 10.25" screens for gauges and infotainment, could have been lifted from the Kia EV6 electric crossover. It's slick, but intuitively connects devices to the bumpin' Harman Kardon audio system through Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, and wireless charging in the console. Vegan leather seats are heated and ventilated up front. Grip a leather-wrapped steering wheel, dial in the dual-zone automatic climate control, and power open the sunroof too. Use your phone as a digital key.

Kia does not play around with safety. Our Niro Touring came with

Dislikes:

- No all-wheel-drive
- Pricy with options
- Acceleration more Prius than Tesla

automatic emergency braking, adaptive cruise, blind spot warning, and rear cross path detection with auto brake. A rear seat monitor and Safe Exit Assist, which uses the blind spot system to keep passengers from stepping into traffic, go one level higher.

Beneath the stylish attire is a hybrid powertrain consisting of a 1.6-liter four-cylinder engine, batteries, motors, and a proper 6-speed automatic transmission. Unlike most hybrids that employ a continuously-variable transmission that revs like a weedeater, the Niro drives like a normal car. Combined output rates 139 horsepower and 195 lb.-ft. of torque

2023 Kia Niro SX Touring

Five-passenger, FWD Crossover
Powertrain: 1.6-liter I4 Hybrid, 6-spd
Output: 139 hp/195 lb.-ft
Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind
Wheels f/r: 18"/18" alloy
Brakes f/r: Regen disc/disc
Must-have features: Style, MPGs
Fuel economy: 53/45 mpg city/hwy
Assembly: Kwasung, Korea
Base/As-tested price: \$26,490/\$36,435

for peppy urban performance. Fuel economy, the Niro's strongest car, comes in at 53/45-MPG city/highway. If this doesn't seem efficient enough (unlikely), there are also plug-in hybrid and fully electric versions of the Niro.

In the city or on the highway, the Niro is a sprightly little "crossover". It only comes in front-drive, but the tight four-wheel independent suspension carves up backroads and steps unbothered over rumples

city streets. It comes off of bridges and plants itself without drama. Compact dimensions allow it to park almost anywhere – big enough for long distance touring, but small enough to slip through traffic and parallel park with abandon.

Kia continues to step up its game with an efficient little crossover that excels with a luxurious high-tech interior and advanced safety systems. You and your small family can ride comfortably on



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

long trips with devices seamlessly connected or carve a path through city traffic. Fuel economy is off the chart and I expect the fully electric version to be even better. A base price of \$26,490 rose to just \$36,435 with every option imaginable. Competitors include the Toyota Prius, Ford Maverick Hybrid, and Hyundai Tucson Hybrid. Storm Forward!

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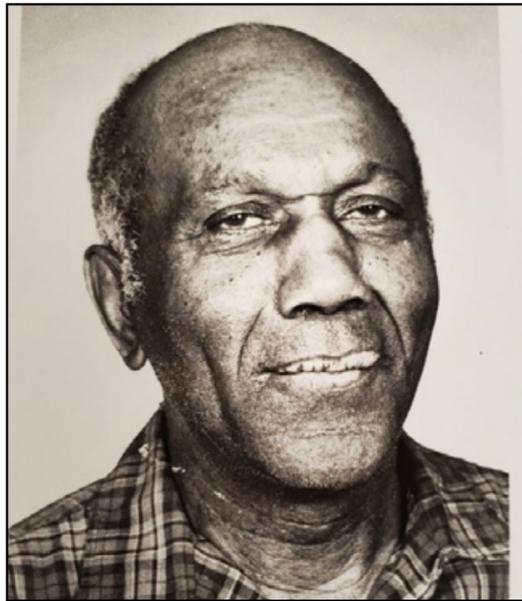
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The Lincoln School For Colored Children

EDITOR'S NOTE: In 1881 Crawfordsville School Trustees ordered a school be built at the southwest corner of Spring and North Walnut Streets to serve black students in grades 1-8. Once graduated, the students attended the integrated Crawfordsville High School. This site accommodated the vast majority of black families living in Crawfordsville's north end. Trustees purchased the lot in September 1881 for \$2,000. On Dec. 3, 1881, Hinckley and Norris won the contract to build the building for \$6,400. The architects designed a plain two-story red brick structure with playgrounds for all the black children who resided in that area. Lincoln School officially opened in September 1882 with 42 students. When the black population moved to the east end to work in the factories, Linclon Building 1 was renovated into Horace Mann, and Linclon Build 2 was opened on East Wabash Avenue. That building became Lincoln Rec Center and was demolished in 1981. This project began as a project historical research project to honor all those individuals who went to school in separate and unequal facilities as the law dictated.

Clarence Norwood "Sam" Churchill 1906-1985
Clarence was born on 26 August 1906 in



Clarence Norwood "Sam" Churchill

Crawfordsville, Indiana, to William and Denia Richey. Bethel AME Church history suggests that "his mother was an ex-slave born in Canada, who was the neighborhood's midwife before Blacks were allowed treatment in local hospitals. Her knowledge of herbal medicine was of special note; she used smashed eels for shingles". Denia's cousin, George W. Thompson, was a schoolteacher at Crawfordsville's Lincoln School for Colored Children.

Clarence had good memories of his child-

hood. When Clarence was born, the family lived on Harrison Street. "All I did was run with the White kids all the time, and played around and went to their homes. They would come to my house. My mother would feed them, and their mothers would feed me. We went swimming and fishing, catching catfish, carp, sunfish, bluegill, and crappies."

Clarence attended Lincoln School for Colored Children. He remembered students "did a whole lot of reading, arithmetic, geography, and other things like

track, basketball, and baseball. We didn't have any White teachers". When Clarence graduated from eighth grade at Lincoln, he started working at the Montgomery County Lumber Yard on Green Street in 1920. He began by sweeping shavings and moved to delivering materials to customers. "To be able to go to work, I had to go get my work permit. But I had to go to school as well as work. I said that if I didn't get to play baseball or basketball, I wouldn't go to school. The superintendent agreed that I could play". Unfortunately, the athletic director disagreed and told Clarence, "No Niggers can play on my team." Clarence punched him, knocked him down, broke his nose, and walked out. "The school was going to sue me, and then I was going to sue it; because they weren't supposed to say "Nigger" in the school. He (the athletic director) was from the South, and none of the White people liked him. If White people don't like someone of their own color, then you know that something is the matter." Clarence stayed with the Montgomery County Lumber Company until it closed, selling the last piece of lumber from the business. With the money he

made, he purchased his parents' house.

Clarence was married three times. He married his first wife, Estella "Stella" Harriett James, in February 1929. Their son, Jasper Norwood, was born on 24 October 1936. However, Clarence sued for divorce on 19 January 1935. Clarence married his second wife, Augusta Pettus, in November 1942. They, too, divorced. He married again on 22 December 1955 to Lillian Dorothy Collier. The couple lived at 212 West Spring Street.

Clarence played semiprofessional baseball with multiple teams pitching, playing first base and centerfield. As he tells the story, "I played my first game when I was just nine years old. We were called the Crawfordsville Greys, a colored team. I was just a batboy when the centerfielder could not play. So they put me in centerfield. I ran, jumped the fence, and caught a flyball. I have played ball ever since".

Clarence worked for Amtrak selling tickets, loading, and counting people. He worked as a chauffeur and custodian for the Ben Hur Building, Wabash College's Goodrich Hall, and Phi Delta Gamma. He ran the skating rink, washed

houses, and worked at the courthouse. He left the area in 1969 and worked for a doctor and as a chauffeur in the Danville area.

Clarence remembers the Ku Klux Klan meeting in about 1966 held on State Road 136, on top of the hill. "They were always talking about colored people; they were going to let them do this and that. At one time, all dressed in white clothes, they built a cross on this guy's farm. Some of the White people and the colored people were going out to shoot him." When asked about his thoughts on the Civil Rights Movement, Clarence said, "colored people are entitled to the same as the White people are because we serve the Lord first of all here on earth. It's all in politics. You're human, and everyone else is human."

Relatives and Crawfordsville residents remember Clarence's outstanding pool-playing skills that he honed on Indianapolis' "The Avenue" (Indiana Avenue near the Walker Theater). He was so good that he was banned from the local Bank Cigar Store because he was labeled a pool shark.

Clarence died on 14 November 1985 and was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

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