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Amanda Shelton and Arianne Vaught smile while working hard to make sure everyone gets served at Breakfast Company. Thank you for your smiles ladies!

### ▶ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

**1** Want to get those final votes in on Readers' Choice '23? Then you better hurry because voting ends this weekend! Remember, RC is very much like Chicago politics - vote early and vote often! However, when the voting ends soon, that'll be it for another year. You have two options on voting - you can go to [www.thetimes24-7.com](http://www.thetimes24-7.com) and click on the Readers' Choice banner and then fill out the ballot. Or, you can e-mail your votes to [ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com](mailto:ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com). But whichever way you choose, hurry. Time is running out!

**2** Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita told the general public that his office is ready to defend the recently passed transgender bill. "Signing the bill that protects our children from irreversible and damaging decisions was the right move by the governor. Banning these experimental procedures is critical for the health and wellbeing of future generations. My office is thankful for the General Assembly's hard work to ensure this got across the finish line. We are ready to defend it in court."

**3** Indiana Sen. Mike Braun applauded a new state law that would stop irreversible and dangerous "gender transition" drugs and procedures for minors, including puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and irreversible surgeries such as mastectomies for the purpose of "gender transition." Gov. Eric Holcomb signed it into law Wednesday. "A child cannot consent to irreversible sex change surgery, and Indiana will no longer allow children to take dangerous drugs with long-term consequences like puberty blockers and hormone therapies in the name of extreme gender theories," Braun said. "These kids are clearly having a hard time, and we need to give them compassion and mental health help rather than dangerous, un-tested, unapproved drugs and irreversible surgeries." Braun said that puberty blockers and hormone therapies have not been approved by the FDA for "gender transition," and when prescribed to children have long term medical consequences which are not reversible, including loss of bone mass and infertility.

**4** To celebrate 50 days out from the 107th Indianapolis 500, 50 representatives from IMS, the NTT INDYCAR SERIES and local race teams will work with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful to plant more than 80 native trees along Georgetown Road from W. 30th Street to W. 38th Street. Staff from participating NTT INDYCAR SERIES teams and manufacturers include: Arrow McLaren, Chip Ganassi Racing, Dale Coyne Racing with RWR, Juncos Hollinger Racing, Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing, Team Penske and Team Chevy. The 107th Indianapolis 500 is scheduled for Sunday, May 28. Fifty days out from Race Day is Saturday.

**5** Indiana fishing and hunting licenses are now available for purchase for the upcoming seasons. They are valid April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024.

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## Local Author Transforms Work Into Book



DAVID MICHAEL

Over the last 14 years Crawfordsville resident and local author David Michel has been researching and developing material. His efforts resulted in a 192-page book, *The Transformed Mind*.

Michel's work involved 52 sets of positive affirmations to help the reader develop character attributes that are found in the New Testament. Those positive affirmations correspond to 52 character attributes found in the New Testament. The material can be used in family devotional times and in

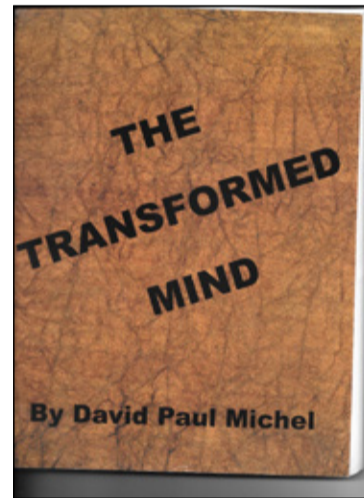
personal study for growth in Christlikeness. Positive affirmations are written in such a way as to help one transform their subconscious mind with statements from the Bible and thus change their behavior. The book includes a definition of each of the characteristics derived from the meaning of the Greek word used in the New Testament. Also included are several Bible verses that show each characteristic to be one that Jesus wants us to model.

*The Transformed Mind* contains a summary of world religions. In order to know how Christianity is different from all other world religions, a summary of how each world religion was founded, what they believe and what they practice is included. This is followed by an explanation of how Christianity is different from all the other religions of the world.

A third section of the book contains various views held on the meaning of life from ancient times to the present. This is followed by an interactive Gospel presentation that may be copied and used in teaching others.

The book is self-published and is available by mail by sending a check for \$15 (this includes \$5 for postage) made out to David Michel and sent to his address: 48 Copperleaf Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Or it can be purchased at this address for \$10.

Michel and his wife have four children and eight grandchildren. He has served as a Deacon and an Elder at his church in Fort Wayne before moving to Crawfordsville eight years ago.



## The Daily Almanac

**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 7:16 a.m.  
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**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 59 °F  
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**Today is...**  
• Good Friday  
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### What Happened On This Day

- **1969** The internet is born. The Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) awarded a contract to build a precursor of today's world wide web to BBN Technologies. The date is widely considered as the internet's symbolic birthday.
- **1948** The World Health Organization is established. The WHO is a United Nations agency concerned with fighting disease and epidemics worldwide, building up national health services, and improving health education in its 194 member states.
- **1827** The first friction match is sold. English chemist John Walker produced and sold the first operable matches. They were soon banned in France and Germany because burning fragments would sometimes fall to the floor and start fires.



### Births On This Day

- **1964** Russell Crowe New Zealand/Australian actor, singer, producer
- **1954** Jackie Chan Chinese actor, martial artist, director, producer, screenwriter

### Deaths On This Day

- **1891** P. T. Barnum American businessman, founded Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey Circus
- **1947** Henry Ford American businessman, founded the Ford Motor Company

## We Americans Have Seen WAY Too Many Commercials!



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

"It's time to wake up and get ready for school. You overslept, so you'll have to eat cereal this morning. Tell me which one you want, and I'll get it ready." "Well, I like 'snap, crackle, pop' Rice Krispies, but Wheaties are 'the Breakfast of Champions.' I am 'cuckoo for Coca-Puffs,' and Frosted Flakes are 'G-r-r-reat', too. But I think I'll have Lucky Charms because 'they are magically delicious!'"

Butch gulped down his cereal, and drank his orange juice. "You know, Mom, 'a day without orange juice is like a day without sunshine'...OOPS, I spilled a little on the table." "Don't worry, honey, I have some Bounty towels handy... It's 'the quicker picker-upper.' You can have a sip of my coffee before you get dressed... It's Maxwell House... 'good to the last drop.' Now what do you want me to pack for your lunch?"

"Gee, Mom, do you have

any Colonel Sanders fried chicken left from last night? It's 'finger-lickin' good'...and maybe put some Lay's potato chips in with it?" "Sure, but 'I bet you can't eat just one.' I also have a piece of Pillsbury cake from last night. 'Nothin' says lovin' like somethin' from the oven.' Or maybe a bag of M&M's?... 'They melt in your mouth, not in your hand.' Now get to the bathroom... wash your face, brush your teeth, and comb your hair. The school bus will be here shortly."

It was almost 7:45 a.m. according to Butch's Timex watch, which 'takes a licking, but keeps on ticking.' He washed his face with Dial soap. "Don't you wish everybody did?...and then hurriedly brushed his teeth and looked in the mirror. "I wonder where the yellow went when I brush my teeth with Pepsodent?" Then he grabbed his tube of Brylcreem. "Now Butch, don't use too much of that. You know 'just a little dab'll do ya.' Here's some gum to take with you. 'Double your pleasure, double your fun...with Doublemint, Doublemint, Doublemint gum!'"

Well, Butch rushed out the door just as the bus pulled up. His bus driver is a great guy, and has been driving a bus for almost fifty years. He's just like the Energizer bunny. He 'keeps going, and going, and going!' He really shouldn't smoke, but he said that 'Winston tastes good like a cigarette should.' Butch sat next to his

best friend, Steve, who pulled something from his satchel. "Hey, Steve, what's that?" "It's slinky, it's slinky...everyone know's it's slinky! And look what else my parents bought for me yesterday...new Levi jeans!... You know 'quality never goes out of style.'"

Well, Butch had a great morning at school and it was time for lunch. Steve's mom packed him a thermos of Campbell's soup... 'M'm! M'm! Good!'...and his favorite sandwich. "My bologna has a first name, it's O-S-C-A-R... My bologna has a second name, it's M-A-Y-E-R. And if you ask me why, I'll say, cause Oscar-Mayer has a way with B-O-L-O-G-N-A." And not only that, she sent an Almond Joy and Mounds candy bars, and he told Butch he could have one, too. It was difficult to choose, because 'sometimes you feel like a nut, and sometimes you don't.' After lunch, the two boys played tag during recess, but both had an upset stomach...yep, too much candy. "The teacher sent them to the school nurse, who gave them Aika-Seltzer... 'Plop, plop, fizz, fizz, oh, what a relief it is!' "Now if you two boys feel like you might need to use the restroom, while you're in there... 'please don't squeeze the Charmin.'"

When Butch arrived home that afternoon, he did his homework, and his mother fixed him one of his favorites. "Wow,

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### ▶ HONEST HOOSIER

Anyone else remember Gene Autry singing Here Comes Peter Cottontail hopping down the bunny trail?



### ▶ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Chronic sinus and nose problems can often be solved by using a salt water nasal irrigator like a neti pot or Sinus Rinse®. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in *The Paper* and online at [www.thepaper24-7.com](http://www.thepaper24-7.com).



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### ▶ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE Smile!

Are you a proud parent or grandparent? Got a great photo of your loved one? E-mail it to [news@thepaper24-7.com](mailto: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

"The holy passion of friendship is of so enduring and steady and loyal and sweet a nature that it will last through a whole lifetime, if not asked to lend money."  
-Mark Twain

### ▶ TODAY'S JOKE

Why didn't the artist stop running?  
She was on the home sketch!

### ▶ OBITUARIES

None

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## OBITUARIES

### Michael J. Hart

November 7, 1953, Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Michael J. Hart passed away on April 4, 2023 at Franciscan Health in Crawfordsville. He was born on November 7, 1953 to Kenneth Hart and Cherry (Young) Myers in Crawfordsville.



Michael graduated from South Montgomery High School. He was an auto mechanic at various local dealerships.

Michael is survived by daughter, Christina Hart and a friend, Karen Bowling. He was predeceased by his parents, a sister, Cheryl McCreary, and a granddaughter, Ivy Blayke Davis.

Graveside services will be held on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 2:00pm at Blakesburg Cemetery in Fincastle with Pastor Terry Johnson officiating. Share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

## Club News

# Psi Iota Xi, Gamma Xi Chapter Meeting

Thirteen members attended the business meeting of the Gamma Xi Chapter of Psi Iota Xi on April 3, 2023 at the Crawfordsville District Public Library. President Tonya Michael called the meeting to order with the Opening Verse and announced an anniversary and a birthday. The treasurer's report was given by Pam Karle. The minutes of the last meeting were sent by email and approved.

The slate of officers for the 2023-2024 year was approved. The officers will be President - Tonya Michael, Vice-President - Angie Griggs, Corresponding Secretary - Jenny Slavens, Recording Secretary - Tamara Hemmerlein, Conductress - Julie Swick, Advisor - Jennie Hesler, and Treasurer - Pam Karle.

Committee reports were presented. Our Everyone Reads in Montgomery County event took place at the Crawfordsville District Public Library on March 18th with area elementary children enjoying door prizes, crafts, and

refreshments. Everyone enjoyed how much the children loved choosing two books to take home. Some children couldn't wait and started reading at the event! Our chapter members want to give a big thank you for the book donation to Penguin Random House! Soon, Pam Karle will be delivering goody bags to some area classrooms for the Easter Bunny.

Plans are being made for our Summer Speech Clinic for children during the month of June. Area school speech pathologists will be contacting parents with information in April and May.

Our members are excited to be attending the Indiana State Meeting on April 22nd in Lafayette. We will be inviting Indiana chapters to attend the 2024 Indiana State Meeting hosted by our chapter. The next meeting of the Gamma Xi Chapter will be held on May 1st at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned with our closing verse by President Tonya Michael.

# Attorney General Todd Rokita Releases Annual Report To Promote Accountability And Transparency

Attorney General Todd Rokita today released his office's 2022 Annual Report as part of his on-going commitment to be accountable and transparent to Hoosiers.

"In 2022, we continued a pattern of accomplishment on behalf of Indiana citizens and taxpayers," Attorney General Rokita said. "We kept up our work protecting liberty, upholding the rule of law and keeping Hoosier families safe and secure at an all-time low cost to the state."

The annual report details the work of Attorney General Rokita and his team in such areas as consumer protection, financial stewardship, defending the Constitution, fighting federal overreach, supporting job creators & economic

growth, targeting Big Tech abuses and much more.

In 2022, the Office of the Attorney General recovered more than \$475 million on behalf of Hoosier taxpayers — including the Unclaimed Property Division's return of \$62 million in assets to rightful owners.

The office spends five times less than it collects in General Fund dollars. This even excludes multi-state opioid settlements in which the office anticipates recovering nearly \$1 billion by 2038 from opioid manufacturers, distributors and retailers.

In comparison, the state has only received about \$3.1 billion over the past 25 years under the multistate tobacco master settlement.

"Through hard work

and servant leadership, my staff and I achieved significant victories for Hoosiers throughout 2022," Attorney General Rokita said. "As we enter the spring of 2023, we're fully committed to keep doing all the things necessary to continue producing such positive results."

Attorney General Rokita and his team won lawsuits against the Biden administration over such infringements as vaccine mandates.

They stood up for Hoosiers' liberty by publishing the Parents Bill of Rights and the Gun Owners Bill of Rights.

They repeatedly won court victories defending pro-life laws.

They achieved important settlements for Hoosiers with pharma-

ceutical companies that irresponsibly contributed to the devastating opioid crisis, with robocallers that scammed Hoosiers and with Big Tech companies that violated users' privacy.

They pressed the Biden administration to secure the U.S. southern border and — in a "first" for an inland state — sued the federal government over the costs exacted from Indiana due to the federal government's failures on this issue of national security.

They helped protect religious liberty through such actions as supporting Catholic schools' successful efforts to affirm they have the right to require ministerial staff — including educators and counselors — to uphold Catholic doctrine.

# LeW Wallace Study Seeks Volunteers For Park Day

The General LeW Wallace Study, in cooperation with the American Battlefield Trust, invites local history enthusiasts to participate in Park Day 2023. Park Day will be held on April 15th from 9-12. Park Day is an annual work day hosted at Civil War and American Revolution sites across the nation. The General LeW Wallace Study & Museum is the only site in Indiana to participate.

Volunteers will be 'sprucing up' the grounds

by mulching the gardens, raking leaves, painting, setting up the picnic area, gathering sticks, dividing perennials and potting up seedlings. The volunteers will receive a free tour of the Study. The Museum will have a limited supply of tools and volunteers are encouraged to bring their favorite garden implement. Light refreshments will be provided.

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# Forever Among The Greatest Players In Purdue History



**KEN THOMPSON**  
Columnist

Zach Edey's place among the all-time greatest to play basketball at Purdue was cemented Tuesday by winning his sixth and final 2022-23 National Player of the Year honor, the Wooden Award.

Whether Edey supplants All-American Joe Barry Carroll as the Boilermakers' center on an all-time team will be left to others. Some will want to use Carroll's role in Purdue reaching the Final Four and becoming the No. 1 overall NBA draft pick as a tiebreaker, but the pro game has changed dramatically since 1980.

The only thing certain is that the Edey household in Toronto is going to have to find room for a museum-sized trophy case.

Here is just a sample of the dozens of honors Edey has earned this season:

- National Player of the Year honors (Wooden, Naismith, Oscar Robertson Trophy (United States Basketball Writers Association), Associated Press, National Association of Basketball Coaches, Sporting News)
- Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award (nation's top center)
- Pete Newell Big Man of the Year Award
- Unanimous first-team All-American
- Big Ten Player of the Year
- Big Ten Tournament

Most Outstanding Player Edey is the first Canadian winner of the Wooden Award and the first Purdue player since Glenn Robinson in 1994 to be the recipient.

The 7-4 junior averaged 22.3 points, 12.9 rebounds, 2.1 blocks and 1.5 assists per game. He is the first player in NCAA history with at least 750 points, 400 rebounds, 70 blocked shots and 50 assists in a season.

Edey owns the single-season rebounds record (438) and fell one game shy of matching Caleb Swanigan's single-season double-doubles record with 27. If Edey decides to return for his senior season, he will have a chance to break Rick Mount's 53-year-old career scoring record of 2,323 points. Through 99 games, Edey has 1,533 points. The only players to score more points through their junior seasons were Mount, Robinson and Carsen Edwards.

Not to pull a Ford Frick\* but Mount played just 72 games and did not have freshman eligibility or a 3-point line. Robinson put up 1,706 points in 62 games as he was academically ineligible by NCAA rules as a freshman and bypassed his senior season for the NBA.

\*Ford Frick was the commissioner of Major League Baseball in 1961 - the first year of the 162-game schedule - when he ruled that a player must hit more than Babe Ruth's record 60 home runs in his first 154 games in order to be considered the record holder. Roger Maris hit No. 61 in the New York Yankees' 162nd game but fans and official record keepers ignored Frick and considered Maris the new home run king.)

Edey is Purdue's third National Player of the Year winner, joining John Wooden (1932) and Robinson.

Like Edey, Robinson was the unanimous selection for National Player of the Year. Wooden presented Robinson with his namesake trophy and was asked about the Big Dog's place in Purdue history by the Journal & Courier's Jeff Washburn.

"At his size, Glenn can do more things, probably, than any other player that I know that Purdue has had," said Wooden, who shared No. 13 with Robinson. "As an all-around player, he is just marvelous."

"As far as his college play, Glenn will go down as the greatest Purdue has had."

What about Rick Mount, Washburn asked. "They are entirely different players," Wooden said. "To put Rick in Glenn's class, no. But as a scorer, yes."

High praise also came from Michigan State's Jud Heathcote, who coached a guy named Magic Johnson in the late 1970s.

"Glenn Robinson is as good a player as the Big Ten probably has ever had," Heathcote said in 1994.

In my previous career as sports editor of the Journal & Courier, I once wrote that Robinson was the greatest Boilermaker to wear No. 13. Older Purdue fans begged to differ.

Wooden stood 5-9, 10 inches shorter than Robinson. That didn't stop him from becoming the first player in college basketball history to be named a three-time consensus All-American.

Long before Brian Cardinal became "Citizen

Pain," Wooden earned a nickname of his own. For his so-called suicidal dives on the court, Wooden was referred to as either "The India Rubber Man" or "The Indiana Rubber Man" depending on the source.

Wooden was named the Helms Athletic Foundation Player of the Year in 1932, the same organization that awarded Purdue the national championship that season. At the time when rules called for a jump ball after every made basket, Wooden broke the Big Ten scoring record with 154 points in 12 Big Ten games, a 12.1 average.

"People actually used to call him 'The Freak,' " current Purdue coach Matt Painter said on "Purdue Profiles: John Wooden." "He was so athletic. People always talked about what a good player he was, how tough he was."

Wooden excelled off the court as well. During the first semester of his senior year, Wooden's grade point average ranked 19th in a student body that numbered 4,675.

"If the most brilliant amateur basketball player in the country was to be selected, the name of John Wooden outshines all others," rival coach Dr. Walter Meanwell of Wisconsin wrote shortly after Wooden's senior season.

"This boy is a senior, weighs 180 pounds and can do anything with a basketball that anybody else can do and has a number of amazing tricks of his own. Wooden ... is the unanimous choice of every critic who has seen him for an honor team."

Long wait ends Gene Keady's election to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame nearly a week ago relieved some

fears inside and outside of Mackey Arena.

There were some Purdue faithful who worried that election wouldn't come until after Keady's passing, having fallen short in 2004 and 2006. He turns 87 on May 21.

A record seven Big Ten Coach of the Year honors and six National Coach of the Year awards during his 25 years at Purdue. Six Big Ten championships. A Purdue record 512 wins.

All that was missing was a Final Four, a pretty obvious roadblock to election for nearly 20 years. Very few coaches in the Naismith Hall entered without a Final Four on their resume: Lefty Driesell (inducted in 2018). Pete Carril (1997). John Chaney (2001).

"It's the greatest honor I've ever had," Keady told the Big Ten Network's Andy Katz. "It means I'm old. I've coached at all levels and seen a lot of things. Eddie Sutton was probably the best coach I was ever around at Arkansas. I had great experiences and a lot of good people helped me."

It was literally half his lifetime ago that Keady came to Purdue from Western Kentucky. He was 43 and still had most of his hair, as indicated in photos taken from his introductory press conference on April 11, 1980.

Keady occasionally travels with the Boilermakers, now coached by his protégé Matt Painter. Keady wore a Purdue jacket and cap when he was introduced at the Final Four in Houston alongside the rest of the Hall of Fame class.

Katz asked Keady what he loved at Purdue.

"They expected good academics, which I always

thought was the No. 1 thing," Keady said. "If you got your degree, you were on my good list. It was in a great league and we always had great attendance at the games. You can't beat that."

Painter is the most successful branch of the Keady coaching tree that includes Bruce Weber (497 wins at Southern Illinois, Illinois and Kansas State), Steve Lavin (248 wins at UCLA, St. John's and San Diego), Kevin Stallings (479 wins at Illinois State, Vanderbilt and Pittsburgh) and Cuonzo Martin (264 wins at Missouri State, Tennessee, California and Missouri).

Painter, who is 99 victories shy of Keady's record at Purdue, has a special place in his coach's heart.

"He's like a son," Keady told Katz. "He was very coachable. He told his dad that he didn't know if coach Keady knew what he was doing. His dad told him to shut up and do what he says. Now he's the coach."

Keady becomes the fifth Purdue person in the Naismith Hall of Fame.

Crawfordsville's own, Ward "Piggy" Lambert, was inducted posthumously in 1960 alongside his two greatest players, John Wooden and Charles "Stretch" Murphy. The 1960 United States Olympic gold medal winning basketball team, whose starting lineup included Purdue All-American Terry Dischinger, was honored in 2010.

*-Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years*

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# Not Funny You Should Say That St. Elizabeth School Of Nursing Will Host An Information Day



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Life in a Nutshell

I think I just read some great news. But I'm not positive how to process the information. Here's the headline:

**EXPERT SAYS DAD'S TERRIBLE JOKES ARE GREAT FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

Wait a second! The jokes I told my son Brett as he was growing up were not terrible. I resent that. But even if they were bad, that's apparently a good thing. Confused, I read on....

A researcher named Marc Hye-Knudsen wrote an article in a British journal with the title:

**DAD JOKES? THAT'S THE WAY EYE ROLL**

His premise is that when fathers tell dumb jokes and lame puns, it prepares their kids to deal with awkward circumstances, giving them a little experience in life with embarrassing and demeaning situations. It might even assist in dealing effectively with bullies because it teaches them self-control. It sounded like a bunch of baloney, but I

wanted to believe it, so I called Brett, who is now an adult, to share the story I had just read.

"Brett, it's Dad. I need to tell you something."

"Geesh, Dad, I'm 35 years old. Not another juvenile joke!"

"Yes, yes, that's just what I was hoping you'd say. I read an article that says my telling dumb jokes to you when you were a kid helped you grow into a well-adjusted adult."

"It's true, Dad. I never thought you were funny, but reacting to your lame puns really did help me deal with other embarrassing experiences down the road."

"Brett, that is exactly what the British psychologist said. Are there any jokes that were particularly bad that might have led you to a more productive and satisfying life?"

"Well, I remember one about the duck who walked into a pharmacy and said, 'I need some lip balm and you can put it on my bill.' Now, Dad, that's just a dreadful joke. I found it demeaning and insulting for both of us."

"Thank you so much for saying that. How lucky you were to have such a humorless father."

And now, a 100 percent true story about how I really did humiliate Brett some 30 years ago:

Brett was in the fourth grade and I was doing field reporting for WISH-

TV. The Broadway show CATS was playing at Beef and Boards and I thought it would be fun to have the make-up artist apply the same cosmetics on me as she did for the actors in the show. The process took quite a while. When I looked at myself in the mirror some two hours later, it was bizarre feeling like my normal self but staring at a cat in the reflection. That's when I had an idea. I would go to my son's class and surprise the kids with my new feline face.

When I reached the school I checked in to the main office, explained my plan and made my way to Brett's room. After getting the teacher's attention through the tiny side window and identifying myself, I slithered in through the door.

The kids went wild—screaming, laughing, meowing. "WHO IS IT?" asked one kid in the front row. No one knew who I was, of course, with one notable exception.

From the back of the room came my son's voice, dripping in embarrassment: "Probably my father."

*- Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.*

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## Consumer Alert: Products Recalled In March

Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in March. Attorney General Rokita encourages consumers to take advantage of opportunities available for those who purchased the recalled items.

"Spring has sprung and so have house projects," Attorney General Rokita said. "That means making sure household products are working correctly. Hoosiers shouldn't have to deal with faulty items. If you have one of the recalled products, stop using it immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer."

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

•PRO XL501 Chipper Shredders from DR Power Equipment

•Docking Stations Sold with STIHL iMOW Robotic Lawn Mowers from STIHL Incorporated

•Sportsman All-Terrain Vehicles from Polaris

•Arctic Cat Alterra 600 and Tracker 600 All-Terrain Vehicles from Textron Specialized Vehicles

•Natural Gas Boilers from Burnham Commercial

•Office Chairs from TJX

•Patagonia Infant Capilene Midweight Base Layer Sets from Patagonia

•Children's Bamboo Plates from Primark

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•Classic Whimsy Children's Pajamas from Smocked Runway

•Multi-Purpose Kids Bike Helmets from Ouwoer Direct

•Wakeboard Bindings from Active Sports

•Soft Coolers and Gear Cases from YETI

•Aprepitant Capsules and Lidocaine and Prilocaine Cream Prescription Drugs from Sandoz

•Portable SRTH Small Room Tower Heaters from Vornado Air

•Kindred Bravely Bamboo Nursing Hoodies from Akerson Enterprises

•All Calico Critters Animal Figures and Sets Sold with Bottle and Pacifier Accessories from Epoch Everlasting Play

•Bedsure Electric Heating Blankets and Pads from Bedshe International

•Pure Outdoor Cooking System from Monoprice

•Crib Bumpers from Meiling Hou

If you believe you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it, and check its recall notice. Then, follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

## Indiana Legislators Need To Act Now To Lower Healthcare Costs

Owners reporting labor quality as their top small business operating problem remains elevated at 23%, according to NFIB's monthly jobs report.

Labor costs reported as the single most important problem to business owners decreased one point to 11%, just two points below the highest reading of 13% reached in December 2021.

"What's clear from this latest small business survey is that small business owners are still struggling to hire workers. The problem is even worse here in Indiana because of the high cost of health care. Indiana has one of the highest health care costs in the nation. According to NFIB's latest survey, the biggest reason that 65% of our small business owners don't offer health care is that it's too expensive. Indiana lawmakers have a great opportunity to act upon this staggering fact.

Right now, they are considering a bill that would prevent hospitals from charging hospital rates in doctor office settings, forcing them to bill for the service where the care was provided. This would move the needle in the right direction and help make health care costs more affordable for small business owners across the state," said Natalie Robinson, NFIB State Director in Indiana.

Forty-three percent (seasonally adjusted) of all owners reported job openings they could not fill in the current period, down four points from February. Thirty-four percent of owners have openings for skilled workers and 19% have openings for unskilled labor.

Small business owners' plans to fill open positions continued to ease, with a seasonally adjusted net 15% planning to create new jobs in the next three

months, down two points from February and well below the recent peak of 23% reached last September. While large businesses shed workers, small business owners have reported some hiring success in the last 4 months, with more firms reporting increased employment than reductions.

Overall, 59% reported hiring or trying to hire in March, down one point from last month. Of those hiring or trying to hire, 90% of owners reported few or no qualified applicants for the positions they were trying to fill. Twenty-six percent of owners reported few qualified applicants for their open positions and 27% reported none.

Seasonally adjusted, a net 42% of owners reported raising compensation, down four points from February. A net 22% plan to raise compensation in the next three months.

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➔ Births

## Sophia Ellen Mary Binch

A daughter, Sophia Mary Ellen Binch, was born at Witham Memorial Hospital in Lebanon on Friday, March 31, 2023. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 1 ounce.

Sophia has a sister, Summer, and a brother,

Sean.

Maternal grandparents are Cheryl Hollowell of Topeka and David Stephenson of Fort Wayne and paternal grandparents are Beth Binch. Paternal great-grandparents are Arvin and Mary Brokaw of New Ross.

## Arabella Reign Posser

A daughter, Arabella Reign Posser, was born at Witham Memorial Hospital in Lebanon to William Posser and Linsey Oats of Crawfordsville on Monday, April 3, 2023. The baby weighed 7 pounds,

11 ounces.

This is their first child. Maternal grandparents are John and Melinda Powell of Crawfordsville and paternal grandparents are Mike and Mellisa Augburn of Crawfordsville.

# Ivy Tech Lafayette And Kokomo Campuses Help Meet Demand For Paramedics And EMTs

Indiana is facing a shortage of paramedics due to increasing demand for emergency medical services. To help meet the demand, Ivy Tech Community College Lafayette in partnership with the Ivy Tech Kokomo campus is offering a pathway for students who want to make a difference as a public servant.

The program allows students in Lafayette to attend virtual lectures online and attend their lab sessions at the Ivy

Tech Kokomo campus, which can be taken at convenient times. Students need to attend only one virtual lecture and one in-person lab per week. The lectures and labs are offered on three different days of the week, and students can choose the day that is most convenient to them on a weekly basis. This allows Lafayette students to fit their class work into their busy and often varied schedules.

Applications for the

program are being accepted now through May 15 at [ivytech.edu/apply/NursingAndHealthSciences](http://ivytech.edu/apply/NursingAndHealthSciences). Late applications may be accepted by emailing [tshepard@ivytech.edu](mailto:tshepard@ivytech.edu).

Students requiring the EMT course, please reach out to Tami Shepard [tshepard@ivytech.edu](mailto:tshepard@ivytech.edu), as summer and fall options may be available.

The program begins in the Fall 2023 that begins in August, and ends in May 2025. Classes

are held consecutively through 21 months and the schedule recognizes college breaks and major holidays.

The program is eligible for an Employer Training Grant offered through the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. Financial aid is available to qualified students.

For more information, contact Tami Shepard, Dean of the School of Health Sciences at Ivy Tech Kokomo, at [tshepard@ivytech.edu](mailto:tshepard@ivytech.edu).

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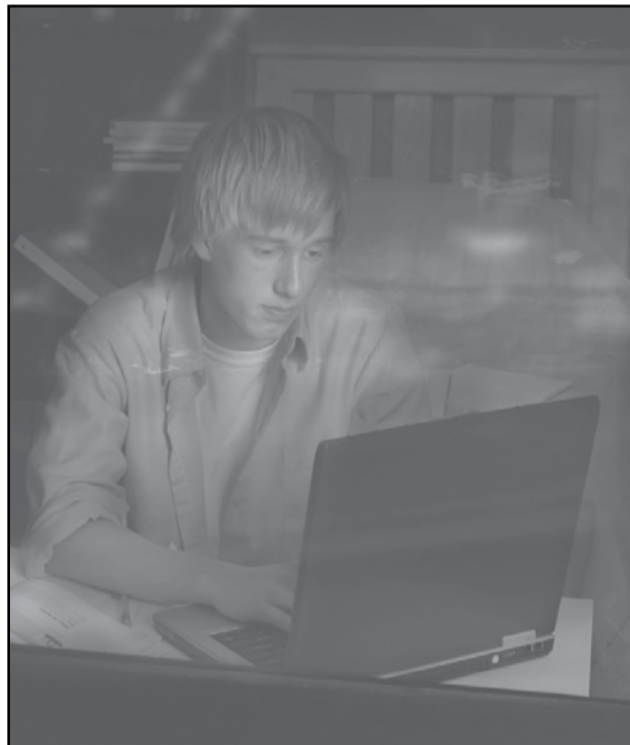
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Rice-a-Roni, 'the San Francisco treat', and a pork sandwich, 'the other white meat', with Wonder bread, because 'it builds strong bodies 12 ways'. He 'coulda had a V-8', but instead he drank a Coca-Cola because 'things go better with Coke.' Butch watched TV for a while, but went to bed early because he was starting to get a cold. "Here, honey, take some Ny-Quil, 'the nighttime sniffing, sneezing, coughing, aching, stuffy head fever so you can rest medicine.'" You know, Butch's mother is 'just like baseball, hot dogs, apple pie, and Chevrolet.' She's the best!

Well, Butch had a great day, and tomorrow is his birthday...and guess what? His Mom and Dad are taking him to

McDonalds. He craves Big Macs... "two all beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions on a sesame seed bun." He's lovin' it!

Folks, I very seldom watch TV nowadays. My wife and I usually read our books after supper. However, a few weeks ago there was a movie on that I thought might be good. After the first ten minutes, they switched to commercials...TEN commercials in a row for the next five minutes. Then ten minutes of the movie...then TEN more commercials....I gave up.

*-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.*

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