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TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 30:21 *And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.*

FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Sabrina Robinson 48 smiles happily for The Paper while enjoying the beautiful sunshine. Thank you for your smile!
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).

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Identity Theft reports have increased by 200% in the U.S. over the last decade, and 584% in the last 20 years. ConsumerAffairs released a report that examines identity theft statistics locally to shed light on trends and how they vary across the country. Indianapolis had the 93rd highest amount of identity theft reports per capita in the U.S., and highest in Indiana. Indiana had the #28 highest reports of Identity Theft in the U.S., and saw a 95% increase in reports since before the pandemic.

2 The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is accepting applications for DUA from individuals in Allen, Benton, Clinton, Grant, Howard, Johnson, Lake, Monroe, Morgan, Owen, Sullivan, and White counties whose employment or self-employment was lost or interrupted due to severe storms, straight-line winds, and tornados between March 31, and April 1. Applications for DUA must be filed by May 22.

3 The city of Crawfordsville will host a county-wide job fair on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from 9AM – 6PM at the 4-H Fair Grounds. Nearly 40 employers have already registered for the event with more continuing to be accepted. This job fair is available for all individuals looking for a job or a career change.

BTN

By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous details, bias or slanted reporting. To borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!

48%

Behinning January 1 2025, the Governor's salary is going to increase to be almost aligned with an Indiana Supreme Court Justice.

34th in the Country

As of 2022 Gov. Holcomb's salary is ranked 34th in the country, with Maine having the lowest paid governor at \$70,000 annually.



Photo by Casey Smith/Indiana Capital Chronicle

The Indiana governor's salary will raise 48% in 2025, making the Hoosier chief executive one of the highest paid in the country. (Photo by Casey Smith/Indiana Capital Chronicle)

\$250K

The highest paid Governor is in the state of New-York with their annual salary being \$250,000.

45 STATES

Across the 45 states with lieutenant governors in 2022, the average annual salary for that position was \$108,380, compared to Texas, which had the lowest salary at \$7,200.

88%

The biggest salary increase among state officials will come to the Lieutenant Governor, whose pay will become 88% of a justice's salary. Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch makes \$108,819 and her successor will earn \$174,690.

\$164,765

The Attorney General will also see a pay increase from the office's current salary at \$113,653 to \$165,765 annually.

Going from \$134,000 to \$198,513

Gov. Eric Holcomb currently makes about \$134,000 annually, compared to the justice's pay of \$198,513. A pay raise for Indiana's top elected officials will make the state's next governor one of the highest paid in the nation.



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:30 a.m.
SET: 8:57 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 70 °F
Low: 57 °F



Today is...

- National Chocolate Chip Day
- Straw Hat Day
- International Day of Families



What Happened On This Day

- 1940 The first McDonald's fast food restaurant opens.
- 1928 The first Mickey Mouse film is screened.
- 1718 The world's first machine gun is patented



Births On This Day

- 1856 L. Frank Baum American author
- 1981 Patrice Evra French footballer

Deaths On This Day

- 1886 Emily Dickinson American poet
- 1967 Edward Hopper American painter

HONEST HOOSIER

Just because it's the day after Mother's Day doesn't mean we should stop being thankful, respectful, loving and helpful. After all, she did it 24-7-365 for quite a while.



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Don't watch TV before going to sleep - the bright light and activity may keep your brain awake. 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

Say Cheese!

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

"The important thing to remember is that I'm probably going to forget."
-Unknown

TODAY'S JOKE

It's almost time for the Indy 500, one of the boss' favorite events of the year. He said it's wheely cool!

OBITUARIES
NONE

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



7 DAY FORECAST

53/70 SCTD SHOWERS MON	55/69 RAIN BEFORE 2 PM. SUNNY TUE	52/70 SUNNY & PLEASANT WED	44/75 SUNNY & PLEASANT THU	56/80 LATE DAY STORMS FRI	49/72 TURNING SUNNY SAT	50/76 SUNNY SUN
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'Let Wabash Always Fights, Be A Guide'

Spirits were high among the hundreds of graduates as they received their Wabash College diplomas, moved their tassels, and proudly walked under the Senior Arch during the 185th Commencement ceremony.

Trustees, faculty, staff, students, and their families attended the celebration Saturday, on a warm and sunny spring day at Little Giant Stadium, marking the second time the ceremony has taken place inside the state-of-the-art facility.

The 175 men of the Class of 2023 received their diplomas from President Scott Feller.

"I wish you a hearty congratulations on your many achievements in our classrooms, theaters and concert halls, playing fields, and our community," Feller began in his address to Wabash's newest graduates. "You are better for your time here. We are better for the time we have spent with you.

"You persevered through a pandemic together; you laughed together and you lifted up one another in times of grief; you won fellowships, scholarships, and championships; and you became brothers for life," Feller continued. "It is my hope that in times of adversity that you will rely on the brotherhood and friendships you have developed these last four years, and let Wabash Always Fights be a guide for your life."

In keeping with a long-standing Wabash tradition, two graduating seniors were the only featured speakers at the event. The Class of 2023 Commencement speakers were Benjamin Bullock and Allen "AJ" Johnson Jr.

Bullock, a history and humanities double major and music minor from Stourbridge, England, urged classmates to reflect on their last four years and to be brave in handling challenges that await them after Wabash.

"We live by our motto,

we live by the message of our fight song, and we live by our mission," Bullock said. "And if ever there was a time when this nation and this world needs to heed the lessons of acting responsibly and living humanely, it's now."

Bullock plans to pursue a master's degree at the Yenching Academy of Peking University in Beijing, China.

Johnson, a member of the Wabash Liberal Arts Immersion Program (WLAIP), spoke of the many gifts the College gave him over the years including friendship, the ability to make and learn from mistakes, and treasured memories.

"To all those people in WLAIP and freshman tutorial all the way to my senior capstone, thank you for the lifelong friendships you have given me. I've learned from the moments of disagreements and arguments that these were just ways for us to come together with the different gifts we were given," said Johnson, a psychology major and Black studies minor from Indianapolis, Indiana. "To all my friends I have made at Wabash College, thank you for gifting me with your presence. Whether you believe it or not, every single one of you here is responsible for me standing before you now."

Johnson will be attending Ball State University to pursue a master's in student affairs administration in higher education.

During commencement, the College also awarded honorary degrees to Dr. Kristina Box and Nathaniel Mary Quinn '00.

Dr. Box was appointed Indiana's State Health Commissioner by Governor Eric Holcomb in 2017. As State Health Commissioner, Dr. Box has focused on ensuring health equity and access for all Hoosiers, particularly historically underserved populations. She has also worked at the forefront of Indiana's response to

COVID-19, using data acquisition and reporting to drive decision-making.

"It is a truly remarkable accomplishment to say that Wabash didn't lose a single day of classes to COVID, especially since all of our students reside in congregate living. We could not have done that without your wise counsel and support of our campus-wide vaccination clinics," Feller said. "Dr. Box, we thank you for your service to our state; for your advocacy for those whose voices are not heard; and for your steadfast efforts to improve the health and safety of all Hoosiers."

Quinn, an art major from Chicago, has become one of the most accomplished artists of our time. His intricately detailed portraits have been exhibited in museums and galleries around the world, and he has also presented solo exhibitions in France, England, Belgium, and Italy, and in top galleries in New York, Los Angeles, and his hometown of Chicago. Art collectors, including Elton John, Anderson Cooper, and dozens of professional athletes and musicians, flock to Quinn's studio to observe his process and technique with hopes of owning his work.

"Mentors like Horace Turner and Rob Johnson challenged you to make the most of your education, and art professors Doug Calisch and Greg Huebner believed that you could change the world through your art. You made them all proud," Feller said. "You are driven by love and see beauty in others, and you live out those qualities we hope for our graduates: empathy, vulnerability, resiliency, strength."

Commencement Day opened inside Pioneer Chapel with a thoughtful Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Gregory T. Manning '96 from Broadmoor Community Church in New Orleans, Louisiana.

"I invite you to remember our war cry but with

a new meaning 'Wabash Always Fights,'" Manning said. "Let us fight for the helpless, let us fight for the powerless, let us fight for the underserved, let us fight for the forgotten, let us fight for humanity and remember, as Dr. Martin Luther King said, 'injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.'"

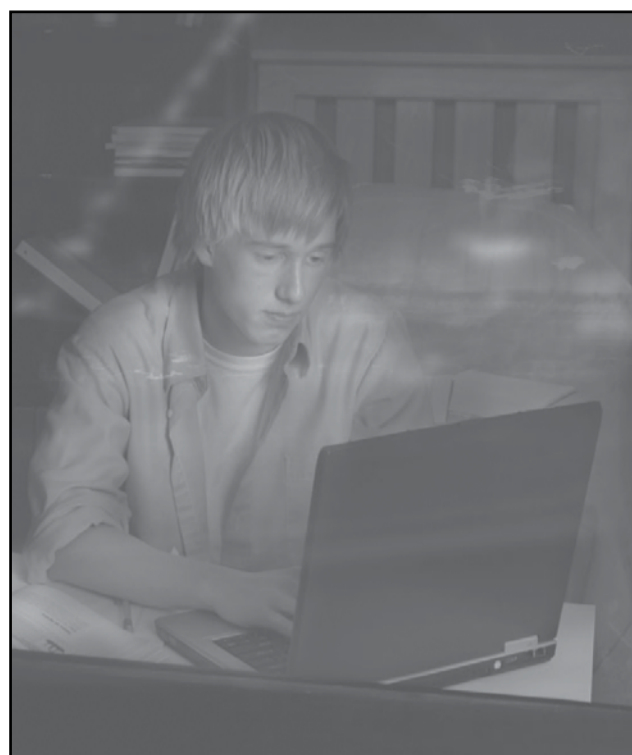
In addition to the Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies this weekend, 17 students were inducted this weekend into the Wabash chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest honorary society.

Seniors inducted this year are Brigham Anderson, Jacob Bishop, Jakob Faber, Parker Gamble, Grant Johnson, Quinn Leous, Nathan Pairitz, Ethan Stonis, Fanxiang Su, and Gaohang Zhu. Inductees from the junior class are Samuel Baugh, Kazi Hoque, Benjamin Jansen, William Keeling, Benjamin Sampsell, Owen Runge, and William Trapp.

Before the commencement ceremony, Caleb Gross '23, a political science major from Columbus, Indiana, became the first Wabash graduate to be commissioned as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army after completing his ROTC training as part of a new partnership between the College, the Army, and Purdue University. Gross will report to Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia, where he will enter the Armor Basic Officer Leader Course.

Before officially ringing out the Class of 2023 with the bell Caleb Mills used to call Wabash students to class, Feller gave one final challenge to the graduates.

"You have received a liberal arts education imbued with empathy and compassion. You are critical thinkers, effective communicators, and problem-solvers. You are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and experience to change the world," Feller concluded. "Our charge to you is simple: go forth and do exactly that."



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Chic, Affordable 2023 Ford Maverick Pickup Causes A Tremor

Ford's crossover-based Maverick pickup comes standard as an 42-MPG hybrid starting at \$22,595. It even looks great in its standard steelie wheels with a cloth interior. Good luck getting one, though, because the order books are closed for 2023. Still, some may want a bit more attitude and capability than base models provide. For them, let's take a spin in the uplifted and facelifted Maverick Tremor.

As with other Ford pickups, Tremor denotes models with enhanced off-road capability and flashier style. Base models are handsome with their melted blocky forms, but Tremor is enhanced with copper accents on the grille bars, 17" black wheels with copper kiss, and TREMOR logos on the bedsides. Look closer to notice black Ford ovals, grippier off-road tires, spray-in bedliner, and a 1" suspension lift for 9.4" of ground clearance. It's a more capable truck,

2023 Ford Maverick XLT Tremor
 Five-passenger, AWD Pickup
Powertrain: 2.0-liter T4, 8-spd trans
Output: 250 hp/277 lb.-ft.
Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind
Wheels f/r: 17"/17" alloy
Brakes f/r: disc/disc
Must-have features: Style, Space
Towing: 2,000 lbs.
Fuel economy: 20/24 mpg city/hwy
Assembly: Hermasillo, Mexico
Base/As-tested price: \$22,595/\$32,990

but also one that embraces city living.

Its interior is a master stroke in using low-cost materials that never seem cheap. Most surfaces are hard plastic, but the dash and doors are sensually molded in textured bluish gray plastic, granite ridges appear in contrasting dash panels, and gray sweatshirt seats add copper stitching. Large door and console cubbies hold large water bottles and kid gear. Manual climate control, rubber steering wheel, and the rotary gear selector keep it

simple while infotainment is handled by a dash screen using simple icons. Add Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity.

Simple doesn't relate to safety as our Maverick came with sophisticated automatic emergency braking, blind spot warning, lane keep assist, and rear cross traffic alert systems.

I'd want my Maverick with the hybrid powertrain, but few are likely to complain about our truck's 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine that pumps a peppery 250 horse-

LIKES

- Enhanced capability
- Useful size
- Affordable price

DISLIKES

- Firm suspension
- Fuel economy
- Manual climate control

power and 277 lb.-ft. of torque to the four-wheel-drive system through an eight-speed automatic transmission. In fact, it scoots from 0-60 mph in a scant 6 seconds, which is plenty quick to zip onto freeways or get away from a stoplight. Load up to 1,200 lbs. of payload or 2,000 lbs. of trailer for light yardwork or to pull a small camper. Fuel economy is rated 20/24-MPG city/highway.

You may be thinking towing and fuel economy seem low. It's true the Tremor cannot tow the 4,000 lbs. delivered by other Mavericks, but that's because it lacks the tow package. This truck is more about off-roading, facilitating light yardwork, and looking cool than moving heavy loads. Fuel economy,

unfortunately, is the price paid for those big tires and enhanced ground clearance. It's all a matter of choices. Get another Maverick if this bothers you.

It doesn't bother me and I enjoy driving it - especially with the Tremor's softer tires and more compliant suspension. Its crossover architecture, shared with the Bronco Sport and Escape, provides a very solid ride that's uncommon in pickups with separate frames and beds. Even with the increased ride height, you can plant it into a corner like driving a smaller sedan. Potholes are better absorbed. And when I parallel parked at my favorite restaurant, its compact size delivered. If you live inside of suburbs, this is the reasonably capa-



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

ble truck for you.

The most difficult part about the Maverick may be getting one since the order books are filled for 2023. When your number finally does come up, price will be a delight. Base Mavericks start at just \$22,595 while Tremors rise from \$31,665. Ours topped out at \$32,990. That's a lot of very cool truck for not a lot of money.

Storm Forward!

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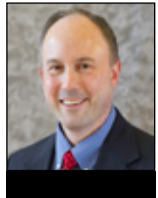
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Sun and Water Safety



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We finally getting a taste of some warm weather which means it's time to starting thinking about summer activities.

Most people enjoy some time in the sun. Whether it's lounging by the water, participating in sports, or working outdoors, we all get our fair share of sun every summer. This week, I want to briefly review some sun and water safety tips.

Sun and water safety are key things to be aware of as you venture outdoors. Everyone knows you can get a burn if you're out in the sun too long. However, many people don't realize that you can still get a burn in the shade or on a cloudy day. Ultraviolet (UV) rays come in two forms: UVA and UVB. UVA accelerates aging of the skin, while both UVA and UVB can cause skin cancer.

Sunscreen lotions work by absorbing the UV rays before they penetrate your skin and cause damage. They can be effective, but only if used properly. Dermatologists will all tell you it's safer and more effective to use physical blocking agents like sun-protective clothing and wide-brimmed hats.

Sunscreens are rated using the "SPF" scale. Don't bother with lotions with an SPF below 15. An SPF of 15 hypothetically allows you to stay in the sun 15 times longer before you burn. However, the effectiveness does not last near that long since the lotion usually wears off from sweating, swimming, or friction. Sunscreens should be applied liberally before going out in the sun (at least 2-3 Tablespoons per application). They also need to be re-applied at least every two hours. It's important to get a broad-spectrum lotion that absorbs UVA and UVB.

You should also use lip balm containing sunscreen.

There was a study in the 21 January 2020 Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) that raised concern about four chemicals found in sunscreens: avobenzone, oxybenzone, ecamsule, and octocrylene. The chemicals, particularly oxybenzone, were found in the blood of the 24 study participants after applying the agents to 75 percent of their bodies four times a day for 4 days. The amounts applied in the study were about twice what would be considered normal in the real world. The FDA is requiring safety testing to determine if the increased levels have any adverse health effects. Current thinking is that the risk of sun damage to the skin is much higher than adverse health effects from these chemicals in the bloodstream.

Try to stay out of the sun between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the intensity of ultraviolet radiation is highest. Sunburns suffered in childhood are a major risk factor for skin cancer later in life, so model good behavior and teach your kids the importance of protecting themselves. Regular use of sunscreen in kids can lower their risk of skin cancer by up to 75 percent.

Don't forget your sunglasses! While most folks apply sunscreen to their skin, they forget to protect their eyes. Ultraviolet radiation can cause damage to the lenses in your eyes leading to clouded vision from cataracts. Be sure and read the tag on the glasses to make sure they're rated to block 99 to 100 percent of both UVA and UVB rays. Wrap-around glasses are the most effective.

If you're in the sun, water often isn't too far away. An estimated 260 children under age five drown each year in residential swimming pools and spas. Another 3,000 are treated in emergency rooms for submersion

accidents that often lead to permanent brain damage. Drowning is the number one cause of death in children under 5 in the United States.

If you have young children, you must NEVER leave them alone near a pool or in the care of an older child. It only takes a brief lapse in supervision to lead to tragedy. Although most communities require only an automatic pool cover for safety purposes, you should also include a fence around the pool that has self-closing gates that is at least four feet high. If your kids are visiting a friend's pool, make sure the adults understand your kids are not to be left alone near the water. While swim lessons are advisable, they do not decrease the risk of drowning in kids under four. Flotation devices and swim lessons are NOT a substitute for adult supervision.

You should keep rescue equipment near your pool including a life preserver and shepherd's hook. Have a cell phone or portable phone by the pool so you don't have to go inside and leave kids unattended. Know CPR and consider taking a lifesaving class if you own a pool.

When boating, skiing or tubing, always wear a personal flotation device (life jacket) approved by the U.S. Coast Guard. Alcohol and boating can be a lethal combination - half of all drownings are caused by boating accidents involving alcohol. If you must rescue someone in the water, don't become a victim yourself. Remember the saying, "reach, throw, row, go." Try to first reach the person with an object. If you can't, throw something to them or maneuver a boat to them. Finally, as an absolute last resort, enter the water to try and reach them.

- Dr. John Roberts is a retired member of the Franciscan Physician Network specializing in Family Medicine.

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