

➤ TODAY'S VERSE

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

➤ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Katherin Shelton was on a walk by our office this morning and was kind enough to offer a smile. Thank you for your smile!

➤ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 As the summer season approaches, Honey-moonAlways.com commissioned a poll involving 3,000 couples to ascertain which alternative romantic destinations they are most eager to visit this year, with some interesting results... French Lick Voted as the 100th Favorite 'Alternative' Romantic Destination in America. Indiana had 3 'alternative' destinations among the most romantic in America the other two are; Versailles emerged in 175th position. Nashville came in 115th position.

2 Ladoga Public Library Summer Reading Program Wednesday Schedule! Science Shake-downs with Mr. Mitchell! 1 pm -2 pm: Exothermic and Endothermic -what makes the fizz? Bingo/games 2:30 PM.

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Danny (Cooper Fitch) and Sandy (Anya Burke) rekindle their summer romance in Grease, running from June 16th to July 29th at Myers Dinner Theatre in Hillsboro, IN.

1950s Rollicking Musical Coming To Myers Dinner Theatre!

Myers Dinner Theatre is excited to continue their 2023 Main Stage season with the beloved rock 'n' roll love story of Grease. This show, full of great music and high-energy dancing, will open on Friday, June 16th, with seating for dinner at 6:00 p.m. ET and the meal at 6:30. This play, directed by Brett Mutter, will run through Saturday, July 29th.

It's 1959, and Rydell High School's senior class is in rare form. The too-cool-for-school "Burger Palace Boys" are stealing hubcaps and acting tough and their gum-snapping, chain-smoking "Pink Ladies" are looking hot in bobby sox and pedal pushers. The 1950s high school dream is about to explode in this rollicking musical that is both an homage to the idealism of the fifties and a satire of high schoolers' age-old desire to be rebellious, provocative, and rebellious. At the heart of the story is the

romance between hot-rodding gangster Danny Zuko and the sweet new girl in town, Sandy Dumbrowski. They had a secret romance in summer, but now back in the context of school, peer-pressure and cliques make their love a bit more complicated. Can Danny maintain his cool dude status and still make demure Sandy his girl? The whole gang sings and dances around Danny and Sandy's romance, through such hit songs as "Greased Lightning", "We Go Together", and "Mooning", recalling the music of Buddy Holly, Little Richard and Elvis Presley that became the soundtrack of a generation. Starting off with an eight-year Broadway run, Grease is among the world's most popular musicals and has a cult-like following, especially among teens! This popular musical will feature some newcomers to the

➤ See THEATRE Page AX

Butch Dale Finds Some Bargains!!!



BUTCH DALE
COLUMNIST

Many people, when they are looking to buy something, pay very little attention to prices. They just go and buy it! However, most people shop around and check prices first, and try to find a bargain. I have spent way too much on items at certain times because I was in a hurry to buy something, but I have also been lucky and found some real bargains...for instance...

In the early 1970's, I had saved some money in the hopes of buying an antique car to restore. I looked at a few with little luck and started to give up hope...until I spotted a 1951 Chevy 2-door parked in the weeds behind a neighbor's barn. One afternoon, I stopped in and inquired about the old car. "It's got a hole in the engine block...blew a rod through it," he informed me in a Kentucky twang. I looked it over. The body was excellent, interior excellent, no broken windows, tires good, etc. "Well, what's the least you would take for it?" as I held my breath, hoping it would be less than \$1000. "Well, it's in good shape...just needs an engine." he hesitated, then proclaimed, "Would ten dollars be too much?" I didn't think I understood him, "Did you say ten dollars?" He repeated the figure, "Yep, if that's OK with you." I had myself a new car! That same afternoon, I found an ad in the newspaper: "1952 Chevy 4-door, body wrecked, engine good. \$50." I bought it, used the motor, sold the body for scrap for \$50...and had a great car for \$10.00!!! (It did need a new muffler, and I found an old Farmall tractor muffler in my father-in-law's barn...Bingo!)

In 1999, my wife and I were at an auction of household goods and antiques. About halfway through, the auctioneer told everyone it was time to sell a car. I didn't even know there

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:16 a.m.
SET: 9:18 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 74 °F
Low: 54 °F

Today is...

- Call Your Doctor Day
- Sewing Machine Day
- World Softball Day

What Happened On This Day

- 2002 The United States withdraw from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.
- 1971 The New York Times publishes the Pentagon Papers.
- 1950 South Africa implements the Group Areas Act.

Births On This Day

- 1884 Gerald Gardner English occultist
- 1865 W. B. Yeats Irish poet, Nobel Prize laureate

Deaths On This Day

- 1918 Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovich of Russia
- 1645 Miyamoto Musashi Japanese swordsman, author

Until Next Time

The Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival is over for the year and with it we refrain from saying "goodbye" and would rather say, "Until next time". The food was great, as always, and the entertainment was good fun. The car show and Corvette show were packed with a lot of amazing vehicles being showcased. The tractor show, never disappoints with a lot of tractors through history being showcased and children's on looking faces full of wonder and merriment. We as a community look forward to it every year and with every passing of the festival we begin to want for the next. On page A5, look for photos from the festival by our staff. Until next time!

➤ HONEST HOOSIER

Used to be you saved up for the big things in life like buying a home, a car, planning for retirement... now we can add going to the gas station... or the grocery store.



➤ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

When you read a food label, make sure you determine how many servings are in the package. 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

None

➤ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Darlington Library Summer Reading Program

The Darlington Library will be sponsoring its annual Summer Reading and Activity program for children age 12 and under through July 14th. The program is for kids who live in Franklin and Sugar Creek townships. You may sign up in person or call the library at 794-4813 to sign up over the phone.

➤ TODAY'S QUOTE

"The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart."
-Helen Keller

➤ TODAY'S JOKE

The boss told his wife that a husband is like a fine wine, they get better with age. The next day she locked him in the cellar.

The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **Diane Thompson** for subscribing!



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➔ Meeting Notes

**Crawfordsville Council Meeting
The City of Crawfordsville**

Indiana June 12, at 6 PM EDT City Building 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville Council Chambers

- I. Pledge Presenter: Stan Hamilton
- II. Prayer Presenter: Kent Priebe
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Minutes - May 8, 2023.
- V. Acknowledgment of receipt of the monthly Financial Reports
- VI. Roll Call for additions to the Agenda
- VII. Public Hearing
 - A. An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of an Alley in Crawfordsville, Indiana - North-South Alley directly west of 413 Harrison Street
- VIII. Fiscal Affairs
 - A. Second reading of an Ordinance Amending the Green Power Rider for Services Rendered by Crawfordsville Electric Light & Power
 - B. First reading of an Ordinance to Establish Fund 2531 Underground Storage Tank Financial Assurance Fund
 - C. First reading of an Ordinance Making an Additional Appropriation for the Year 2023 (Crawfordsville Street Department)
 - D. First reading of an Ordinance Making Additional Appropriations for the Year 2023 (Com-

- munity Crossing Paving Program)
- E. A Resolution Approving Certain Historic Preservation Loans
- F. A Resolution of the Crawfordsville Common Council Adopting the Crawfordsville Downtown Exterior Rehabilitation Grant Program Guidelines
- IX. Ordinances & Petitions
 - A. First reading of an Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Compression Release Engine Brakes ("Jake Brakes") within the City of Crawfordsville
 - B. First reading of an Ordinance Changing The Zoning Classification For Real Estate Located ½ Mile South Of 150 South On Us Highway 231 South, 59.32 Acres Of Parcel No. 54-10-17-500-002.000-029
 - C. First reading of an Ordinance Designating The Main-Green Local Historic District As A Local Historic District In Downtown Crawfordsville
 - X. Traffic, Parking & Safety
 - A. Second reading of an Ordinance Vacating a Portion of an Alley in Crawfordsville, Indiana - North-South Alley directly west of 413 Harrison Street
 - XI. Annexation
 - XII. Miscellaneous
 - XIII. Adjournment

Purdue Trustees Adopt 2024 Budget, Approve Tuition Freeze For 11th And 12th Consecutive Years Among Actions

With its ongoing commitment to the vision of higher education with the highest proven value, faculty and staff compensation increases, and strategic investments, Purdue University trustees on Friday (June 9) adopted the university's operating budget for the 2024 fiscal year with revenues modestly exceeding expenditures.

Among other actions, trustees approved keeping tuition frozen at Purdue West Lafayette for the 11th and 12th consecutive years, rehabilitation of a Purdue University Airport runway and resolutions of

appreciation, and ratified faculty and staff positions.

In addition, as the university approaches the beginning of the next fiscal and academic year, several leadership appointments were announced, along with a realignment of the Office of Engagement.

In his report to the Board of Trustees, President Mung Chiang recognized Purdue faculty who received sponsored research awards from January through April. He also provided updates to university finances, reputation, admissions and commencements. In

national rankings released since the last trustees meeting, Purdue is ranked top 4 in the U.S. in both its College of Engineering graduate programs and in U.S. patents received. Chiang reviewed Purdue's recent milestones in technology leadership and global visibility, and he explained the university's ABCD for serving Indiana and the United States: Airport, Broadband, Corridor (hard-tech corridor) and D.C. He thanked friends of the university for their recent generous contributions.

Trustees sign off on 2024 budget, 11th and

12th years of frozen tuition for Purdue West Lafayette

Professor Bernie Engel appointed Purdue's next Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture

Provost provides update on leadership roles

Gallardo named vice president of the updated Office of Engagement

Purdue trustees ratify faculty and staff positions; approve resolutions of appreciation

Trustees approve Purdue University Airport runway rehabilitation

Purdue Global chancellor highlights growth initiatives, student success



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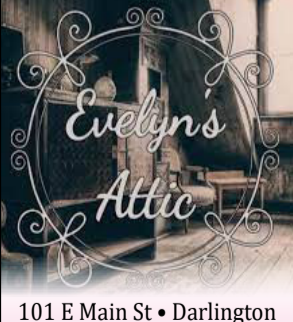
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Pence Faces An Arduous Tight Rope To White House



BRIAN HOWEY
Howey Political Report

Through-out nearly two and a half centuries, more than a dozen Hoosier men have looked into a mirror and beheld a future president. Only two — grandfather and grandson Presidents William Henry Harrison and Benjamin Harrison — ended up living in the White House for a combined total of four years and 30 days after defeating incumbent presidents.

One Hoosier, Socialist Eugene Debs of Terre Haute, ran for president in 1920 while living at the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary after being convicted of sedition. The only 20th Century major party nominee, Republican Wendell Willkie of Rushville, lost to President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1940, only to be considered for vice president four years later for a term in which FDR would only live for six weeks. Another favorite Hoosier son, U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh, ran for three weeks before bowing out in late 2006, only to become a finalist for Barack Obama's 2008 ticket, losing out to Joe Biden at the 11th hour.

This week, former Indiana congressman, governor and U.S. vice president Mike Pence joins the ranks of perceived Hoosier presidential timber. Will he join the Harrisons with a legacy address of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue? Or will he be discarded into the historical dustbin, joining the esteemed per-

sonages of Ned Hannegan, Charles Fairbanks, Paul McNutt, Birch Bayh, Richard Lugar, Vance Hartke and Pete Buttigieg?

Being Hoosier can be tough, particularly if you're running for president. In 1976, U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh dropped his bid as long-shot Jimmy Carter jelled, saying, "I just got tired of being everybody's second choice." In 1996, Sen. Lugar was reduced to being a "fleck on the screen," vanquished there by skeptical media. Lugar's campaign never had a chance, with the Oklahoma City terror attack reducing his City Market campaign launch to an afterthought.

In 1999 Dan Quayle became what Howey Politics Indiana described as the "first political victim of the internet" after he couldn't escape his veep past. Now Mike Pence will try despite coming into this race between a rock (Never-Trumpers view him as a scyphont toady for most of his term) and a hard place (Trumpers see him as a traitor to their lost cause).

On his 64th birthday on Wednesday, Pence pledged to thread a historically narrow needle, finally announcing the pursuit of his life's goal, the American presidency. In a campaign video, he conjured the leadership of Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan, never mentioning his former boss, President Donald Trump, who now leads the 2024 GOP field by a 30% margin.

In Iowa, Pence directly confronted Trump and the Jan. 6 insurrection. "Jan. 6 was a tragic day in the life of our nation," Pence

said. "President Trump's reckless words endangered my family and everyone at the Capitol. But the American people deserve to know on that fateful day, President Trump also demanded I choose between him and our Constitution. Now voters will be faced with the same choice. I chose the Constitution and I always will."

"President Trump was wrong then and he is wrong today. I kept my oath to the Constitution of the United States," Pence continued. "I had hoped he would come around to my role that day. That was not to be. The Republican party must be the party of the Constitution of the United States. I believe that anyone who puts themselves over the Constitution should never be president of the United States, and anyone who asks someone else to put them over the Constitution should never be president of the United States again."

On Ukraine, Pence reminded voters that Trump called Russian President Putin a "genius" after the invasion began in February 2022. Pence said, "I know the difference between a genius and a war criminal." He called the Ukraine war "America's fight."

He then trained his sights on the Democratic incumbent, saying, "Our country's in a lot of trouble," accusing "President Joe Biden and the radical left" of weakening America "at home and abroad."

Pence will run on his advocacy of a national abortion ban, backing Ukraine in its war with Russia, increasing military spending, going back to

his free trade roots, and stoking a series of social issues involving transgender students, and reining in drag shows before children.

Pence kicked off his campaign in Iowa instead of his home state of Indiana, hoping to galvanize his support among influential evangelical voters there that could lead to a breakthrough. In 2020, South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg won the Democratic Iowa caucuses by concentrating on small town and rural voters.

At this early stage, Pence does not appear to be gathering support among fellow Hoosiers. There were no endorsements from the state's congressional delegation. House Speaker Todd Huston has signed on to help Pence gain support among the Republican General Assembly supermajorities and spoke on his behalf at the Iowa kickoff.

The Pence brain trust is counting on several elements to thread his needle. He needs Trump to face additional indictments in the Mar-a-Lago top secret document case (with grand juries currently meeting in DC and Florida), the Jan. 6 insurrection case, and the Georgia "find me 11,800 votes" case.

Pence believes that Gov. DeSantis will fade, barring a last-minute personality transplant.

It will be a tough and unprecedented tight-rope walk.

-The columnist is managing editor of Howey Politics Indiana/State Affairs at StateAffairs.com/pro/Indiana. Find Howey on Facebook and Twitter @hwypol.

Clear-Air-Turbulence Is On The Rise, Along With Greenhouse Gases



Dear EarthTalk: Is global warming creating the increase in turbulence on airplane flights?

Air turbulence is defined as a sudden change in the speed, direction or air pressure in the atmosphere. Turbulence can cause abrupt changes in the motion of an airplane, ranging from small bumps to violent jolts that cause significant damage to aircrafts and injury to passengers. Air turbulence has increased rapidly in the last few decades. It is now the main cause of in-flight injuries and is estimated to cost the airline industry over \$500 million annually.

The main causes of air turbulence are storms, jet streams—the bands of strong winds in the upper atmosphere—and mountains. In such cases, pilots can anticipate turbulence from pre-flight weather reports, sophisticated radar equipment and warnings from other pilots. But there is another kind of turbulence pilots have to contend with known as "clear-air turbulence," which has no visible cause and cannot be detected by radars. This makes clear-air turbulence very perilous since pilots cannot warn passengers to buckle up and avoid injury. Clear-air turbulence is becoming more frequent; scientists and meteorologists predict that it will double in frequency between 2050 and 2080.

At the source of the rise in clear-air turbulence is global warming. As carbon emissions increase, greenhouse gases trap more heat in the troposphere (the layer closest to the Earth's surface) instead of letting it rise into the stratosphere. This is causing a rising temperature difference between the two atmospheric layers, which in turn is causing large disruptions in the circulation patterns of atmospheric winds. These abrupt changes in the speed and direction of winds—known as "wind shear"—play a big role in creating the atmospheric disturbances that cause

clear-air turbulence. Although clear-air turbulence can occur at all levels of the troposphere in which airplanes cruise, they are most likely at the altitudes where the jet streams flow. Meteorologists have found that jet streams are experiencing 15 percent more wind shear than they did 40 years ago.

Can anything be done to avoid clear-air turbulence? Pilots could avoid flying in the four jet streams that circle the earth, and could limit flying through regions known to have high clear-air turbulence. The industry could invest in aircraft designs that improve aircraft stability and develop technology to detect clear-air turbulence. But pilots fly in the jet stream to shorten flight times and use less fuel. Thus, taking these steps will lead to longer flights, higher costs, more fuel consumption and carbon emissions, further increases in global warming and more turbulence, not less.

A better solution is to tackle rising clear-air turbulence at its source: by reducing global warming. Among other things, governments should accelerate policies that mitigate climate change such as carbon taxation, and provide incentives for clean energy adoption. Businesses should speed up investment in clean-energy products, services and infrastructure. And ordinary people should reduce their consumption of fossil-fuels by conserving energy, using public transit, recycling and participating in citizen science projects that mitigate climate change.

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Our day is filled with heat at this time of year. It commands our attention and makes our work harder. As we toil, we daydream not about love or success, but things as mundane as shade and a cool drink.

But though the oppressive heat weighs on our brains and taxes our bodies, it is the price we pay for being allowed to spend time outdoors ... and it has its one singular consolation: our summer evenings.

When the sun goes down in summer, it's romantic enough to hug a cactus.

The recipe is simple; keep the earth warm, but just bring out the stars and a soft breeze that cools the skin. Mix this with a fulmination of little night

varmint sounds of peeping and chirping and croaking. And guitars. Whether we play them ourselves or just turn on the radio, it is a perfect setting for guitars. Villalobos, Fernando Sor, Tarrega, Randy Travis, Doc Watson, Steve Cormier.

We sit in brick-paved patios with something cool and someone sweet and relax and talk about dreams, because on evenings like this, anything is possible. On nights like this, it's difficult to decide whether remembering evenings like this in the past is better than anticipating those to come. All we really know is that it sure is nice to be here right now.

Tonight I'm going to see if I can remember all the words to "Little Joe the Wrangler" and find out if my guitar is still in tune.

-Sponsored by music of genuine cowboy, singer, actor and retired college professor, Steve Cormier. <http://stevecormier.net/>

Secretary Of State Welcomes New Indiana Business

Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales welcomes a new business to central Indiana.

Secretary Morales attended a ribbon cutting in Zionsville for Tress Aquatectural Designs. Tress Aquatectural Designs is a business that creates state-of-the-art pool covers.

"Since the start of my administration, attracting new businesses to the Hoosier state has been a major focus. My office has met with several international professionals considering Indiana as the home for their business. From large corporations to small shops, there isn't a better place for a business to open and thrive than here," said Indiana Secretary of State, Diego Morales.

Forbes Advisor ranked Indiana as the best state to start a business in 2023. Business services are a key component for a strong economy at the state, national, and international level. These services are the backbone of entrepreneurship.

"We strive to make managing a business in

Indiana as efficient and secure as possible by cutting the red tape. Government services thoughtfully designed to support businesses is what makes Indiana a great place to do business," said Rebecca Longfellow, Director of Business Services.

The Secretary of State's Business Services Division is responsible for registering and managing businesses throughout the state. INBiz is Indiana's one-stop portal for Hoosier businesses. Through INBiz, business owners can register, maintain, and file required paperwork. It also ensures business owners are complying with state laws and regulations. INBiz.in.gov is a resourceful portal that walks Hoosiers through a step-by-step process and is open to anyone who wants to a run business in the state.

Secretary Morales is scheduled to attend several business openings throughout the state in the upcoming weeks.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Secretary of State's Business Services Division.

THEATRE

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MDT stage, along with some returning actors. New to Myers Dinner Theatre will be Cooper Fitch (as Danny Zuko), Anya Burke (Sandy Dumbrowski), Love Ruddell (Betty Rizzo), Matthew Porter (Kenickie), Jamie Rediger (Jan), Trent Mosty (Doody), Henry Allan (Sonny Latieri), Will Karls (Eugene Florczyk) D'Juliana Calzada (Cha-Cha), Matthew Adam Hawkins (Vince Fontaine), and Brett Frederickson (Johnny Casino). The MDT alumni in this show are Drae Beller (Frenchy), TJ Bird (Roger), Misty McGrady (Miss Lynch), and Hannah Bergman (Patty Simcox).

Grease opens Friday, June 16th and runs through Saturday, July 29th, with weekday matinee seating for meals at 11:30 a.m. and curtain

at 1:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday evening performances will have seating for meals at 6:00 p.m. with curtain at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees will have seating for meals at noon and curtain at 2:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased by phone at 765-798-4902, ext. 2, or by visiting the MDT website at www.myersdt.com.

Performance dates vary, so consult the online calendar for show dates and times. Theatre prices are \$49.50 for dinner and theatre, \$37 for students (ages 4-18), and show-only for \$35. Prices do not include taxes, handling fees or gratuity for wait staff. Season tickets, group pricing, and bus parking are also available. Myers Dinner Theatre is located at 108 Water St Hillsboro and is handicap accessible.

BUTCH

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was a car for sale, but I walked outside to watch him sell it...a 1986 Chrysler New Yorker. The car looked great...silver in color, leather seats, no damage, good tires, engine sounded good...but it had 102,000 miles on the odometer. He started out the bidding at \$2500. No bids. Lowered it to \$1500, then \$1000...still no bids. "Well, someone start it out at \$200," he implored. No bids. I looked around, waiting for someone to bid, and when no one did, I nodded yes. Another two minutes rolled by...no bids, and I owned a New Yorker! My wife told me that there MUST be something wrong with the car,

but I drove it as a second car for four or five years...no trouble...until it finally bit the dust. The next day I sold it to a scrap dealer for...you got it...\$200, my original purchase price!

But my best purchase occurred a few years ago at the Sportsman Warehouse in Lafayette. (I buy and sell antique and collectible guns, as I have a federal firearms license.) Each weekend I checked to see if they had any new trade-ins. One Saturday I noticed three new used guns on the bottom shelf of the display case, all priced at \$649 each. "We have three used single-action 44 magnums...two Rugers and a Colt," the salesman told me. I could not recall a Colt single-action 44 magnum ever being made, so I asked to look at it. I immediately knew it was a very old Colt, caliber 44-40 black powder, likely made in the 1880s or '90s. "Is the manager around?" I asked the sales guy. The lady manager showed up in

a couple of minutes. "Is there a problem, sir?"

"No, there's no problem, but this Colt is not a 44 magnum; it's a very old gun likely worth a lot of money, and the caliber is 44-40. When it was made, it shot a black powder cartridge. You cannot shoot modern ammo in this gun...just so you know. He said the price is \$649...Is that correct?" The manager checked the records on her computer, "Yes, that's correct." I was a little shocked, "OK...well, I'll take it then!" While they were doing the paperwork, I called my wife, who was waiting out in the car. "I'll be there soon, I bought an old gun." She was not real enthused, so I added, "It's a great bargain, so I'll take you somewhere good to eat!" That satisfied her for the moment.

When I arrived back home, I checked the Colt records. The gun was made in 1880. All five serial numbers on the gun matched. It was all original. I placed the old Colt on an auction website for one week with no reserve...highest bid wins. One week later the winning bid was \$4400...Holy Cow! Once in a while, a person just gets lucky.

Of course, through the years I have lost money many times, too. I just try not to mention those little mistakes to my wife. But I still take her someplace nice to eat! Got to keep on her good side you know...

- 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.

Strawberry Fest' Was Absolute Fun!



The Paper photo by Rick Mayotte

The crowd is enjoying live entertainment while waiting in lines for various food.



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Folks sitting and enjoying the beautiful weather and great live entertainment.



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The biggest draw, for some folks, is the many different food offerings. Pretty tasty grub this year!



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