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➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalms 27:1 *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Lily, Doris (Owner) and Kimberly of the Breakfast Club offered one of our roving photographers winning smiles while accepting their Readers' Choice 2023 Award. Thank you for your smiles!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 As part of Purdue University in Indianapolis, Executive Education programs from the Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. School of Business and some Purdue Innovates programs will be housed at High Alpha in the burgeoning Bottleworks District of Indianapolis. Wednesday's (June 21) announcement builds on Purdue's commitment announced last week to expand the university's academic and research excellence to the state capital.

2 An impending drought caused by lower-than-average rainfall in the spring and summer seasons could result in inadequate forage yield for cattle in parts of Indiana. A timely publication from Purdue University Extension, Agronomy and Animal Sciences titled "When Forages Are in Short Supply Because of Drought" outlines key management and feeding practices available for producers to reduce the negative consequences of low forage supplies.

3 Kevin Kircher, an assistant professor in the department of mechanical engineering at Purdue University, explains how communication across electrical devices can limit demand and prevent failure. Electrical components like air conditioners, heat pumps, water heaters and appliances have limits to the amount of power they can safely deliver. The closer devices get to the limit, the sooner they can fail and need to be replaced.

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Different media displayed at the Crawfordsville District Public Library that explore the beginnings and various aspects of the LGBTQ+ movement.

Celebrate Pride!

The Crawfordsville District Public Library launched its Summer Reading Program on May 30. This year's theme, All Together Now, focuses on kindness, friendship, and unity in our community. As a way to celebrate, a Pride Month display is available on the second floor of the library in the adult non-fiction section.

Learn about the beginnings of the LGBTQ equality movement with books like *The Stonewall Reader* (306.76 Sto), edited by The New York Public Library, or *The Stonewall Generation* (306.76 Sto) edited by Jane Fleishman. Both anthologies include essays and interviews from people who were living during the turbulent time of social change, fighting for their right to be heard and have the freedom to be who they inherently are.

To broaden your perspective of other people's life experiences, grab a biography and learn about someone's personal story. *We Are Not Broken* (306.76 Joh), a memoir by George M. Johnson, talks about growing up Black and non-binary and being raised by his devoted grandmother along with three brothers in New York City. Read a book of essays by former Purdue Professor and now visiting professor at Yale, Roxane Gay. *Bad Feminist* (814.6 Gay) and *Difficult Women* (FIC Gay) are highly recommended titles.

The display also features movies and fictional works about, and by, members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Whether you like mysteries, historical fiction, or romance, there are books for everyone. *One Last Stop* (FIC McQui), a romance from Casey McQuiston, has a unique meet-cute on the subway in NYC. We also offer classics like *Brideshead Revisited* (FIC Wau) by Evelyn Waugh. Or consider grabbing a

mystery from Rita Mae Brown. The display showcases highly-rated new-release DVDs. One example is *Spoiler Alert* (DVD FIC Spo) starring Jim Parsons from *Big Bang Theory* and based on Michael Ausiello's best-selling memoir *Spoiler Alert: The Hero Dies*. You may also check out *Are You Proud* (DVD 306.7609 Are), a documentary on the history of LGBTQ rights.

One of the fastest-growing publishing areas is graphic novels. Some new series to read included in our display are *Sasaki and Miyano* (GN FIC Har) by Sho Harusono and *Blue Flag* (GN FIC Kai) by Kaito — two Japanese manga series filled with friendship, romance, and drama. If non-fiction graphic novels are more interesting to you, try *Fun Home: a family tragicomic* (GN 921 Bechdel, A.), by Alison Bechdel. On a curiosity note, *The Bechdel Test for Women in Movies* is named after this author. It is a simple test to evaluate female interaction in movies according to the following criteria: (1) it has to have at least two women in it, who (2) talk to each other, about (3) something besides a man. Some movies that have passed the test include *Ant-Man* and *The Wasp* (2023), *Jurassic World Dominion* (2022), both iterations of *Frozen* (2013 and 2019), and *Cinderella* (1950).

In addition to resources and materials at the library, the Crawfordsville community has a group that offers assistance and embodies the summer reading theme of unity. *Humans United for Equality, HUE*, is a local group whose aim is to create "a place for individuals who believe that diversity and equality make our community stronger and our lives richer. [They] strive to promote unity, love, understanding, tolerance,

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Butch Says The Cost Of Having A Child Today is CRAZY!



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

My wife and I stopped in at Wal-Mart (our home away from home) in Lafayette this past weekend to pick up a few items, and

as I proceeded to the grocery section, I noticed an older lady who was pushing her cart down the aisle ahead of me. Although she had her back to me, I recognized her...it was our former doctor's nurse Rosemary, who worked in Dr. Chester Waits' office in Lafayette for many years until he retired in 1986.

Realizing that she likely would not recognize me since we had not seen each other for almost forty years, I introduced myself and called my wife over to see her, and the three of us caught up on the past. Rosemary told us she was now 98 years old. Her husband passed away five years ago at the age of 94, and they had been married 76 years before his passing! She appeared to be in excellent health, and she still lived by herself and even still drove her car. One of the things we talked about were the changes to the medical profession, and the associated costs of having a child. When our oldest son Neil was born in 1971, my wife was in labor for over thirty-one hours, and Dr. Waits had to call in a specialist to deliver him. The delivery charge was \$50...that's right...FIFTY DOLLARS. With the three days she spent at Home Hospital, the total bill was \$565.

Three years later, in 1974, our daughter Shelle was born at the same hospital. Dr. Waits charged \$75, and with my wife spending three days in the hospital, the total bill was \$725. Our third child, Clark, was born in 1979. Dr. Waits again charged \$75, and the total bill, with a 3-day hospital stay...\$865. Now...fast forward to 1988. Yes, my wife and I were forty years old by then, but strange things can happen. She was pregnant again! Dr. Waits had retired two years earlier, so we had to find another doctor to deliver the baby. My wife was in labor only six

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The Daily Almanac

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What Happened On This Day

- 2016 The UK votes to leave the European Union.
- 1992 Yitzhak Rabin's Labor Party wins the election in Israel.
- 1961 The Antarctic Treaty comes into force.

Births On This Day

- 1964 Joss Whedon American director, producer, screenwriter
- 1912 Alan Turing English mathematician

Deaths On This Day

- 2011 Peter Falk American actor
- 1995 Jonas Salk American biologist, physician

Guarding The Gland: Promoting Prostate Health During Men's Health Month



MONICA NAGELE
Purdue Extension Office



One area of grave concern for the lack of preventive measures with men's health is prostate health. Prostate health? Oh no. Just reading this might elicit a shuttering response from some men. When

we think of the prostate, we immediately think of the, gulp, dreaded digital rectal exam. Gasp! Ok. Ok. Let's collect ourselves. Collect our composure. Everyone take a deep breath. I did it. I mentioned

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Do we really have a year and a half remaining of the presidential political blabbering? I'm sick of it already. Where's My Man Mitch when you need him?



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you feel overwhelmed, write down your to-do list and prioritize it. Simplify large tasks into smaller ones. 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.



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➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Ladoga Clark Township Public Library Summer Reading Program:

Ladoga Public Library's Summer Reading Program will be coming to an end on Monday and all reading is to be finished and turned in by 5 pm. That does not mean that the Summer Fun will be over! That following Tuesday will have Tot Time at 1:30 PM and then Yard Games at 2 pm.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Age is a high price to pay for maturity."
-Tom Stoppard

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What does a patriotic chicken say?
Yankee Doodle Doo!

➔ OBITUARIES

None

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





Photo courtesy of Witham

The Whitakers handing over a check of \$1,000 to Amy Mitchell Director of the Witham Volunteer Organization.

I Scream, You Scream, Ice Cream Fundraiser By Lebanon Dairy Queen

The Lebanon Dairy Queen donated \$1,000 to the Witham Volunteer Organization for the Community Fundraiser Day that was held on June 13, 2023.

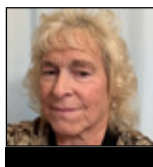
Amy Mitchell, Director of the Witham Volunteer Organization stated all proceeds from the fundraiser are given right back to the community and to the hospital. All proceeds from our fundraiser events support three \$1,000 scholarships we provide each year to Boone County High School students who are pursuing a degree or continuing education in a health

related field, as well as to support various fund the need initiatives at Witham. Mitchell further commented we are thankful for the support of community organizations such as the Lebanon Dairy Queen, stating we could not continue to offer these programs without their continued support.

For more information about volunteer services or volunteering at Witham, contact Amy Mitchell at: (765) 485-8175 or amitchell@witham.org.

We thank you in advance for your continued support of the Witham Volunteer Organization!

Writer Says Shelly Ditch Issue Being Resolved By City



DeANTHA WRIGHT-THORNBURG
Guest Column

I hadn't planned to return to work, but retirement is taking me in a different direction. I feel it's more important than spending idle time with my gardens. Recently an unplanned exchange of ideas, I learned events were about to play out behind the scenes of local governments that will affect all. We can do nothing unless there is transparency in local government.

Local media is confined to reporting the facts and issues presented by our government officials. It's been said there is 'Power Of The Pen.' As a former paid journalist, leaving out a single word or sentence can take a story in a different direction. If an elected official desires to push a project in a direction with their 'own agenda' in mind, we can do little without knowing their agenda. That is the purpose of the media reporting and the organization posting their minutes in a timely manner. According to Indiana Code, 48 hours is considered reasonable, not 30 days later or beyond. Our Montgomery County Drainage Board has not updated the minutes since March of 2022. Someone had to speak

up and draw attention to how our elected officials in the community conduct business, spend our tax dollars, and the decisions. Will they be progressive in our communities' future or hinder their growth and prosperity? I have been so naive to the actions of others in local government.

We have such elected officials who have outlived their elected positions. Wanting the taxpayer to believe they are non-expendable in their views. What I have seen in the last few months is that our local government is playing a game with our tax dollars and our future. Local officials affect our community's propensity and that of future generations. Not just the community but those living in retirement on what we often refer to as a 'fixed income'. Actually, we 'ALL' live on a fixed income.

The Shelly Ditch project is a perfect example of my concerns. If not for the kink that I have put in the Montgomery County Drainage Board plan, we, as landowners in the Shelly Ditch area, would be looking at a hefty tax increase through no fault of our own, but for the fault of a few ill-equipped individuals sitting behind desks not wanting to take the time to explore and exhaust every possible aspect of finding money to pay for such a massive undertaking. The truth

is that the Montgomery County Drainage Board is inept in the execution of the Shelly Ditch project.

The resolution at today's Montgomery County Drainage Board meeting was the only reasonable option all agreed. Doug Mills said the board is willing to transfer control of Shelly Ditch to the city. There are some 576 acres, and some 900 parcels, 95 percent of its watershed is in the city.

Dan Taylor articulated the plan to transfer all control over to the city. The affected date of transfer of jurisdiction of the project will be July 1st, 2023. The faster we can do this we can move on. A transfer to the city is the best resolution. Doug Miles added the engineering plans would now belong to the city.

Chairman David Rhoads, "I guess from my standpoint. I think it's a great idea. I'll make the motion for the responsibility of Shelly Drain to be transferred to the city of Crawfordsville. I make the resolution to the city."

Mayor Todd Barton said they have worked out a solution best for everyone, the area has been developed over the years. We have the ability to deal with this. "We have been able to find funding sources there will not be an assessment of the landowners."

The city engineer is meeting with Banning

Engineering and will pick it up from there and work out the details and the timing will depend on the engineers. For some future development, it is not the sole deciding factor, but this resolution will solve a lot of issues.

Local resident Ray Baker said he lives at 501 Louise Avenue across from John Beard. "Your decision to transfer Shelly Ditch to the city and they have the funding to absorb the cost and take it over is excellent. I've had 50 years of problems. We have no drains. Mr. Barton is taken on a monumental task. You guys let it go. I know 50 people that live in that area. Most of the people in that area would be homeless."

Barton ended the presentation by saying he expected future development in the area, which is part of the reason for the "Resolution of Transfer" but we must deal with it, but first, we have to deal with Shelly Ditch and the traffic on Traction Road. "We have the funding and the engineering plans to proceed. I have some Tiff funding to move that money over. Nothing will come from the residence, there will be no assessment to the landowners."

- DeAntha Wright-Thornburg worked for the Indiana Department of Transportation for more than 30 years and is also a freelance journalist.

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Purdue Sports Are Heating Up With Drafts, Seeds And New Players



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Purdue men's basketball coach Matt Painter continues to lay the foundation for a potential second consecutive NCAA tournament No. 1 seed.

The Boilermakers will play in senior center Zach Edey's home city as part of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame doubleheader in Toronto on Dec. 9. The opponent? Alabama, like Purdue a No. 1 seed in the 2023 NCAA tournament.

TCU and Clemson will square off in the second game. Times and TV will be announced at a later date.

The Alabama matchup comes exactly one week before Purdue takes on Arizona in the Indy Classic. Already on the Boilermaker schedule is a home game with Xavier as part of the Gavitt Games on Nov. 13 and the Maui Invitational on Nov. 20-22. The Maui field includes Kansas, Tennessee, Gonzaga, Marquette, UCLA, Syracuse and host Chaminade.

The Crimson Tide (2) and Boilermakers (7) combined to be ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press poll nine of the 19 weeks last season. While Purdue returns its top seven players from a year ago, including the National Player of the Year in Edey, Alabama lost standouts Brandon Miller, Noah Clowney and Charles Bediako to the NBA Draft.

Speaking of Edey, he could pick up yet another award at ESPN's ESPY ceremony July 12. Edey is one of four finalists for Best Male College Athlete. The others are Creighton men's soccer player Duncan McGuire, Duke men's lacrosse play-

er Brennan O'Neil and Heisman Trophy winner Caleb Williams of USC.

NFL bargains?

For the rest of eternity, anytime someone is skeptical that a late round draft pick can become a star in the NFL, the chorus of "Tom Brady at No. 199" will ring out.

Nick Baumgardner of The Athletic lists former Purdue standouts Payne Durham and Cory Trice among 11 players picked on Day 3 who have a chance to surprise in their rookie seasons.

On Durham, who was taken in the fifth round by Brady's former team, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers: "Outside of his frame (6-5, 253, 33 3/8-inch arms), there is nothing flashy about Durham," Baumgardner writes. "He's not that fast; he doesn't have much wiggle; if he averages 10 yards per reception, you're probably doing OK with him. But if you throw him the ball 75 times, he'll probably catch 70 of them. Durham has powerful hands, a great frame, and he understands the finer points of football, which allows him to give QBs friendly throwing windows over and over again."

Durham is a solid blocker who can be a dependable, team-first chain-mover in the NFL. He's a three-down prospect who likely will start as a TE2, but there is TE1 potential here. Known at Purdue as a tone-setter because of the way he worked, Durham won't get bullied as a run blocker in training camp — a lot of rookie TEs do.

Trice lasted until pick No. 241 in the seventh round when the cornerback was taken by the Pittsburgh Steelers. "This could go in the books as one hell of a steal. Trice, a 6-3, 206-pounder with elite

burst (broad jump of 11 feet) and agility (6.70 three-cone), most likely fell in the draft due to injury concerns — his 2021 season at Purdue included an ACL tear and an ankle injury, and he later suffered a groin injury. Trice, a former safety, also still has some technical issues in coverage as well.

"But why did he slide to the seventh round? I'm not coming up with a great answer there. Our draft guru, Dane Brugler, had Trice ranked No. 88 overall in the 2023 class. Trice's traits are off the charts, and he can play anywhere on the back end. He has the goods to compete for a spot on the depth chart immediately."

Cornerback Darius Rush, a fifth-round pick by the Indianapolis Colts, also made Baumgardner's list.

Purdue a portal winner

In at least one category, the Purdue football program is ranked in a Top 10 with Alabama and USC.

The Athletic rated the Boilermakers as one of 10 "non-Deion" spring transfer portal winners. The ranking excludes Colorado's mass exodus and importing of players since the legendary Deion Sanders took over as head coach.

The two newest Boilermakers singled out by The Athletic are wide receiver Jahmal Edrine (Florida Atlantic) and defensive lineman Jeffrey M'Ba, the No. 1 ranked junior college recruit of 2022 who departed from Auburn.

Louisville also made the portal top 10 for its haul under former Purdue coach Jeff Brohm. The list includes former Boilermaker offensive tackle and 2021 Indiana Mr. Football Brady Allen.

Quick hits

Incoming Purdue freshman basketball player Myles Colvin was selected to the USA Basketball U19 World Cup team that begins competition Saturday in Debrecen, Hungary.

The 17-year-old Colvin is the only Big Ten representative on the team. He'll be seeking to join Purdue stars Caleb Swanigan, Trevion Williams, Jaden Ivey and Caleb Furst to win a World Cup gold medal. Carsen Edwards (2017) and Edey, representing Canada in 2021, brought home bronze medals.

The six Purdue players selected to the U.S. team since 2015 is the most nationally. Oklahoma State is next with four, followed by Duke, Kentucky and Villanova with three apiece.

The 6-6 Colvin, the son of former Purdue and NFL standout Roosevelt Colvin, was ranked 51st nationally by Rivals.com and 58th by 247 Sports.

Former Purdue guard Dru Anthrop will be part of the new Phoenix Suns coaching staff, reuniting with former boss Frank Vogel.

Anthrop, who starred at Lafayette Central Catholic, was named one of seven assistant coaches. He moves to Phoenix from the Los Angeles Lakers, where he spent four seasons as head video coordinator and player development coach.

Anthrop was a special assistant to Vogel for two seasons with the Orlando Magic. Anthrop began his NBA career as a film coordinating intern for the Indiana Pacers from 2013-15.

- 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

Duke Energy Indiana Commits To Purchase Up To 199 Megawatts Of Solar Power From Shelby County-Based Facility

Project will provide low-cost, clean energy to Duke Energy's Indiana customers.

Duke Energy is expanding its Indiana solar energy resources. The company has signed an agreement with renewable energy developer Ranger Power for up to 199 megawatts of solar power to serve the equivalent of roughly 35,000 homes.

The company has filed a request with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to approve the agreement. Pending regulatory approval, the energy generated from Ranger Power's Speedway Solar facility will be sold to the company under a 20-year power purchase agreement.

"The emission-free solar power that this new facility generates will help us continue to diversify our generation resources and make meaningful progress toward a cleaner energy future," said Stan Pinegar, president of Duke Energy Indiana.

Construction on the 1,700-acre facility located

south of Gwynneville began in March 2023. It's expected to reach commercial operation by September 2025.

"We are thrilled to bring this significant investment in clean energy to Shelby County and the state of Indiana," said Adam Cohen, CEO of Ranger Power. "Speedway Solar will deliver significant economic and environmental benefits for decades to come — powering businesses and homes in Indiana."

Under the company's most recent Indiana Integrated Resource Plan, Duke Energy is proposing to add 2,218 megawatts of solar power, 450 megawatts of solar with energy storage and 6,200 megawatts of wind energy.

These new investments in renewable energy are in addition to the continuing operation of the company's Crane solar plant in southern Indiana, the recent expansion of its Markland hydroelectric plant and additional solar and wind power the company purchases.

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Rope A Dope



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

I watched a show the other night on ABC called "Prisoners of the Snow," a true saga of a rugby team stranded in the Andes in

sub-zero weather when their plane crashed into the side of a mountain in 1972. Also in the news, the miraculous 40-day survival of four young children stranded in the Amazon jungle.

Imagine finding yourself with no food or water in the hot jungle, or caught in an avalanche, freezing to death beneath a mountain of snow. Many of these brave people survived, but it might have been easier if they were all wearing something called the Para-cord Survival Bracelet. (Also helpful: a cell phone, your GPS, warm blankets, three month's supply of food, a Coleman stove and Netflix)

This product was the hottest thing about 15 years ago and they are advertising it once again. Technically, it's called a 550 Cord. This is confusing because that's the name of the Levi's I wear. The bracelet is 90 feet of intricately woven thread crafted into a nifty piece of rope jewelry. The material was first used in WWII by paratroopers. The manufacturer describes it as having a "32-strand woven nylon outer sheath with an inner core of seven 2-ply yarns." I know, I know, that sounds a lot like Charmin.

Here are three uses suggested by the manufacturer:

1. Replace a broken zipper pull: Nothing would be more embarrassing than being rescued after 12 days on a deserted island and being caught with your fly open.

2. Detain a person: When you are shipwrecked in the middle of nowhere and help finally comes, isn't that the first thing you'd think about: Who do I need to tie up?

3. Fishing Line: "Our white cord will rarely catch fish in clear water," admits the bracelet company, "but you may have a chance in murky water if you have stink bait and a hook." Not a problem. A lot of hikers who forgot to bring even one protein bar have a jar of chicken guts and beef liver in their backpack.

The manufacturer is concerned that people will not want to use the rope in an emergency because making it back into a bracelet is harder than solving the Rubik's Cube with your feet. They are probably right. That's why auto safety systems do not allow you to disengage the airbag apparatus on your own. "Push the airbag off button, Agnes. We're going to hit that truck head on, but I have no idea how to stuff that thing back into the steering wheel."

The makers of the Para-cord Survival Bracelet will give you a free one if you use their product in a legitimate emergency. Simply send them the story of how you used the rope along with a photograph demonstrating the life-threatening predicament you were in.

Dear Survival Bracelet Maker,

My wife and I were recently cleaning the gutters on our roof when the ladder tipped over. As I helped her repel down the side of our house using your nifty piece of jewelry, I tried to get my cell phone out of my pocket to send a picture, thus qualifying for a free replacement. I was too slow but I am attaching a photo of her on the ground with two broken legs.

Personally, I think this bracelet is a waste of money at \$39.95. Better not safe, than sorry.

- 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.

Terre Haute Resident to Attend Indian Prime Minister's Address

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) announced that Terre Haute resident Santhana Naidu will attend Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address to a joint session of Congress.

Naidu, Vice President for Communications and Marketing at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, was chosen by Senator Young to represent Rose-Hulman and in

recognition of his service to Rotary International.

"Santhana has put his talents to great use in the Wabash Valley, particularly in the way he has promoted and championed higher education," Senator Young said. "As the United States seeks to deepen our relationship with India, I'm proud to have Santhana representing Indian-American Hoosiers at the Capitol

for this historic address."

Naidu was born in Coimbatore, India, and moved to the United States in 1996 to pursue higher education. He has lived in Indiana for more than 25 years and became a United States citizen in 2017. Naidu was the 2019-20 Governor of Rotary International's southern Indiana clubs. He has been a member of the Terre Haute Rotary Club since

2004 and has also served on the Terre Haute Human Relations Commission and the Union Hospital Foundation. He is currently the Board Chairman for Wabash Valley Goodwill Industries. He also has held leadership roles with the Indiana Health Fund, United Way of the Wabash Valley, Wabash Valley Art Spaces, and Wabash Valley Community Foundation.

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HEALTH

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the digital rectal exam. This procedure, for those that may not be aware, involves a provider inserting a gloved finger into the rectum of a patient to examine the size and texture of the prostate. But why does this evoke such recoil? Why is it that a simple procedure that could mean the difference between life and death equates to fear and potential disgust?

It could be the lack of knowledge on exactly what is proper prostate health, or what exactly is the prostate gland and its functions. So, let's chat for a second about what the prostate gland is and why it is important to maintain proper prostate health. Take a moment and visualize a normal sized walnut in its shell. Got it? This is the approximate size of a healthy prostate. It sits just below a man's bladder anatomically and his urethra travels through the center of the gland. It is responsible for producing seminal fluids which assists in the transporting of semen during ejaculation.

Seems like a simple gland? Minimal function when it comes to the male physiology and anatomy. Produces some "fancy fluid." Big deal, right? It actually is a big deal. As men age that walnut sized gland can begin to enlarge, which defined by the Mayo Clinic is benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), and can lead to unpleasant indicators. Possible symptoms that may be experienced are things like frequent urination, difficulty urinating, urinary tract infections, blood in the urine, and even possibly erectile dysfunction. It is important to note that an enlarged prostate isn't the only cause of the listed symptoms, but it could be a culprit. But fear not! There

are plenty of actions that could be taken to help support a healthy prostate gland. First and foremost, eating a well-balanced diet that is rich in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. Avoid excess alcohol and red meat, as these have each been linked to prostate issues, and of course, it is important to exercise regularly. A healthy body can help support a healthy prostate.

You may be asking yourself, what if I (or someone I know) is already experiencing prostate problems? Pursue the medical advice of a healthcare provider. There are plenty of treatments available, from medicine to surgeries, but without your willingness to seek out that care you will only continue to suffer from symptoms that may increase in severity. In some cases, this could contribute to the increased chance of mortality should the issues be caused by prostate cancer.

Don't let what could be prevented, or treated, steal a healthy, productive life from you and your loved ones. Visit a healthcare provider whose job it is to support you on your journey to leading a fruitful life with as little health concerns as possible. "Healthy men, strong men: Let's take charge of our health!" This men's health awareness message is brought to you by your local Purdue Extension partner, your education partner for life.

Article brought to you by the Purdue Extension Men's Health Team

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BUTCH

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hours, and Brett was born without any delivery complications. Our new doctor charged \$800, and the total bill, with my wife spending only two days in the hospital was...\$4400. Holy Cow! Yes, I had to go on the monthly payment plan, and by working overtime as a deputy sheriff as much as possible, had it paid off in a year.

I searched the Internet to see how much it costs today to have a child. The total costs of delivery and hospital stay, with no complications, runs anywhere from \$11,000 to \$18,000...and sometimes as much as \$25,000...unbelievable! Although I realize we should have regular checkups, my wife and I very seldom go to a doctor unless it's an extreme emergency. We were both raised in the "good ol' days" when home remedies were common, and like a couple of idiots, we usually "doctor" ourselves. A few years ago, I test-fired a very old shotgun. The recoil caused my hand to slip, and the shotgun's hammer ripped open the flesh over my thumb joint, exposing the bone. Not good. But no problem. I poured hydrogen peroxide over the open gash, and held it closed while my wife SUPERGLUED it.

Thankfully the wound healed in about two weeks. Of course it could have become infected and caused much worse problems, but I figured I saved about \$3000. I'm a gambler...a DUMB gambler.

My father never went to a doctor in his life. Never had a prescription. Never even took an aspirin. He had a heart attack in the fall of 1990 and never told a soul. He then had a second heart attack in the spring of 1991, and died one month later at the age of 66. Evidently I have inherited some of his traits. If my folks would have had to pay very much when my four siblings and I were born, it is doubtful that we would even be here today.

You know...to be truthful I'm not even certain that my folks are my actual biological parents. Whenever I did something really stupid as a child, my Dad would inform me that possibly a buzzard had laid an egg on a stump, and the sun had hatched me out. Hmmm...

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PRIDE

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and acceptance. "HUE began in 2016 by Deborah Kochert and friends. They focus on connecting the people of our community with the resources they need to thrive and succeed. You can check out their website for more information and to inquire about volunteering: <https://www.huemoco.org/>

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