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BUSINESS NEWS

Employment Gains in the Region

With the onset of warmer months, Parker Hannifin will begin rehiring 10-15 new employees. Air conditioning components are gaining in demand and will allow the company to begin recalling positions that had been cut several weeks ago. [Read More-Parker Hannifin](#)

Navy & Pakistan Contract with USSI

Ultra Electronics Undersea Sense Systems has landed a \$35 million dollar contract with the U.S. Department of Defense and the Government of Pakistan. USSI will provide sonobuoys for the U.S. Navy and Pakistan with most of the work being completed in the Columbia City facility. The sonobuoys will be used in-water target detection, classification, and localization. [Read More](#)

Area Business Incubator Clients Expanding

Two of the Northeast Indiana Innovation Center's (NIIC) start-up businesses that have been housed in its business incubator will be expanding to a new, enhanced building in the coming months. The Emerging Growth Center will serve as a location for businesses operating in the NIIC to expand and continue to grow. Cirrus ABS & Zoom Information Systems will be two of three companies that will be housed in the new \$6.2-million facility. [Read More](#)

RV Maker Expanding Product Line, Adapting to the Market

Structural Composites in Ligonier have their eye on a new product, which will enable them to expand their company. Working with the Dakota, Missouri Valley and Western Railroad, tests have begun on fiberglass covers for coal cars. The covers make rail cars more aerodynamic and help to contain coal dust. Adaptations to the covers for cars hauling chicken feed, wood chips, municipal waste and other materials also show promise. The expansion will add the transportation industry to the defense and RV industries which Structural Composites currently serves. [Read More](#)

REGIONAL SUCCESS

Small Businesses Honored with Indiana's EDGE Award

Preventive Maintenance of Fort Wayne, Comforts of Home in Marion and The Little Builder Toy Co. in South Whitley were honored with Indiana's inaugural Economic Development through Entrepreneurship (EDGE) Awards at a statehouse ceremony. The awards recognize clients of the agency's 10 regional small business development centers located throughout the state. [Read More](#)

Parkview Nationally Recognized for Health Care Contributes

Omaha-based research firm, Professional Research Consultants Inc., has honored Parkview Health with its 2009 President's Award. Parkview was chosen because of its gains in patients' perceptions and improvements in

> COUNTY UPDATES

ALLEN

Automated Control Systems (ACS) announced it is working with TransWheel Corporation, a company located in Huntington which produces replacement wheels. ACS will be producing a new wheel identification machine for TransWheel. [Read More](#)

Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) has announced that it will add three courses on supply chain and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) to its Division of Continuing Studies. [Read More](#)

DEKALB

Ohio-based Therma-Tru Corp., a manufacturer of residential fiberglass and steel exterior door systems, is transferring operations from Oklahoma to DeKalb County. Therma-Tru plans to have the majority of production moved to Butler by the end of June. [Read More](#)

Star Technology in Waterloo, IN has been awarded two state grants for employee training from the Indiana Economic Development Corp. Star Technology specializes in custom adhesives and potting compounds.

HUNTINGTON

Huntington County has begun work on its sewer separation project, eliminating the county's 15 combined sewer overflows. A groundbreaking ceremony was held February 25, kicking off the multi-year project. [Read More](#)

The Huntington City-Township Public Library broke ground February 24 to officially begin phase three of the library expansion. The expansion will include children's and young adult areas, two new meeting rooms, the non-fiction section, reference and circulation.

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STAR Financial Bank Honored for its Contributions to the Community

STAR Financial bank was recently named a winner in the American Banker Association's annual Community Bank Awards. Nominated for its partnership with Aboite New Trails, STAR was one of two winners in the Fundraising for Foundations and Local Groups category. STAR donated \$75,000 to Aboite New Trails in early 2008 in support of the creation of a trail system throughout Allen County. [Read More](#)

NASA Launches Satellite with Fort Wayne-Made Components

Fort Wayne's ITT Corp's space systems technicians and engineers designed and built key instruments aboard the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's most recent weather satellite, NOAA-19. Launched by NASA on Feb. 6, the satellite is now in orbit, flying over the earth's north and south poles every 100 minutes. [Read More](#)

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With the help of the Community Research Institute (CRI) and input from our local economic development partners, you now have access to our sales sheets that contain data and information highlighting four of our six industries: [Financial & Insurance Services](#), [Food Processing](#), [Medical Devices](#) and [Transportation and Logistics](#). Dive into the facts and let Northeast Indiana work for you!

BLOG HIGHLIGHT:

"Fort Wayne-Best Location in the Country to Open Medical Practice"

Fort Wayne is one of the best places in the country to open a medical practice, according to a Pennsylvania firm that estimates small-business values...

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"Commentary on The Other Indiana"

Partnership President & CEO, John Sampson, comments on columnist Cal Thomas' take on President Obama's Elkhart, IN address. President Obama highlighted the crumpled RV industry, but Thomas and Sampson explain what today's economy means for "The Other Indiana..."

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LAGRANGE

Deflecta-Shield in Howe recently announced \$1.3 million of additional equipment and approx. 18 new jobs.

NOBLE

Ligonier-based Structural Composites of Indiana (SCI) has produced what it believes is the first coal rail car cover of its kind. This marks a milestone in the company's effort to shift from its focus on the RV industry. [Read More](#)

STEUBEN

Ensuring quality service for its customers, Professional Fabricators has relocated its operations to a facility almost 20 times bigger than its former location. Every project will now be completed inside, away from environmental elements. [Read More](#)

WABASH

Congratulations to Bill Konyha, president of the Wabash County Economic Development Group. The State Treasurer nominated Konyha to the Board of Directors of the State Bond Bank and Governor Daniels subsequently approved his appointment. This accomplishment is a tribute to Konyha's expertise and dedication to northeast Indiana and the state.

WELLS

Roembke Manufacturing and Design of Ossian received special recognition Wednesday as one of the semi-finalists for the Indiana Chamber of Commerce "Small Business of the Year" award. [Read Story](#)

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