⇒ TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

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James Clifton 55, with a good spirit smiles brightly for The Paper. Thank you for your smile, James!

⇒ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

The sign of a successful local saloon is its ability to win loyal patrons year-after-year, century-after-century, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. One such establishment in the U.K. has been attracting steadfast regulars for 1,229 years -- Ye Olde Fighting Cocks pub in St. Albans, England. The pub opened its doors for the first time in the year 793 and managed to survive the plague known as the Black Death that ravaged England in the mid-1300s. But, alas, the pub was apparently unable survive a more recent plague better known as COVID-19. Manager Christo Tofalli says: "the past two years have been unprecedented for the hospitality industry and have defeated all of us who have been trying our hardest to ensure this multi-awardwinning pub could continue trading into the future."

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is offering free virtual presentations to elementary schools across the state to celebrate Earth Day 2022. Every year, IDEM staff meet with students to talk about their careers and share science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) based lessons about air, land, water, and recycling. Registration is required and is now open. Please visit www.idem in.gov/iee/index.htm to see dates, topics, and to register. Educators may direct questions to IDEM's **Environmental Education Outreach** Coordinator at education@idem. IN.gov or 800-988-7901. Presentations are also available throughout the year. For more information, please visit IDEM's Environmental Education website: www.idem. IN.gov/iee/.

Readers' Choice '22 has kicked off and the most popular and largest contest in Montgomery County is already hot! The Paper's Readers' Choice contest debuted more than 15 years ago and has been copied and imitated, but no one else does it as good as the folks who originated it. Weigh in by simply going to www. thepaper24-7.com and clicking on the top Readers' Choice banner! It's that easy!



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Ask Rusty - Swiss Immigrant Asks About Collecting Their Spouse Benefits

Dear Rusty: I am originally from Switzerland. I moved to the States, got married in 2012, and became a US Citizen in 2016. I never worked in the United States but have 44 years of Social Security contribution in Switzerland and have received a pension from there since I turned 62 (I'm now 64). Is it correct that I cannot apply for Social Security here in the States on my husband's account unless he is collecting his Social Security benefit? He will turn 62 this year but is still working and does not want to collect before 70. Signed: Immigrant from **Switzerland**

Dear Immigrant: Yes, it is correct that you cannot collect U.S. Social Security spousal benefits from your husband until he starts collecting his own Social Security benefit. As soon as your husband's benefits start, you can apply for your benefit as his spouse, even though you

Dear American

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by Dr. Glenn Mollette



ASK Rusty

Social Security Matters

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aren't eligible for U.S. Social Security on your own. As a U.S. Citizen and current legal resident of the United States, you are eligible for U.S. spousal benefits from your husband even though you spent most of your life as a resident of Switzerland.

Since you mentioned your contributions to the Swiss social security program, I'd like to point out that there is a Social Security "totalization" agreement between the U.S. and Switzerland which permits using some of your Swiss credits to qualify for U.S. Social Security retirement benefits, but since

you have never worked in the U.S. that bilateral agreement won't work for you. To use some of your Swiss credits to get U.S. Social Security on your own, you would need to have at least six (6) credits from working in the U.S. in a job which contributed to the U.S. Social Security program. Unless you have at least 6 U.S. Social Security credits, you cannot use the bilateral agreement with Switzerland to get your own SS retirement benefit, so you will need to wait until your husband

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Inflammaging; Making Aging A Disease

by John Grimaldi

As we age we become more susceptible to inflammatory diseases such as Rheumatoid arthritis. Thus a new moniker for the process of growing old has emerged – inflammag ing. It makes sense once you consider that the majority of age-related diseases have an inflammatory origin and that aging, itself, is a disease.

The National Institutes of Health [NIH] has weighed in on the discussion arguing that: "Aging as the passage of time and the accumulation of wisdom is not undesirable; the physiological decline that accompanies the process, however, most certainly is ... aging is a 'special form of disease' ... Whilst many aging researchers have openly declared that the universality of the aging process means it is not a disease, aging fits the given medical definition of a disease. There is no disputing the fact that aging is a 'harmful abnormality of bodily structure and function.' What is becoming increasingly clear is that aging also has specific causes, each of which can be reduced to a cellular and

molecular level, and recognizable signs and symptoms ... As aging appropriately fits the definition of disease, there is a shifting consensus that aging should be seen as a disease process in itself, and not a benign progression of age that increases the risk of disease."

Meanwhile, the National Library of Medicine points out that inflammation is a normal bodily response to cell injury; it's part of a natural healing process when one is injured or has an infection. The inflammatory response occurs when tissues are injured by bacteria, trauma, toxins, heat, or any other cause your body releases chemicals that cause swelling. This, in turn, isolates the injury and attracts white blood cells that help the healing process.

But a runaway reaction can occur when there is no injury or infection. Since there's nothing to heal, the immune system cells that normally protect us begin to destroy healthy arteries, organs and joints, according to the Scripps Clinic Health Website.

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What Happened On This Day • 2008 Fidel Castro steps

down as Cuba's president

• 1945 U.S. troops land on
the Japanese island of Iwo Jima

Births On This Day • 1963 Seal

English singer-songwriter • 1473 Nicolaus Copernicus Polish mathematician, astronomer

Deaths On This Day • 2001 Stanley Kramer

American director

• 1952 Knut Hamsun Norwegian writer, Nobel Prize laureate

Sharing Creative Talents For All

On Thursday evening, February 24 from 6-8 pm at Fusion 54, works of art from 27 local artists will be showcased. At this one-evening event, 69 pieces of incredible artwork can be purchased for the new Montgomery County Government Center which will be located at 1580 Constitution Row, the former Williamsburg Nursing Home. There will be colorful oil, watercolor, acrylic, polymer, and mixed-media paintings as well as photography for sale. Artwork sold at this event will be placed in the hallways, meeting rooms and reception areas in the new building. This will be a wonderful way to display the talents of our local artists for the entire community

to enjoy. Artwork will have a museum label that will state the name of the artist, title of the piece and the name of the donor. Art

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The pandemic has changed our lives in more ways than

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In the immortal words of Bart

Scott, can't wait!

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP Seniors should always have bright light-

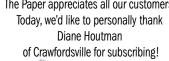
ing in their homes - it takes three times as much light to see as well as a teenager. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www. thepaper24-7.com.



OBITUARIES **SEE PAGE A2 FOR OBITUARIES**

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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE What a deal for churches!

Please remember that any church in the county is eligible for a free ad from the friendliest newspaper in Montgomery County. The Paper will give small ads at no cost to any church inside Montgomery County. The church provides basics like service times and contact info, and can include a message of faith and inspiration. With the pandemic, virtual services are expanding and info on that might be included. The normal cost of the ad is \$50 to \$65 and The Paper is absorbing 100 percent of the cost. To take advantage, just contact Paper Publisher Tim Timmons at ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com

TODAY'S QUOTE

"It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed." Theodore Roosevelt

🗢 TODAY'S JOKE

Why'd the witches lose the baseball game? Their bats flew





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Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022

OBITUARIES

Glenn Altus Dieterlen

Aug. 1, 1935 - Feb. 17, 2022

Glenn Altus Dieterlen, 86, Frankfort and formerly of Crawfordsville, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022 at IU Arnett Hospital in Lafayette.

He was born in Scott County, Ind. on Aug. 1, 1935 to the late Altus & Nellie (Mahan) Dieterlen.

He graduated from Boswell High School in 1953 and married the love of his life, Wanda Purcell on

Nov. 27, 1955. He farmed in the Shannondale area for many years. He also worked at Life Time Gate Company, Harpel Seeds, and for his son at J&J Woodcrafters in Thorntown. He was a member of Indiana Farm Bureau, International Order of Foresters, Mace United Methodist Church and attended New Ross United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Wanda of Frankfort; a son, Jon (Kim) Dieterlen of Thorntown; a daughter, Julie (Dennis) Lester of Crawfordsville; six grandchildren, Megan (Andrew) Taylor, Sarah (Tim) Joly, Jonathon (Chanda) Dieterlen, Jacqueline (Dustin) Foster, Jasmine (Danish) Patel and Emily (fiancé Mike Shereyk) Harrison; seven great-grandchildren, Damien, Rowan, Alyssa, Carter, Cheyenne, Brooklyn and Katy; two brothers, Dr. Paul (Jan) Dieterlen DVM of Avon and Carl (Leona) Dieterlen of Millington, Tenn.; a sister, Janice (Norman) Segal of St. Clair, Minn.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Freda (Don) Melama; and a great granddaughter, Lylah Dieterlen.

Visitation is scheduled at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington St, in Crawfordsville on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022 from 11 a.m. till the time of the funeral service at 1 p.m., with Pastor Tami Mussche officiating. The service will be live-streamed and recorded which can be viewed on his obituary page at www.sandersfuneralcare.com. Burial will follow at Mace Community Cemetery.

Share memories and condolences online at www. sandersfuneralcare.com

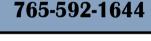
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Joseph Clay Krutzsch, Jr. Jan. 24, 1940 - Feb. 16, 2022

Joseph Krutzsch "Joe", 82, passed away Wednesday morning at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Crawfordsville, with his children by his side.

He was an insurance broker over the years. He sold life and health insurance for multiple companies. He produced enough in sales to make the Million Dollar Round Table

His true love was the game of basketball. He started out playing basketball in North Salem, Ind., where he finished his junior year as the leading scorer. His senior year was at Crawfordsville High School. He was elected the MVP and also was the leading scorer for his team. The Athenians then went to the State Tournament, where he was the leading scorer. The Crawfordsville High School 1958 team was the state runner-ups. He attended Ball State for two years and played varsity there. In 2002 he was inducted into the CHS Athletic Hall of Fame. In 2008 he was selected as a member of the Montgomery County Basketball Hall of Fame.

Survivors include his daughter, Teresa Krutzsch of Crawfordsville; son, Joe Krutzsch (Staci) of Crawfordsville; son, Brett Krutzsch (Kevin) of New York, NY; grandson, Austin Krutzsch (Taylor) of McCordsville, Ind.; granddaughter, Paytin Krutzsch of Carmel, Ind.; granddaughter, Kasey Krutzsch of Crawfordsville; and great-granddaughter, Kemper Krutzsch

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Krutzsch, Sr.; mother, Maxine Krutzsch; step-mother, Martha Jane Krutzsch; and daughter, Cynthia Krutzsch Standefer.

A private service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. at Burkhart Funeral Home, Crawfordsville, led by Pastor Mike Whitacre. He will be laid to rest at Oak Hill Cemetery North.

Donations can be made to a memorial of your choice. Online condolences may be made at www. BurkhartFH.com.



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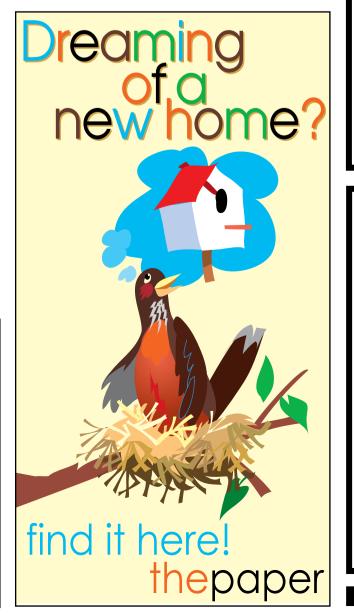
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Nancy Switzer Hohenstein

July 9, 1933 - Feb. 14, 2022

Nancy Switzer Hohenstein, 88, Waveland, passed away on Feb. 14, 2022 at home with family close by her side.

Born and raised in Linden, she was the daughter of Lawrence (Bunk) Switzer and Lillie Boller Trombley. She will now be at the euchre table once again with her dad, mom and brother Billy.

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She attended Linden High School
and worked several different jobs in her lifetime.
Her most recent job was managing a group home in
Crawfordsville for several years which she loved. She
was an avid reader, Jeopardy contestant (at home),
crossword puzzle solver, euchre specialist, fishing expert and Colts cheerleader who never missed a game.
She loved to garden and crochet in her spare time as
well. In her younger days she was a fantastic pianist
and gave concerts.

Survivors include her four children, Belinda Kiger, Deborah Tarnow Nolen, Rudy (Darla) Hohenstein and Janet Hohenstein Rivers; eight grandchildren, Amy Malelo, Vicki Knuth, Belinda Hohenstein, Erin Hohenstein Weaver, Trevor Hohenstein, Meggan Rivers Hood, Eric Rivers and Emily Kay Nolen; 17 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; a niece, nephew and several cousins.

Graveside services with the family will be held at the Linden Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations can be made to the organization of choice.

A special thank you to Franciscan Hospice, and granddaughters Meggan Hood and Erin Weaver for helping to make Nancy more comfortable toward the end of her life.

Hahn-Groeber Funeral Home of Linden is honored to serve the Hohenstein family.

Please leave memories and condolences at www. hahngroeberfuneralhome.com

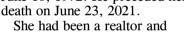
Rachel L. Gardner

March 26, 1949 - Feb. 6, 2022

Rachel L. Gardner, Crawfords-ville, passed away Sunday Feb. 6th at home. She was 72.

Born March 26, 1949 in Crawfordsville she was the daughter of the late Everett Lutes and Barbara (Ralph) Vaughn.

She married Jack Gardner on June 10, 1972. He preceded her in death on June 23, 2021.



enjoyed drawing, wood burning and bowling. She was a member of the Moose Lodge and the American Legion.

Survivors includeher sons, Lonnie Wayne (Rose) Coffenberry of Crawfordsville, Shawn Eugene (Melanie) Gardner of Crawfordsville, Bradwick Allen (Karri) Gardner of New Market and Chadwick Allen (Summer) Gardner of Crawfordsville; eleven grandchildren, Brandon, Javan (Susanna), Skyler (Rebecca), Vyctoria, Blake, Slayde, Lilly, Creed, Victoria, Angel and Victoria; and eight great-grandchildren.

No public services are planned at this time. Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Burkhart Funeral Home.

Online condolences can be made at www.Burkhart-FH.com.



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INCLUDE YOUR INFORMATION The Paper of Montgomery County is asking churches to send us church news by noon on Thursday. Information can be e-mailed to: churchnews@thepaper24-7.com

The following is a listing of church services and various programs that organizations around Montgomery County have sent The Paper. If you would like to have your church information included in this free listing, simply e-mail it to churchnews@thepaper24-7.com by Monday for the Wednesday Print Edition.

There may be closures due to health concerns with the COVID-19 pandemic.

FREEDOM BAPTIST CHURCH

If you're looking for something special to do this Christmas, Freedom Baptist Church near Waveland has you covered! On Sunday morning Dec 12 at 9:30, we will be featuring acclaimed jazz pianist Luke Gillespie in a free concert of Christmas music. Gillespie is Professor of Jazz Studies at Indiana University Jacobs School of Music and has performed with David Baker, Buselli-Wallarab Jazz Orchestra, Sylvia McNair, Ann-Margret, Arturo Sandoval, and many others. Stick around for coffee and donuts following the program. Freedom Baptist Church is on SR 234 west, just minutes west of the intersection at SR 234 and SR 47. You won't want to miss this!

NEW MARKET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Church News for Saturday, February 19, 2022 from New Market

The Sanctuary as well as the Drive-in Parking Lot are open for Worship held at 10:00 am. Tony Thomas will speak on "Ask for Help". His text is from Luke 11:1-4.

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins at 9:00 am. COFFEE & DONUT FEL-LOWSHIP is at 8:30 am the first Sunday of each month. The next fellowship is March 6.

The worship service and Sunday school are open to everyone.

MASKS are ENCOURAGED!

NEW MARKET FIRST BAPTIST

We are so happy to be back in our sanctuary after the structure damage. We will be having Sunday School at 9:00 a,m, with coffee and donuts during that time also in Hampton Hall. Classes for all ages. We will worship at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Children's church is offered at this time. Following the church service, we will observe communion, Lord's closet will be open this Saturday from 9:00 am.-12:00 p.m. Come and join us as we worship.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sundays: Worship (Casual Traditional/Family Friendly/Childcare) - 10:15 am, Adult Faith Learning/Sunday School - 9:15 am, Good News Cafe - 9:15 am, Wednesdays: WOW! - Mid-week Youth Program (Grades 1-12) - 4:30 - 7 pm, Faith Learning and Dinner, Rev. Darla Goodrich, We are located at: 211 S. Walnut St. Crawfordsville IN 47933 Telephone: 765-362-4812

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Traditional service at 8:15a.m. & Contemporary service at 10:30a.m. All Sunday School classes at 9:30a.m., Children's classes for birth to 5th grade at 10:30a.m. All services will be streamed live on our live.whcc.us platform, Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter.

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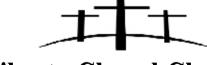
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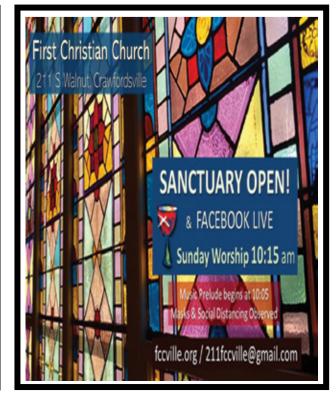
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Sunday at 10 am

Tuesday Prayer Meeting

6 pm - 7 pm

Thursday Bible Study 6:30 pm - 8 pm



What To Do If You're Behind On Your Mortgage

Although the pandemic has impacted the financial lives of millions, one of its largest effects has been on individuals' housing situations. Since the onset of the pandemic, Americans have missed a combined \$83.9 billion in mortgage payments, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association, creating undue stress and anxiety

about their futures. "Even as governments across the country begin to lift lingering pandemic restrictions, the effects on housing instability remain a critical issue for millions of homeowners," said Michael Sullivan, a personal financial consultant with Take Charge America, a nonprofit credit and housing counseling agency. "If you've fallen behind on your mortgage — or soon will — there are several steps you should take to protect yourself and improve the chances of staying in your home."

If you're behind on

your housing payments or struggling, Sullivan suggests the following

actions: Contact your lender. Don't wait to call your lender until you have missed a payment. Be up front and honest about your situation, asking about potential programs or options they may have available, such as mortgage forbearance or loan modification. The sooner you contact your lender, the more options you'll likely have available.

Research housing assistance programs. Nonprofits and government agencies at both national and local levels support individuals struggling with mortgage payments. Homeowners can check out the Fannie Mae website to find information and possible resources for assistance.

Consider a refinance. Exploring a refinance on your mortgage could potentially make your payment more affordable either through a lower



interest rate or extending the timeline to pay off your balance.

Seek legal help. Depending on the severity of your situation, you may want to find legal assistance to act on your behalf with your lender and negotiate any potential agreement to resolve the issue.

Get it in writing. Document all your communication with your lenders, banks or servicers. You'll also want to request any agreements you come to with them in writing. Properly documenting everything will help you if a dispute arises.

Seek nonprofit housing counseling. If your situation is overwhelming, nonprofit housing counseling agencies, like Take Charge America, can provide you with one-on-one guidance and tailored resources to help you determine the best path forward.

For additional housing resources and assistance, explore housing counseling services from Take Charge America.

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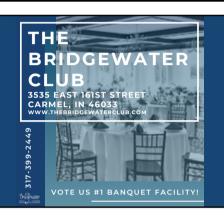
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Indy Airport Ahead Of Other Airports In Passenger Traffic Recovery

More than 7.1 million passengers traveled through the Indianapolis International Airport (IND) in 2021, an increase in overall passenger traffic by 75 percent compared to 2020.

"It's a promising development and we're outpacing our peer airports in Columbus, Milwaukee, and Pittsburgh in passenger traffic recovery," said Mario Rodriguez, executive director of the Indianapolis Airport

Authority. The fourth quarter of 2021 saw the most passenger traffic, with that increase attributed to fall break travel in October and holiday travel in November and December. Most of the increase in

passenger traffic was due to pent-up demand from leisure travelers.

"The pandemic has transformed the make-up of air travel," said Rodriguez. "Pre-pandemic, 45 percent of air travel was business and 55 percent was leisure. In 2021, that breakdown was 18 percent business and 82 percent leisure.'

More than 22 new nonstop flights launched out of the Indy airport in 2021 to 10 new destinations, along with two new airlines – Sun Country and Contour - joining the roster of airlines that fly out of Indianapolis. Of those total new flights, nine were destined for

Florida cities. In addition, nonstop flights to Cancun, Ft. Myers, Los Angeles, New York, Boston, and San Francisco resumed in 2021 after halts in early 2020 due to the pandemic.

Along with passenger increases in 2021, air cargo totals also increased significantly last year.

"Both cargo and landed weight in 2021 were the highest we've seen in the airport's history,' said Marsha Stone, IAA senior director of commercial enterprise.

The Indy airport recorded 1.3 million tons of total cargo in 2021 and 5.7 million tons of landed weight.

"Driven by consumer demand for shipped goods, FedEx processed the highest volume of car-

go in their history at IND in 2021," said Stone, also noting that FedEx continues to expand its operations as part of a multi-year \$1.5 billion investment in facilities and infrastructure at the Indy airport.

The Indy airport started out 2022 with the excitement of the College Football Playoff Championship which drew more than 100,000 fans to the city, and spurred Delta Air Lines to offer onetime flights to and from southern cities such as Birmingham, Huntsville and Savannah.

And there's more big opportunities on the horizon, with Visit Indy and Indiana Sports Corp having booked 2022 and beyond already with prominent events.

"Indy 500 is back home again, with fans in the stands this year, to name one" said Stone. "We also have the NBA All-Star Game in 2024, which is rescheduled from 2021. Indy is an award-winning city when it comes to drawing top events. And big events feed tourism, which attracts both business and leisure travel, and that's good for our airline partners as well as our

community." Indy was named the Best Places to Go 2021, World's Greatest Places of 2021 and Best Places to Travel in 2021 by Condé Nast Traveler, Time magazine and Trav-

el + Leisure, respectively. Only New York City has been named to all three lists in the same

"What we've seen in

2021 is what we anticipated we'd see - a start to the recovery," said Rodriguez. "We said in 2020 that it would take about three years to fully rebound from this crisis. We anticipate that 2024 is the year we'll see pre-pandemic passenger numbers, like we did in 2019, but the make-up of air travel will be different with leisure leading the air-travel trend and business being considerably less. That's a transformational difference that will define the air travel industry going forward."



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purchasers can also have the name of a person "in honor of" or "in memory of" on the label. Having your company's or organization's name on a piece of art will show your involvement and interest in the community. Any community member or group may purchase and donate a piece of art in honor or in memory of a friend, family member or business. Several local businesses have already expressed an interest in participating. If for some reason you are not able to attend the event, but want to purchase art, contact Kathy Steele at ksteele104@gmail.com. Photos and prices of art will be sent to you. Athens Arts Gallery will handle all financial trans-

Local artists who have been approved to sell art that evening include Stacy Bogan, Sue Brassel, Eleanor Brewer, Brian Bullerdick, Abigail Clark, Stacie Cook, Nina Cunningham, Mary Lou Dawald, Anna Dickson, Ellie Dieckmeyer, Dana Ellis, Kenya Ferrand-Ott, Jeremy Fry, Dudley Gray, Alice Harpel, Kathy Houghton, Mariah Julio, Jeff Klinker, Kathleen Norton, John Oiler, Anne Parks, Pat Paris, Karen Patton, Lorelei Schmitzer-Torbert, Jerry Smith, Leslie Warren, and John Zimmerman. Artists have selected up to three pieces of art that they feel will symbolize the beauty of our county

walk into the building.

The show is open to anyone who would like to view and purchase art. Athens Arts Gallery and The Art League of Montgomery County have worked cooperative with County officials to plan this event and secure artists to participate. Now we need businesses and community advocates to make the dream of "a building beaming with quality local art" a reality. Many of the artists will be on hand to discuss their art. You are encouraged to wear masks to keep everyone safe. Packaged refreshments will be served to correspond to covid guidelines. To make a reservation to attend the event, send

gmail.com.

To date 43 pieces of art created by local artists have been donated to be hung at the center. These have been donated by art lovers in the community who have purchased precious pieces of art from their favorite artist. These include works by Jene Burns, Bob Davis, Dudley Gray, Alice Harpel, Kathy Houghton, Rob O'Dell, Paul Mielke, Roxie Remley, Elizabeth Sharpless, Jerry Smith, Kathy Steele, and John Zimmerman.

Other pieces have been generously donated by artists themselves including Carol Baird, Linda Cherry, Jeff Klinker, Alicia MacIsaac, Brian McCafferty, Kathleen Norton, Anne Parks, Jerry Smith, Kathy Steele, and John Zimmerman. Athens Arts Gallery has permanently loaned three pieces from artists, Stacy Bogan, Nina Cunningham/Alice Harpel, and Elizabeth Sharpless. Eight additional pieces of art have already been purchased and donated to be placed in the collection. It will be so exciting

to see all these pieces on permanent display in the new county government center.

Once the Montgomery County Government Center is completed, an open house will be held to invite the artists and donors to come, stroll though hallways and enjoy this cultural centerpiece in our community.

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claims his Social Security to start collecting spouse benefits from him. Assuming your spousal benefit from your husband will be higher than you would be eligible for on your own anyway, not getting your own Social Security retirement benefit using the bilateral totalization agreement is inconsequential.

You should be aware, too, that by your husband waiting until age 70 to claim his maximum SS benefit, and since you will have passed your own full retirement age by that time, the higher amount he gets at age 70 will be your survivor benefit if your husband should pass before you do. Upon his death you would get his full age 70 benefit instead of the smaller spousal benefit you will get while you are both living. Your benefit as his spouse while

both of you are living will be 50% of the benefit your husband is entitled to at his full retirement age, but your benefit as his surviving widow will be 100% of the benefit he is receiving at his death.

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And now the folks at Stanford University and the Buck Institute of Research on Aging have come up with a way to use a blood test to determine an individual's so-called inflammatory age – or iAge. Your iAge differs from your chronological age in that it's a measure of the chronic inflammation in our bodies.

Stamford's Dr Nazish Sayed, who helped develop the iAge blood test, says that "Our chronological age shouldn't matter to us so much. What should matter is how well we age. Our goal should be a healthier old age, one in which we prevent some of the ill health that is all too commonly associated with it ... Chronic inflammation is characterized by being low-grade and persistent, and ultimately it leads to collateral damage to tissues and organs. It has been associated with heart

disease, cancer, and neu-

or bring joy to those who

rodegenerative diseases. Thus, we hypothesize that by testing for and then working to lower iAge, we can minimize the diseases that are associated with chronic inflammation.'

an email to ksteele104@

Sayed explains that they tested blood samples from 1,000 individuals. He said it turned out that some of those blood tests showed that a number of donors with a chronological age of 45 had high levels of inflammation

and an iAge of 65. The iAge factor is essentially a measure of an individual's inflammatory markers. "Our test isn't commercially available yet, but we hope it could be used to screen for these inflammatory markers as part of annual check-ups. This could allow for early detection of a variety of chronic conditions including heart disease and maybe even type 2 diabetes and dementia," he said.

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sickness and death. The new normal is having to wait longer on what used to be so available. If you think Ameri-

ca's products, food and merchandise are difficult to get now, then can you imagine if our American truckers all went on strike?

Canadian truckers have recently blocked the flow of goods into the United States. The protest follows rallies over opposition to COVID-19 mandates in cities across Canada. In a show of

solidarity with a demonstration in Ottawa that has gone on for more than a week by the so-called Freedom Truck Convoy. The protests have paralyzed the Canadian capital's business district and led the mayor to call for 2,000 extra police officers to quell the nightly demonstrations.

Several people involved in the protest Tuesday in Canada said the demonstrations had expanded from its original purpose, opposing mandates for cross-border truck

drivers, and were there in opposition to all vaccine mandates, in addition to supporting truck drivers, the Windsor Star report-

"Any delay or disruption in the supply chain creates problems, not just for agriculture but the state economy," said Chuck Lippstreu, president of the Michigan Agri-Business Association, which represents businesses that support farmers, early in the

closure. The Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association, which represents the Detroit Three automakers, called for an end to the protest, citing its effect on the country's economy. (NNY.360.

If the American truckers stopped driving today, the grocery stores would dry up and the movement of most everything you would want or need would not be available.

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days and weeks. They deserve whatever they are paid and I'm sure in many cases are deserving of more. However, to our truckers, I have this request, please help us keep this country moving. We have enough problems in this country. A shut-down of any kind by America's truckers would create severe hardship on the people everywhere in America.

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