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▶ TODAY'S VERSE

Mark 8:38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

▶ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Alivia Curran offers a smile while doing a scavenger hunt at the Carnegie Museum. Thanks for the smile, Alivia!

▶ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb, along with many Hoosiers, is keeping an eye on the Indiana Legislature and the special session. After Thursday's action, Holcomb had praise for Indiana House members. "I am extremely pleased to see the House advance Senate Bill 2 that includes returning a billion dollars back to Hoosier taxpayers in the form of an automatic taxpayer refund. After all, this is the reason I called the General Assembly back into special session and I'm grateful they have acted swiftly and collaboratively to advance this much needed bill to third reading in the House tomorrow. No less important is the package of robust programming to strengthen the health outcomes for Hoosier women and babies. The contents of this current bill now reflect strong contributions from all corners of the General Assembly and I look forward to signing it as soon as it arrives on my desk."

2 They were supposed to paint the yellow and white traffic lines in a slightly curved pattern in order to slow down traffic, according to Hollister, CA Mayor Ignacio Velazquez. But the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] reports the contractors created a confusing, psychedelic, zig-zagging pattern. Mayor Velazquez told KSBW-TV "I saw it later in the afternoon on my way home from work, and I thought, 'Woah, this is the strangest thing I've seen.'" Rest assured the contractors will repaint the lanes at no cost to the city.

3 The Indiana Department of Transportation announces a shift in traffic at the State Road 267/I-65 interchange on or after Saturday night, August 6 and into Sunday morning, August 7. This will allow crews to begin Phase Three of the ongoing interchange modification project, near Whites-town, weather permitting. Traffic will now shift to the north bridge path. The westbound S.R. 267 ramp to I-65 will be closed to traffic. The official ramp detour follows I-65 northbound to S.R. 39 to I-65 southbound. The ramp should reopen after six/seven-weeks. The eastbound S.R. 267 on-ramp to I-65 will remain open during this phase. During Phase Three, crews will construct roadway approaches to the existing S.R. 267 bridge and construct an overlay on the existing bridge. Crews will also place surface asphalt, pavement markings, and necessary signage to complete the roadway. The map in this release contains more details than the previous one.

Boomer Bits

Ask Rusty – Do My Canadian Earnings Count Toward U.S. Social Security?

Dear Rusty: I am a 62 year old Canadian holding a green card and I have lived in the US for nearly twenty-three years. For 19 years prior I contributed to the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) which is the equivalent of US Social Security. I am contemplating retirement in the US and have been told that I can draw my old age pension from either the US, or from Canada, but I cannot draw from both.

My 19 years of contributions to the Canadian Pension Plan are not accounted for in the calculation of my U.S. SS benefits. Conversations with the U.S. Social Security office suggested that my contribu-

Social Security Matters
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tions to the CPP would "probably" be applied to my U.S. pension upon application for benefits. However, the individual I spoke with was not sure how that would work. Do you know the process for having my Canadian earnings transferred to my U.S. SS account and how I might find out what

my combined benefits will be?
Signed: Retiring Canadian

Dear Retiring Canadian: Allow me to clarify how things work under the bi-lateral agreement between the U.S. and Canada. Although you worked

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How Technology Can Help You Age in Place

(StatePoint) By 2030, almost a quarter of the American population will be over the age of 65, up from 16% in 2020, creating a situation that's going to drive greater demand and greater pressure on the care industry. In addition to a larger workforce and more financial resources, new technologies also have the potential to help solve the problems created by this seismic demographic shift.

According to experts, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) are already among the key components of new technologies providing im-

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New Study Shows Most Americans Aren't Planning for Future Healthcare Needs

(StatePoint) If you haven't spent time considering what your healthcare needs will be in the years or even decades from now, you're not alone.

Recent research suggests that many aging Americans aren't aware of the full range of options available to them. As we age, our healthcare needs intensify, and experts say that the U.S. healthcare system will need to embrace home healthcare options to meet the demand of an aging population.

The new national survey, titled "Aging in Place: Assessing Senior's Understanding of Home Healthcare Options,"

conducted by Bredin on behalf of Cross Country Workforce Solutions Group, shows that while most people aged 50-79 years old would prefer at-home care as they age, 91% of respondents have not proactively researched the care they may need as they grow older. Further, 34% have not thought about their care needs, and awareness of existing managed-at-home care programs was low among the survey respondents.

"By living at home, seniors can maintain their independence and be close to their loved

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Right to Life is the Belief That a Being Has the Right to Live, Shouldn't Be Killed

By John Grimaldi

In a new episode of AMAC's Better for America podcast, host Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens, is joined by two colleagues in a wide-ranging discussion of abortion. They are Alexa Abela, associate editor of the AMAC magazine, and Bob Chartuk, a Financial Planner at the Association.

In part one of the podcast Rebecca asked Alexa what her perspective is, as a woman 23 years of age, when it comes to the issue of abortion.

Her response: it's "about not having faith in God and having this self-centered idea of yourself ... [to those who have a pro-choice viewpoint]. It's like they are not realizing that it

is a child inside of them. It is a disconnect. It's just selfish. The left says 'It's my choice! It's my body!' It is not your body. You are now sharing your body. You're sharing your uterus with another human being. You are still a mother. Regardless of if you birth that child, you are still a mother. Your hormones change your endorphins change. Your body is prepping you as a mother. And you will not see the left acknowledge that. And you don't see enough people talk about that. They don't want to talk about the trauma that comes with having an abortion. There are so many articles I've seen of people - women coming out and saying that Planned Parenthood," which is govern-

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Groundbreaking Alzheimer's Research Revealed at Alzheimer's Association International Conference

alzheimer's association

Greater Indiana Chapter

With more than 6 million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease today, researchers are working tirelessly to advance science that will lead to earlier detection, preventions and additional new treatments for Alzheimer's and all dementia.

This week, more than 10,000 researchers attended the Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC) 2022 both in person and virtually to share the latest in Alzheimer's and dementia science. Highlights include:

- Another reason to move your body. Results are in from the longest-ever clinical trial of exercise in older adults with



Natalie Sutton

mild memory problems. After 12 months of regular physical activity -- aerobic exercise or stretching -- study participants experienced no significant cognitive decline.

- Junk food might be hurting our brains. Researchers studied

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▶ HONEST HOOSIER

I've been told that 60 is the new 50. I tried telling the police officer that but he wasn't buying it.



▶ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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▶ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Take family walks - it's good exercise and good for conversation. 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

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▶ TODAY'S QUOTE

"No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."
Nelson Mandela

▶ TODAY'S JOKE

There are few things scarier than Little Johnny running into the kitchen and grabbing a handful of napkins.

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



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1,000 Books Read

Nova Meuchel, age 4, has completed the Crawfordsville District Public Library program "1000 Books Before Kindergarten". She is the daughter of Ryan and Kendra Meuchel. Nova's favorite book is Creepy Pair of Under-

wear! by Aaron Ryenolds. Mom said, "We love and appreciate everything the library and the staff does for our family. We love all of the programs, story times, Wiggle and Giggle and the countless activities they put on."

Faith Church Lafayette Partners With American Red Cross To Host Superhero Summer Blood Drive

You don't have to wear a cape to be a Superhero. That is why Faith Church Lafayette is hosting a Superhero Summer Blood Drive with the American Red Cross on Tuesday from 12 to 6 p.m. at Faith Church Lafayette located at 5526 State Road 26 E in Lafayette.

The mayor of Lafayette, Tony Roswarski, is planning to attend the blood drive to show his support for the community. He is scheduled to stop by at 12 p.m.

"Faith Church Lafayette is committed to strengthening our community and helping meet hospital and patient needs through blood donations," said Sarah Moss, blood account manager.



American Red Cross

"This blood drive is our way of giving staff, colleagues and neighbors an opportunity to help save lives, especially during the summer when blood donations typically decline."

Blood is a perishable product that can only come from volunteer blood donors. With

someone in the U.S. needing blood every two seconds, blood products must be constantly replenished and donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative, according to the Red Cross. To make an appointment, please use

the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit Red-CrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) and be sure to enter the sponsor code SUPERHERO.

As a thank-you all presenting donors will receive a free American Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last. Plus, be entered to win gas for a year and receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. Details are available at rcblood.org/fuel.

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FAITH

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

The Sanctuary as well as the Drive-in Parking Lot are open for Worship held at 10:00 am. Tony Thomas will speak on "When We Are Tested" His text is from James 1:2. SUNDAY SCHOOL begins at 9:00 am. COFFEE & DONUT FELLOWSHIP is at 8:30 am the first Sunday of each month. The next fellowship is August 7. The worship service and Sunday school are open to everyone.

NEW MARKET FIRST BAPTIST

Pastor Todd Randles will bring the last message on "The Anchor" this Sunday. Sunday School classes and Holy Grounds will begin at 9:00 a.m. Worship service will start at 10:00 a.m. Communion will follow the service. We are located at 200 S. First St. at the New Market First Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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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Lead Minister: Tim Lueking
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Sundays:
Worship at 10:30 am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 pm



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Services
Sunday at 2 pm

Wednesday Evening Bible Study
7 pm

Saturday evening
(speaking spanish service)
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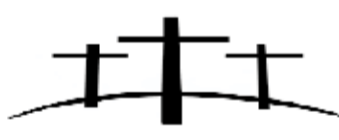
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Phil 4:13

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Church 10 am

Wednesday Children's Awana Program
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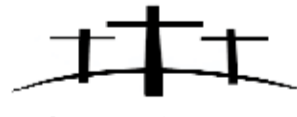
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Romans 15:13

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Church 10:30 am
Wednesday Bible Study 4 pm




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Rokita Fights To Keep Listing Biological Sex On Birth Certificates

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is defending the practice of listing individuals' biological sex on birth certificates rather than changing them years after the fact to reflect individuals' self-perceived gender identities.

"The purpose of a birth certificate is obviously to establish a record of biological birth and certain relevant factual details of that occasion," Rokita said. "To change the designated sex on a birth certificate at a later date is in effect falsifying that document."

At issue before the Indiana Supreme Court is whether the judicial



AG Todd Rokita

branch has the authority to order changes in the designated sex on birth certificates to make them match individuals' preferences.

While the Indiana General Assembly possesses the authority to pass a law permitting such alter-

ations, Rokita contends the courts do not.

The brief pertains to a case in which a mother filed a petition with a court seeking to change a 7-year-old child's designated sex from male to female. The child has been treated as a girl by family, peers and doctors since around age 2, according to legal documents.

"We all should care about and sympathize with our fellow Hoosiers' specific life experiences," Rokita said. "By insisting on public policies that serve the greater good, we ultimately reinforce that principle rather than diminish it."

House Preserves Exception For Rape, Incest In Abortion Ban

By: Whitney Downard

House lawmakers on Thursday defeated amendments seeking to eliminate the exceptions for rape, incest and fatal fetal anomalies in a proposed abortion ban and redefined the exception for life of the mother to protect well-meaning physicians.

If it passes, the Senate can either accept the changes or send the bill to conference committee for further negotiation. The legislature is currently in a special session and had hoped to finish this week.

Rep. Karen Engleman, R-Georgetown, introduced an amendment that would have struck the rape and incest exceptions from the new abortion restrictions. Democrats questioned her about the amendment, noting the case of a 10-year-old rape victim from Ohio.

Engleman acknowledged young children would have to bring the fetus to term.

Rep. Rita Fleming, D-Jeffersonville, recounted her experience as an obstetrician-gynecologist providing care to young mothers.

Complications could include life-long incontinence and life-threatening fistulas (often tears between reproductive organs and the bowel), she said.

"Imagine a child of 80 pounds having a 7-pound baby coming through her birth canal," Fleming said. "That is inhumane. We cannot do this to our children."

But Engleman disagreed.

"If a person is raped by their grandfather and you do an abortion and sweep it under the rug, does it stop it? I don't think so," Engleman said. "Just because the 10-year-old has a child doesn't make them the mom."

The amendment failed on a 39-61 vote, with 32 Republicans joining the Democratic caucus to vote against the proposal.

An amendment to eliminate the exception allowing abortions related to fatal fetal anomalies fell on a 35-65 vote, though an amendment that capped the fetal anomaly exception to 20 weeks passed.

Bill sponsor, Rep. Wendy McNamara, R-Evansville, also passed an amendment to clarify the "serious health risk" to the mother exception.

Lawmakers overwhelmingly defeated an amendment that would have eliminated all abortions with no exceptions on a 93-6 vote. The six Republicans voting for the total ban included: Rep. Bruce Borders, R-Jasonville; Rep. Jeff Ellington, R-Bloomfield;

Rep. Matt Hostettler, R-Patoka; Rep. John Jacob, R-Indianapolis; Rep. Curt Nisly, R-Milford; and Rep. Zach Payne, R-Charlestown.

No discretionary abortions

The House also resisted attempts from their own moderate members to maintain some unrestricted abortion access for a shorter period of

time than current law.

Rep. Cindy Ziemke, R-Batesville, said her amendment would allow "discretionary" abortions up to 13 weeks based on the hours of testimony, phone calls and emails she'd absorbed.

"This allows at this time for a woman and her doctor to choose when to terminate her pregnancy," Ziemke said. "This is to preserve women's rights in this state so they do have those first 13 weeks to weigh and measure this decision."

The amendment failed on a 34-64 vote, with six Republicans joining 29 Democrats against the bill.

Republicans voting to maintain elective abortion access up to 13 weeks included:

Rep. Tim Brown, R-Crawfordsville; Rep. Ed Clere, R-New Albany; Rep. Sean Eberhart, R-Shelbyville; Rep. Tom Saunders, R-Lewisville; Rep. Ann Vermilion, R-Marion; and Rep. Cindy Ziemke, R-Batesville.

Lawmakers also accepted an amendment making the effective date of the abortion ban Sept. 15, 2022.

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2022 Indiana Agriculture Photo Contest Winners Have Been Announced

Yesterday, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture announced the winners of the 2022 Indiana Agriculture photo contest. The winning photographs will be displayed in the lieutenant governor's Family of Business offices in Indianapolis.

"Each year toward the end of June, I eagerly anticipate reviewing the hundreds of beautiful photos submitted for the Indiana Agriculture photo contest," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "The photos selected as winners represent Hoosier traditions and agriculture so well. I want to give my greatest congratulations to the 10 selected winners for sharing their talent with us."

The winning photos were chosen from hundreds of entries in the following four categories: Agritourism, Conservation, Faces of Agriculture and On the Farm. Two winners were selected from each category, along with two winners overall.

To be considered, the photo had to be taken in the state by an Indiana

resident. The photos were evaluated by a panel of independent judges based on creativity, composition and category representation.

"The beauty of agriculture and farming is immense, and I love how our talented Hoosiers are able to showcase agriculture in the best way," said Bruce Kettler, ISDA Director. "This year we received nearly 400 submissions and even though our judges selected only 10 winners, we look forward to showcasing hundreds of the submitted photos throughout the year in other ways with our department."

The following list includes the photo contest winners for 2022:

- Agritourism Category
 - "Christmas is Coming" by Amanda Flickinger from Wakarusa
 - "Sunflower Sunset" by Allyson Avery from Plainfield
- Conservation Category
 - "Lover's Quarrel" by Forrest Michael Willey from Seymour
 - "Sitting Pretty" by Cecile Dreyer from Sellersburg
- Faces of Agriculture Category
 - "Future Farmers" by Kelli Kreider from South Whitley

- "Future John Deere Farmers" by Olivia Roberts from Goodland
- "On the Farm Category" by Tom Jones from Star City
- "Chasing the Sun" by Erin Schuerman from Osgood
- Overall Category
 - "Days up" by Matt Howell from Farmland
 - "Teach Me" by KaeLee Riley from New Paris

To view the winning photos, click here or visit isda.in.gov. To view photos of the photographers from today's award presentation, click here.

ABOUT ISDA The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) reports to Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. Major responsibilities include advocacy for Indiana agriculture at the local, state and federal level, managing soil conservation programs, promoting economic development and agricultural innovation, serving as a regulatory ombudsman for agricultural businesses, and licensing grain firms throughout the state.

White River Alliance And White River Canoe Company Kick Off Six Free Paddle Days

The White River Alliance, the premier organization for regional water resource protection in Indiana, in cooperation with the White River Canoe Company, is offering six Free Paddle Days Aug. 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 27. Two of the paddle days, Aug. 26 and 27, are in conjunction with river clean-ups.

"We are excited to offer Free Paddle Days once again as a way to introduce more people to the beauty, serenity and fun that the river brings to our community," said Jill Hoffmann, White River Alliance executive director. "We hope that paddlers will be inspired

to learn more about what's needed to protect and improve this critical resource that sustains all of us."

Free Paddle Days will kick off on Friday, Aug. 12 at the White River Canoe Company. A \$20 deposit fee will be required with registration to help ensure that the reservations are well used; however, the deposit will be refunded upon arrival for paddling.

In conjunction with Free Paddle Days, there will be two River Clean-Up days. On Aug. 26, clean-up efforts will take place on the river starting and ending at

the White River Canoe Company in partnership with the City of Noblesville. On Aug. 27, clean-up activities will start and end from Conner Prairie in partnership with Conner Prairie, the City of Fishers and the City of Carmel. The Conner Prairie event will offer a variety of trip lengths, including a short paddle for young families, as well as concessions and free entry to Conner Prairie for the day.

More information on Free Paddle Days and registration can be found at www.thewhiteriveralliance.org/programs/white-river-paddle-days/.

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House And Senate Reach Deal For Inflation Relief And Social Services

By Whitney Downard

The House and Senate reached a deal for distributing more than \$1 billion in surplus accounts and providing \$75 million in direct appropriations and discretionary funding for social service programs in the wake of an abortion ban.

The deal was part of an amendment approved Thursday to Senate Bill 2.

The bill now combines elements from the Senate's initial proposal and House, including a \$200 inflation relief payment to qualifying Hoosiers, \$1 billion in pension stabilization funding, agency funding for social services and a cap on the gas use tax.

It leaves out a utility tax break that the Senate had proposed.

Gov. Eric Holcomb, who called for the special session in June to address inflation relief, released a statement celebrating the \$200 payments.

"I'm grateful they have acted swiftly and collaboratively to advance this much needed bill to third reading," Holcomb said in the statement. "No less important is the package of robust programming to strengthen the health outcomes for Hoosier women and babies... I look forward to signing

it as soon as it arrives on my desk."

The details

Rep. Tim Brown, R-Crawfordsville, said the decrease from the proposed \$225 to \$200 is because of the anticipated 300,000-900,000 additional Hoosiers on Social Security and disability benefits who will qualify for the payments.

"This is more money going back to citizens to spend how they desire," Brown said.

Rather than requiring an affidavit filed with the Department of Revenue, as initially suggested, Hoosiers on disability and Social Security will receive a tax credit.

Newly eligible Hoosiers can apply for the \$200 tax credit when filing 2022 tax returns next year. Many of those Hoosiers, whose low income disqualifies them, don't file income taxes regularly but still pay sales taxes.

House Speaker Todd Huston, R-Fishers, said lawmakers were talking to the administration on how to contact those Hoosiers to "make sure they know they are eligible."

However, some lawmakers didn't approve of the cut included in the House and Senate deal.



Photo courtesy of Whitney Downard/ Indiana Capital Chronicle
Rep. Tim Brown, R-Crawfordsville, left, and Rep. Ed DeLaney, D-Indianapolis, discuss the consolidation of House Bill 1001 and Senate Bills 2 and 3.

"There are some of us who don't think \$225 is enough," Rep. Cherrish Pryor, D-Indianapolis, said while announcing her amendment to increase the payment to \$325. "In particular, when we have residents who are struggling to pay their bills... and the state is in a very good position to help out their citizens."

The amendment failed.

Huston said he'd love to increase the amount distributed but said his caucus prioritized getting money to those Hoosiers on Social Security and disability benefits.

"It just means that the \$1 billion dollars goes

into a bigger denominator and so it turns from \$225 to \$200," Huston said.

Spending outlined in the new bill

Instead of a guaranteed \$400 million payment for the Pension Stabilization Fund, one of the state's only outstanding debts, the state will pay \$1 billion to the fund in 2023 if reserves are over \$5 billion.

The gas use tax — otherwise known as the sales tax on gasoline purchases — can decrease over the upcoming year but never go above \$0.295 per gallon.

The amended bill includes the discretionary funding of \$45 million

in the Senate proposal with about \$32 million in direct appropriations to programs such as Real Alternatives and the Nurse-Family Partnership Program.

The House and Senate deal includes an elimination of the sales tax on diapers.

Not all of the direct appropriations made it into the latest version — instead of \$30 million in enhanced Medicaid funding the new proposal requests just \$700,000.

Pharmacist amendment

Legislators narrowly voted to reject an amendment that would have allowed pharmacists to prescribe contraceptives on a 48-49 vote.

"If you're really serious about decreasing abortion, this is how you do it," amendment author Rep. Rita Fleming, D-Jeffersonville, said.

Rep. Ann Vermilion, R-Marion, advocated for the amendment, noting that other states who allowed pharmacists to prescribe hormonal birth control saw their abortion rates drop.

Vermilion passed her own amendment, which would require the Indiana Department of Health to contract with vendors to determine whether or not the agency should

distribute low-cost or free hormonal birth control to those who need it.

"The strongest avenue to reduce unwanted pregnancies is through access to affordable and accessible birth control, education and support," Vermilion said.

The House returns on Friday to vote on passing the final version, along with a bill banning abortion from conception with exceptions for rape, incest and life of the mother or fetus. If the Senate agrees with the House version Friday afternoon, the bill will head to the governor's desk.

Huston said he couldn't predict the Senate's actions and whether they'd approve either bill.

"We'll see what we do tomorrow and then see what they do and then take whatever action needs to be taken at that point," Huston said.

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Back To School Tips: Prioritizing Your Child's Mental, Emotional And Physical Health

By: Dr. Cameual Wright, CareSource Vice President and Market Chief Medical Officer



Dr. Cameual Wright

As the summer ends, TV commercials and store displays repeatedly remind us that our students' summer break is nearly over and the "Back to School" season is upon us. For parents, this means a hectic time of back-to-school shopping, new bus schedules, pick-ups, drop-offs, after school programs and evening homework help sessions. The school year can be quite a stressful time for parents as they look to maintain a work life balance within their home. We may not recognize, however, how the demands of this time can weigh heavily on students as well.

As we approach this new school year, it is important to regularly check-in with your child and recommend positive actions that support their mental, emotional, and physical health. Here are three key tips for helping your child as they navigate the new school year ahead:

Identifying Factors that are Impacting Mental & Emotional Health

Students are facing several factors that can derail their confidence and self-esteem throughout their adolescent and teenage years. Often, they are dealing with conflicts with themselves, within their personal relationships and with peers at school. They can also be experiencing academic struggles, such as adjusting to a new grade level, testing anxiety and future planning. Environmental factors such as the constant influence of social media, the pressure to engage in drugs and alcohol use, the ongoing impact of COVID-19 and

local and global violence, can greatly impact a student's perception of themselves and the world around them.

The first step to supporting and providing perspective to your student is through conversation. Parents should be present and initiate discussions with their students regularly. By establishing routine conversation during dinner or other one on one time with each child, parents can bond with their student and are in a better position to recognize changes in their child's mood or behavior, including signs of increased stress, isolation, irritability or aggression.

In addition, encouraging opportunities for self-expression and involvement in social, educational or athletic activities, can help connect students to positive role models and supportive environments. School counselors and nurses are great resources to direct your students to as these professionals can provide support and advice on navigating their situa-

tion. For parents that are interested in additional information on mental health programs, Firefly Children & Family Alliance, a nonprofit organization supporting Indiana families and children, is an excellent resource to explore.

Creating Stability Through a Daily Routine

After a few months out of school, it can be difficult for all members of the family to adjust to their new daily routine, and this can especially be difficult on younger children. To help minimize stress surrounding those first few days of school, look to establish your new wake up, bedtime and meal schedules in the week or two leading up to your child's first day back. Parents can also look for opportunities to provide additional comfort and stability to their child by attending back to school functions where they can meet their teachers and locate their classroom or locker.

It can be particularly stressful for students making the transition from elementary to

middle school and middle to high school. Children can often be nervous and hesitant as this is a new territory for them. In preparation for these bigger changes, establish open lines of communication with them surrounding their feelings of concern. Parents can use these conversations to reassure their child and focus on the exciting aspects of a new school and grade level.

Don't Forget to Prioritize Physical Health

Staying up to date on your child's vaccinations is key to minimizing the spread of illness within classrooms. Parents should speak with their child's doctor to ensure they are caught up on all required immunizations. CareSource has partnered with the Indiana Immunization Coalition to help educate Hoosiers on the importance of receiving all recommended vaccinations and boosters. A key difference between this school year and last school year is that The Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has approved both the Moderna

and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines for children ages six months and up. Work with your child's health care provider to determine when it is an appropriate time for them to receive their COVID-19 vaccine.

Health plans, such as CareSource, understand how illness can spread throughout a family unit, disrupting parents' ability to go to work and care for loved ones as well as children's ability to attend school. This year, we can expect cold, flu and/or COVID-19 cases occurring within schools. One of the best ways to help ensure your child and those around them remain healthy is by prioritizing proper hygiene practices. Talk to your child about the importance of proper hand washing, utilizing hand sanitizer when soap and water is unavailable, blocking their cough or sneeze with a tissue or their arm, and staying home when feeling under the weather. Together we can make going back to school a positive experience for everyone!

How To Create Connections With Your Child's Teacher

(Family Features) A new school year can feel like uncharted territory for children, parents and teachers alike as they learn new things and meet unfamiliar faces. Building a relationship with your child's teacher can help create a positive school experience for everyone involved. Plus, teachers who connect with their classroom families help families feel seen, heard and represented in the classroom.

"When parents and teachers connect, they can create a stronger support system," said Tyreca Elliott from KinderCare's education team. "Bridging the gap between home and school gives children continuity, improves academic outcomes and nurtures children's social and emotional well-being. When families and

teachers work together, children can succeed."

Building connections with teachers opens lines of communication between home and school, allowing families to learn about their child's day and helping teachers feel supported.

Consider these three tips from KinderCare teachers to help families create connections and build trust and collaboration with their child's teacher.

1. Be Intentional. Ruby Villarreal, a preschool teacher of nearly 30 years, suggests meeting with your child's teacher before the first day of school to introduce your child and your family. Share your child's previous school experience, likes and dislikes as well as any home issues that may impact your child's

mood or behavior, such as a new sibling, recent move or divorce. Raise any concerns you may have - no matter how big or small. Your child is the teacher's priority too, and he or she might have some tips and tricks to help you help your child.

2. Communicate About Communications. Drop off and pick up times can sometimes be too busy for more than a "hi" or "bye." Ask your child's teacher how he or she likes to communicate, and share your preference, too. Let the teacher know if you would like a phone call during a lunch break for a quick update about your child or if you'd rather communicate via email or the school's app.

3. Make a Big Difference with Little Chats. During pick up or drop

off, try to leave time for a brief conversation. This could be a quick chat about something fun your child did over the weekend or why he or she might be having a tough day. It could also mean asking, "What can I ask my child about on the way home?" or finding out about activities you could do to help your child keep learning at home.

"Learning is a partnership between families and school," said Quiana Smith, a 15-year prekindergarten teacher. "Your child will be excited about school and learning when he or she knows you're excited about it, too."

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