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**TODAY'S VERSE**

Psalm 23:1-6 *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*



**FACES OF MONTGOMERY**

People who call our community their own. One of our roving photographers caught up with one of our roving photographers. Thanks to Jessica Leahy and daughter Miranda for the good work!

**THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** Honor the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. by volunteering at a DNR property on Jan. 16, Martin Luther King Day. On MLK Day, some properties will have self-directed service opportunities such as litter pickup along trails. Check the DNR calendar at calendar.dnr.IN.gov for lists of activities that day, and for volunteer events throughout the year. Work needed year-round includes maintaining trails, helping in nature centers, and sharing photography or art. Projects can also be tailored to volunteers' skillsets. "Volunteering gives you a great sense of accomplishment," said Jody Heaston, volunteer coordinator for Indiana State Parks. "You are helping manage and conserve our natural and cultural resources for future generations to enjoy." For more information on volunteering see on.IN.gov/dnr/volunteer or email DNRvolunteer@dnr.IN.gov. To view more DNR news releases, please see dnrcalendar.dnr.IN.gov.

**2** Want free tickets to the 101st Indianapolis Home Show, running from Jan. 20-29 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds and Event Center? All you have to do to win tickets (valued at \$15 each) is send us a selfie of you and our front page (Print or Online Edition) to [ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com](mailto:ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com). Be sure to tell us who you are, where you are from, how many tickets you would like and a little bit about yourself so we can include it if your photo is selected to publish on our front page. Then all you have to do is wait and watch. If you see your smiling face on our front page – you win!

**3** And the award goes to a gutsy, young bar-tailed godwit that dared to fly non-stop for eleven days from Alaska to Australia, a daring 8,435 miles, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. How does the Guinness World Records know that the bird didn't land for a rest en route? Eric Woehler of BirdLife Tasmania explains that other species of birds might land on the water to rest and feed but not a godwit. If it lands on water, "it's dead. It doesn't have the webbing in its feet, it has no way of getting off. So if it falls onto the ocean's surface from exhaustion, or if bad weather forces it to land, that's the end." The previous record for such a flight was held by another godwit that flew 8,218, according to the record keepers at Guinness.

## Boomer Bits

### Ask Rusty – Should I Claim Social Security Now?

*Dear Rusty:* I am 68 years old, born in July 1954. I have the credits necessary to qualify for benefits. The Social Security website says that if I continue to work to age 70 with yearly earnings of \$206,000, my monthly benefit would be \$4,245. If I stop working now, and start taking benefits in January 2023, my benefit would be \$3778. The number of months between January 2023 and July 2024 is 19. Nineteen months of benefits for that period would be \$71,782. It looks like it would take about 17 years to make up the difference between taking the money in January vs. waiting until age 70, which would put me at age 85. I don't think that I would live

**Social Security Matters**  
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*much past that age, given my family history. Do you think it wise on my part to begin taking benefits in January 2023, and are my calculations correct? Signed: Trying to Decide*

*Dear Trying:* Well, the difference between your monthly payment at age 70 vs. your benefit amount in January 2023

is \$467, so it would take you about 154 months (just under 13 years) to recover that \$71,782. But that doesn't take future cost of living adjustments (COLA) into account. Average annual COLA over the last 20 years was about 2%, and if you factor average future COLA into the equation you would likely break

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### Five Resolutions For A Fraud-Free New Year

The loss of money, personal information and perseverance of scammers continue with online purchase scams as the riskiest of scams. And the group that may be targeted the most are today's senior citizens. The Better Business Bureau recommends adding a few precautionary steps to the New Year's resolution list, along with the weight loss and financial goals, to help make the upcoming days and months fraud-free.

I resolve to be cautious with email. Be wary of unsolicited emails from a person or a company. Remember, scammers

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### Pack It In - You Are The "Working Aged"



Dr. James Thrasher

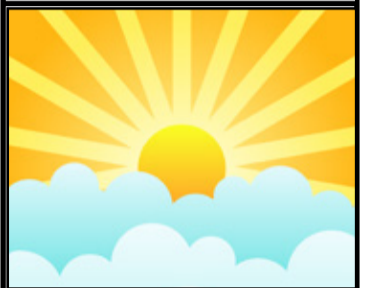
My new Human Resources/Medicare employment identity is "Working Aged." Ok, sure, I get it—as in elderly, feeble, decrepit, ancient, debilitated, worn out and shot. Yes, I am 64 and approaching retirement age, but

what a dispiriting designation. If I continue to work beyond 65, what will they call me next, the "Working Dead?"

Is my true usefulness over? I get the message—you are old and your ability to contribute has been significantly compromised. It's time to pack it in and go for a cup of coffee and a McMuffin in the morning with other aimless folks in the same boat and then watch TV the rest of the day. You have reaped the rewards of your hard work by being put out to the proverbial purposeless pasture.

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### The Daily Almanac



**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 8:04 a.m.  
SET: 5:41 p.m.

**High/Low Temperatures**  
HIGH: 37 °F  
LOW: 26 °F

**Today is...**  
• Caesarean Section Day  
• International Kite Day

**What Happened On This Day**  
• 1639 The "Fundamental Orders", the first written constitution that created a government, is adopted in Connecticut  
• 1967 The Human Be-In takes place in San Francisco, California's Golden Gate Park, launching the Summer of Love

**Births On This Day**  
• 1963 Steven Soderbergh American director, screenwriter and producer  
• 1969 Dave Grohl American singer-songwriter, musician and director

**Deaths On This Day**  
• 1977 Anthony Eden British politician and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom  
• 2016 Alan Rickman English actor



### SSS Cheer Campaign Tops \$15K

Crawfordsville High School and Tri Kappa Sorority Sunshine Society Cheer Campaign has completed its seventh week. This community outreach program raised more than \$15,000 a year ago and has set a goal of \$20,000 this year.

Anyone may donate. Some donations are anonymous, some are in memory of family or friends.

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### Local Man Arrested For Child Pornography



Randall McIntyre

On Nov. 18, 2022, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office received a cyber tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children regarding an online account that contained videos of child pornography. After a thorough investigation, it was determined that the account belonged to Randall McIntyre, 59, of

Crawfordsville. On Jan. 11, 2023, search warrants were executed and several electronic devices belonging to McIntyre were seized. McIntyre was interviewed, and subsequently, arrested for Possession of Child Pornography, Level 5 Felony, and Child Exploitation, Level 4 Felony, with additional charges pending.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office is a member of the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and conducts investigations into the online exploitation of children. The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Crawfordsville Police Department.

McIntyre posted a \$3,000 dollar cash bond and was released from custody and has a court date in late January.

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### Fatal Crash In Wingate



On Wednesday, at 2:38 p.m., the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a personal injury crash involving two vehicles on Start Road 25 in Wingate.

Deputies discovered that a semi tractor-trailer was traveling north on State Road 25 when a southbound Ford F-150 came into the northbound lane and a head-on collision occurred. The driver of the semi was identified as John Kelly, 44, of Chicago, Ill. The driver of the Ford F-150 was identified as Jeremy Pruett, 40, of Waynetown. Despite lifesaving efforts, Pruett was pronounced

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**HONEST HOOSIER**

Don't forget, you won't see me Monday. No Paper because of the MLK postal holiday. See you Tuesday!



**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

See your dentist regularly – dental disease can contribute to a number of health problems like heart disease. 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](http://www.thepaper24-7.com).



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**THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE**

**Show Us Those Smiles!**

Are you a proud parent or grandparent? Got a great photo of your loved one? E-mail it to [news@thepaper24-7.com](mailto:news@thepaper24-7.com) along with the pertinent info (and your contact information so we can reach you if we have questions). C'mon, let's show off as many bright and smiling faces as we can and make clear exactly why Montgomery County is such a great place to raise a family!

**TODAY'S QUOTE**

"Anyone who thinks they can always do what they have always done is a fool."  
- Joyce Meyer

**TODAY'S JOKE**

Why did Frosty go to the middle of the lake?  
Because snowman's an island.

**OBITUARIES**

Jeremy Mark Pruett

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



**7 DAY FORECAST**

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
26/37 SUNNY AND COLD	26/42 NOT AS COLD	36/50 RAINY AND BREEZY	44/50 MORNING RAIN, BREEZY	38/51 MOSTLY CLOUDY	45/52 BREEZY AND RAINY	33/41 CLOUDY BRISK



## OBITUARIES

### Jeremy Mark Pruett

May 6, 1982 - Jan. 11, 2023

Jeremy Mark Pruett, age 40 of Crawfordsville/Waynetown, died 2:37 p.m. Wednesday Jan. 11, 2023, from injuries sustained in an motor vehicle accident on State Road 25 near Wingate.

He was born in Lafayette, May 6, 1982 the son of the late Vera 'Shelly' Vansickle Pruett and John Pruett who survives.

He was a graduate of Southmont High School. He was currently employed by SIA (Subaru of Indiana Automotive) of Lafayette. He was formerly employed by Froedge's Inc, Bane-Welker and Cargill.

He had a huge heart and would drop what he was doing to help someone out. He enjoyed farming, working on cars and trucks and being outdoors. He had a knack for building and fixing things mechanical.

Survivors include his father, John (Jennifer) Pruett of Crawfordsville; his children; Jaden Mikael, Jalyne Nicole, Audrie Jo and Korie Leigh; his 'significant other' Ashely E. Bacon of Crawfordsville and her children; Jaedynn Christine, Kaylincz Raneigh, Cambryia Allesyon & Eastynn Charles Michael; two sisters, Megan Renee (Michael) Mell and Jessica Lynn (Luis) Hernandez-Blanco both of Crawfordsville; brother, Jacob Alan Pruett of Crawfordsville; and grandmother, Beverly A. Riley Vansickle of Waynetown. He is also survived by many uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother; grandparents, John Vansickle, Gerald Pruett and Donna Pruett.

Visitation hours are scheduled 5 - 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, 2023 with funeral services 11 a.m. Tuesday Jan. 17, 2023 all at Family and Friends Funeral Home of Wingate with Pastor Brian Saunders officiating. Interment will follow in Waynetown Masonic Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Southmont FFA. Visit us online at www.familyandfriendsfh.com to sign the guest book or share a condolence.



## County Leaders Meet To Discuss Goals For 2023

The Montgomery County Commissioners and the County Council held a joint meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2023. It was the first of many planned meetings between the two boards to facilitate communication and collaboration to benefit the residents and businesses of the County.

The Commissioners and Council members discussed the importance of working together to accomplish the goals of the county. John Frey, President of the Board of Commissioners said "it is important that we trust each other and are transparent in developing our goals."

The group also discussed the need to retain current residents and attract new residents. "We want to continue to improve the quality of life in our county, so our neighbors want to keep living here and new residents want to move here," said Commissioner Dan Guard. "It was great to share our vision with the Council members and to keep an open line of communication with each other," continued Commissioner Guard.

Another important

matter discussed was the need to continue to maintain and improve the County roads. "We have been successful in securing State grants over the past few years to repave more of our roads each year and we need to continue to explore all funding options to help our roads," said Commissioner Jim Fulwider.

Members of the County Council expressed their thoughts regarding the meeting:

David Hunt, Council President: "It was great to kick off 2023 with the Council and Commissioners meeting jointly to share our concerns and vision for the future of Montgomery County."

Jake Bohlander, Council member: "This was excellent to collaborate as a group to discuss short and long term goals to better serve the citizens of Montgomery County. Increased communication helps us be a better team to maximize investments into our community and this needs to happen more frequently."

Gary Booth, Council member: "As we move forward on working together, we need to recognize that it is ok to disagree and then work

on ironing out a plan. Once the plan is developed, then we need to be part of the team to help implement it."

Brett Cating, Council member: "After the summit with the Commissioners on Thursday, it is nice to know that we have a team that wants to work together to move the county forward while being fiscally responsible."

Joyce Grimbale, Council member: "Making a commitment to serve your community means taking time to build a team of individuals who truly care about the growth and stability of our county and this meeting was the first step in that direction."

Steve Loy, Council member: "It was a worthy meeting with a meaty agenda and an excellent team building exercise for the Commissioners and the Council. I appreciate the Commissioners taking the initiative to share information on insights, projects and priorities to move our community forward. I came out of the meeting better equipped to do my job."

Matt Nelson, Council member: "This meeting was important for all

of us to begin to work together to build a better community."

About Montgomery County government: Montgomery County was established in 1822 and celebrated its 200th birthday last year. The first County Commissioners meeting was held on March 1, 1822. The County is named after Revolutionary War General Richard Montgomery.

The Board of County Commissioners is the executive and legislative body for County government. The Board members are John Frey, Jim Fulwider and Dan Guard. The Board is responsible for adopting ordinances, approving contracts and implementing the policies of the County.

The County Council is the fiscal body of the County and is responsible for approving the budget, establishing salaries and considering requests from the Departments for additional appropriations or budgetary transfers. The County Council members are David Hunt, Jake Bohlander, Gary Booth, Brett Cating, Joyce Grimbale, Steve Loy and Matt Nelson.

## Final Montgomery County March For Life

Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023 will be the 50th anniversary of Roe v Wade, the Supreme Court decision that struck down a multitude of state laws protecting unborn children and legalized the killing of babies in their mother's wombs.

For the last 50 years our nation has suffered greatly under the cloud of this demonic decision. Abortion, divorce, infanticide, child abuse, fornication, homosexuality, transgenderism, pedophilia, mental illness and a host of other social ills have increased in the wake of this godless affront to the sacredness of human life.

25 years ago the Orthodox Christians of our community began marking this date with a local March for Life which started at the Planned Parenthood at Washington Square and ended at the court house. Not long after this the local Planned Parenthood closed its doors and last year on June 24 the United States Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, sending the pro-life battle back to the states.

Therefore on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023 the 25th and final Montgomery County March for Life will be held at 4:30 p.m. beginning at the Women's Resource Center,

407 E Market Street.

The event will begin with a baby shower for the center where people will have the opportunity to tour the facility and donate diapers, baby clothes, and other items to support the ministry.

This year the event will be a celebration of the overturning of Roe v. Wade and will include a cross procession from the center through the downtown area and back to the center. The cross procession will be a fitting way to celebrate this monumental victory of the Pro-life movement and close the door on this sad chapter in our country's history.

Following the procession at 6pm there will be a chili supper at Holy Trisfiguration Orthodox Church 4636 Fall Creek Road. Participants are invited to bring a crockpot of chili to enter into the chili cook off contest with all proceeds going to the Women's Resource Center.

Moving forward the focus will shift to June 24, an annual celebration of a significant pro-life victory and the ongoing battle for life here in the state of Indiana.

For more information call Father Alex Miller at (765) 307-0515 or email fatheralexmillergmail.com

Winter and spring weather can be brutal on asphalt and gravel roads. Ask any driver traveling on any city street or rural road at this time of year what to expect for road conditions and they will talk about the growing population of potholes. Following the recent winter storm that impacted over half of the United States and the historic rainfall in the western US, potholes may be worse than ever in 2023.

Hitting a pothole is more than annoying. It can cause hundreds of dollars in damage to tires, steering systems, and vehicle alignment. For motorcyclists, hitting a pothole can result in a serious accident. Luckily, State Farm has tips for drivers on how to avoid potholes, what to do if a driver has damage, and even how to report a pothole to city/county/state officials for reimbursement of damages.

What can I do to avoid damage from potholes?

- Pump it up. Keeping your tires properly

## The "Hole" Truth: Potholes Are The Pits; State Farm Offers Advice To Avoid Costly Car Damage

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inflated may reduce damage. If tires are under-inflated, the impact from hitting a pothole is much more likely to damage tires, rims and suspension.

- Slow down. Traveling at a safe speed for the road conditions and keeping your eyes on the road can all help you avoid the damage that can come with hitting a pothole.

- Stay in your lane. Avoid sudden swerving to avoid a pothole as it may result in loss of con-

trol of the car or vehicle.

- Pay it forward. If you notice a road that has potholes, you can report the roadway hazard to your local city or county transportation department so they are aware of the issue.

How do I know if a pothole caused damage?

While most vehicles are built to withstand rough road conditions, hitting a very large or deep pothole can damage your steering, suspension, or alignment systems. Some signs of

pothole damage might include a pulling sensation in one direction, dents in your tires or rims, or low tire pressure.

Is damage from potholes covered by insurance?

Pothole damage is usually covered with collision coverage, minus the deductible. Since the pothole damage your vehicle may incur could fall below the amount of your deductible, typically \$500 or \$1,000, it may not always be practical to file a claim.

Can I get paid by my city or state for pothole damage?

Some cities, counties, or states may pay for pothole damage in certain cases. A driver who has had pothole damage needs to determine which jurisdiction is responsible for the road and inquire about compensation for pothole damage. The driver may need photos of the damage and the pothole plus an estimate or two for the claim. Be aware there may be a time limit for compensation so don't wait to file a claim.

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# IRS Sets Jan. 23 As Official Start To 2023 Tax Filing Season

The Internal Revenue Service announced that Monday, Jan. 23, 2023, as the beginning of the nation's 2023 tax season when the agency will begin accepting and processing 2022 tax year returns.

More than 168 million individual tax returns are expected to be filed, with the vast majority of those coming before the April 18 tax deadline. People have three extra days to file this year due to the calendar.

With the three previous tax seasons dramatically impacted by the pandemic, the IRS has taken additional steps for 2023 to improve service for taxpayers. As part of the August passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, the IRS has hired more than 5,000 new telephone assistants and added more in-person staff to help support taxpayers.

"This filing season is the first to benefit the IRS and our nation's tax system from multi-year funding in the Inflation Reduction Act," said Acting IRS Commissioner Doug O'Donnell. "With these new additional resources, taxpayers and tax professionals will see improvements in many areas of the agency this year. We've trained thousands of new employees to answer phones and help people. While much work remains after several difficult years, we expect people to experience improvements this tax season. That's just the start as we work to add new long-term transformation efforts that will make things even smoother in future years. We are very excited to begin to deliver what taxpayers want and our employees know we could do with this funding."

These steps took place as the IRS worked for months to prepare for the 2023 tax season. The Jan. 23 start date for individual tax return filers allows the IRS time to perform annual updates and readiness work that are critical to ensuring IRS systems run smoothly. This is the date IRS systems officially begin accepting tax returns. Many software providers and tax professionals are already accepting tax returns; they will transmit those returns to the IRS when the agency begins accepting tax returns on Jan. 23.

The IRS urges people to have all the information they need before they file a tax return. Filing a complete and accurate tax return can avoid extensive process-



# IRS

ing and refund delays as well as avoid the possibility of needing to file an amended tax return.

In addition, the IRS encourages people to carefully review their tax situation to make sure they don't overlook important tax credits they may be eligible for, like the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The IRS has set a special day on Jan. 27 to encourage people to make sure they understand the important benefits of the EITC, a credit that can help low- and moderate-income workers and families.

The IRS has a variety of free services available to help people. The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs also offer free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals. People can also get help from trusted tax professionals, commercially available tax software as well as IRS Free File, which provides free electronic filing of tax returns.

April 18 tax filing deadline in 2023

The filing deadline to submit 2022 tax returns or an extension to file and pay tax owed is Tuesday, April 18, 2023, for most taxpayers. By law, Washington, D.C., holidays impact tax deadlines for everyone in the same way as federal holidays. The due date is April 18, instead of April 15, because of the weekend and the District of Columbia's Emancipation Day holiday, which falls on Monday, April 17.

Taxpayers requesting an extension will have until Monday, Oct. 16, 2023, to file.

Tips to help people with the 2023 tax season

The IRS recommends several things for people to keep in mind for a smooth filing experience this year:

Have the right information before filing. The IRS encourages individuals to have all the information they need before filing a complete and accurate return. Organize and gather 2022 tax records including Social Security numbers, Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers, Adoption Taxpayer Identification Numbers

and this year's Identity Protection Personal Identification Numbers valid for calendar year 2023.

Filing an accurate tax return can help taxpayers avoid delays or later IRS notices. Sometimes this means waiting to make sure individuals have accounted for all their income and the related documents. This is especially important for people who may receive one of the various Forms 1099 from banks or other payers reporting unemployment compensation, dividends, pension, annuity or retirement plan distributions.

People should also remember that most income is taxable, including unemployment income, interest received or money earned from the gig economy or digital assets. Individuals should make sure they report the correct amount on their tax return to avoid processing delays.

Visit IRS.gov first for questions. The IRS reminds people to visit IRS.gov first for common questions and also to check on the status of their refunds. IRS.gov has much of the same information that IRS phone assistants have.

The IRS anticipates making significant improvements to phone service this year for taxpayers and tax professionals as more training for new phone assistants is completed in the weeks ahead. However, the IRS emphasizes it's important to note that call volumes remain at historically high levels. The IRS urges people to visit IRS.gov for the information they need.

"Our phone volumes remain at very high levels," O'Donnell said. "For faster access to information, we urge people to start with IRS.gov. From there, taxpayers can quickly access the variety of free resources available to help taxpayers anytime, day or night."

Speed refunds by filing electronically and choosing direct deposit. There are important steps people can take to help ensure their tax return and refund are processed without delays. The most important is to file electronically with direct deposit. This is still the

fastest and easiest way to file and receive a refund. To avoid delays in processing, people should avoid filing paper returns wherever possible.

To speed refunds, the IRS urges people to file electronically with direct deposit information as soon as they have everything needed to file an accurate return. Individuals can use a bank account, prepaid debit card or mobile app to use direct deposit and will need to provide routing and account numbers with their return. Learn how to open an account at an FDIC-insured bank or through the National Credit Union Locator Tool.

IRS Free File available Jan. 13

IRS Free File will open Jan. 13 when participating providers will accept completed returns and hold them until they can be filed electronically with the IRS. Many commercial tax preparation software companies and tax professionals will also be accepting and preparing tax returns before Jan. 23 to submit the returns when the IRS systems open.

The IRS's Free File program, available only at IRS.gov, allows taxpayers who made \$73,000 or less in 2022 to file their taxes electronically for free using brand-name software provided by commercial tax filing companies. Free File Fillable forms, a part of this effort, is available to any income level and provides free electronic forms that people fill out and file themselves also at no cost.

Most refunds issued in less than 21 days; EITC refunds for many available starting Feb. 28

The IRS anticipates most taxpayers will receive their refund within 21 days of when they file electronically, if they choose direct deposit and there are no issues with their tax return. Taxpayers should check Where's My Refund? on IRS.gov for their personalized refund status.

While the IRS will begin accepting returns Jan. 23, the IRS cannot issue a refund that includes the Earned Income Tax Credit or Additional Child Tax

Credit (ACTC) before mid-February. This is due to the 2015 PATH Act law passed by Congress, which provides this additional time to help the IRS stop fraudulent refunds from being issued.

Where's My Refund? should show an updated status by Feb. 18 for most early EITC/ACTC filers. The IRS expects most EITC/ACTC related refunds to be available in taxpayer bank accounts or on debit cards by Feb. 28 if taxpayers chose direct deposit and there are no other issues with their tax return.

Awaiting processing of previous tax returns? People can still file 2022 returns

Currently, the IRS has processed all paper and electronic individual tax year 2021 returns received prior to November 2022 that didn't require error-correction or further review. The IRS continues to work on remaining tax returns in these categories. This work will not impact tax refund timing for people filing in 2023, but the IRS continues to urge people to make sure they submit an error-free tax return this tax season to avoid delays. Check the IRS Operations page for the latest information about the status of tax returns received in 2022.

IRS.gov, IRS Online Account provide free help

Taxpayers can find online tools at IRS.gov that are easy-to-use and available anytime. Millions of people use them to help file and pay taxes, find information about their accounts, determine eligibility for tax credits and get answers to tax questions.

An IRS Online Account allows individuals to log in securely to access personal tax account information including balance, payments and tax records including adjusted gross income.

There are various types of tax return preparers, including enrolled agents, certified public accountants, attorneys and some who don't have a professional credential. Choosing a Tax Professional offers information to help people select one. The Directory of Federal Tax Return Preparers with Credentials and Select Qualifications can help taxpayers find local preparers who currently hold professional credentials recognized by the IRS or who hold an Annual Filing Season Program Record of Completion.

The Interactive Tax Assistant provides answers to many tax law questions. For example, it can help people determine if a type of income is taxable, or if they can deduct certain expenses. It also helps people find out if life event changes make them eligible for credits they didn't qualify for in the past and provides answers for general questions, such as determining filing status, if someone can claim dependents or if they have to file a tax return.

Where's My Refund? offers taxpayers the ability to check the status of their refund within 24 hours after the IRS accepts their e-filed tax return. The Where's My Refund? tool updates once every 24 hours, usually overnight.

MilTax is a free tax resource available for the military community, offered through the Department of Defense. It includes tax preparation and electronic filing software, personalized support from tax consultants and current information about filing taxes. It's designed to address the realities of military life – including deployments, combat and training pay, housing and rentals and multi-state filings. Eligible taxpayers can use MilTax to electronically file a federal tax return and up to three state returns for free.

Key filing season dates

There are several important dates taxpayers should keep in mind for this year's filing season:

- Jan. 13: IRS Free File opens
  - Jan. 17: Due date for tax year 2022 fourth quarter estimated tax payment.
  - Jan. 23: IRS begins 2023 tax season and starts accepting and processing individual 2022 tax returns.
  - Jan. 27: Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day to raise awareness of valuable tax credits available to many people – including the option to use prior-year income to qualify.
  - April 18: National due date to file a 2022 tax return or request an extension and pay tax owed due to the Emancipation Day holiday in Washington, D.C.
  - Oct. 16: Due date to file for those requesting an extension on their 2022 tax returns.
- Before filing: Plan ahead
- It's never too early to get ready for the tax-filing season. For more tips and resources, check out the Get Ready page on IRS.gov.



**Service times:**  
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# FAITH

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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 [news@thepaper24-7.com](mailto:news@thepaper24-7.com) by Monday for the Wednesday Print Edition.

## FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday's schedule will include Sunday School at 9:30 and morning worship at 10:30 followed by a pitch-in dinner. After dinner there will be a special service in which Pastor Roe will step aside and Bro. Keith Harris will become the pastor. Meetings will continue with the Danfords Monday through Thursday at 7 each evening.

The public is invited to all the services anytime but especially during our revival with the Danfords. The location is 5113 S 200 W, Crawfordsville. Or just five miles south of Crawfordsville on State Highway 47. For more information call 866-1273 or visit [www.faithbaptistville.com](http://www.faithbaptistville.com).

## NEW MARKET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Church News for Saturday, January 14, 2023 from 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 "No Pilfering" His text is from Deuteronomy 10:4 & Exodus 20:15.

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 February 5.

The worship service and Sunday school are open to everyone.

## NEW MARKET FIRST BAPTIST

First Baptist of New Market is moving right along with the new year. We are going ahead with plans to build of our youth groups. Holy Grounds and Sunday School classes begin at 9:00 a.m with worship service starting at 10:00 a.m . New members have been added to our praise team. The Lord's Closet will be open January 14 at 9-12 with lots of new clothing. We still have several coats to give away also Everythings is free. We are a growing church and would love for you to join us. We are located at 200 First St. in New Market. Donations may be dropped off on the days we are open.

## 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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Crawfordsville IN 47933-9689  
Telephone Number: 765-362-5284  
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Lead Minister: Tim Lueking  
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Worship Service Times for Sunday:  
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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## NEW MARKET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Reverend William "Bill" Pike Office: 765- 866-0703 email: [bill.pike@in-umc.org](mailto:bill.pike@in-umc.org). Please come join our small town church for a friendly church service using hymnals and the rituals of church that you grew up with. 101 East Main Street, P.O. Box 326, New Market, IN 47965.  
Office Phone: 765-866-0703 [www.newmarketumc.org](http://www.newmarketumc.org)  
[Facebook.com New Market United Methodist Church Indiana](https://www.facebook.com/NewMarketUnitedMethodistChurchIndiana)  
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## Southside Church of Christ

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*Sundays:*  
*Worship at 10:30 am*

*Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 pm*



## One Way Pentecostal Apostolic Church

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### Services

Sunday at 2 pm

Wednesday Evening Bible Study  
7 pm

Saturday evening  
(speaking spanish service)  
at 7 pm

## Hickory Bible Church

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Dr. David Boyd

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## New Market Christian Church

300 S. Third Street • New Market  
(765) 866-0421

Dr. Gary Snowden, Minister

Sunday Worship at 10:00 am  
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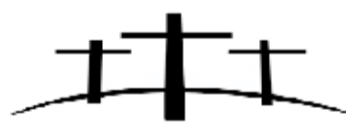
Thursday night at 6:30  
Sunday mornings at 10:30

**Both services are streamed**



## Church Service at 10 am

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[www.ladogacc.com](http://www.ladogacc.com)



## Liberty Chapel Church

*Phil 4:13*

### Church Services:

Sunday School 9 am

Church 10 am

Wednesday Children's Awana  
Program  
6 pm-8 pm



## Linden United Methodist Church

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**Sunday Worship 10:00 AM**  
in person or on Facebook at  
[www.facebook.com/LindenUnitedMethodistChurch](http://www.facebook.com/LindenUnitedMethodistChurch)

Sunday School 9:00 AM

Pastor Clint Fink

Email: [lindenum@tctc.com](mailto:lindenum@tctc.com)

Website: [lindenumchurch.org](http://lindenumchurch.org)

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## Friendship Baptist Church

1981 West Oak Hill Road • Crawfordsville

*Romans 15:13*

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Sunday school 9:30 am

Church 10:30 am

Wednesday Bible Study 4 pm



## Garfield Apostolic Christian

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### Services

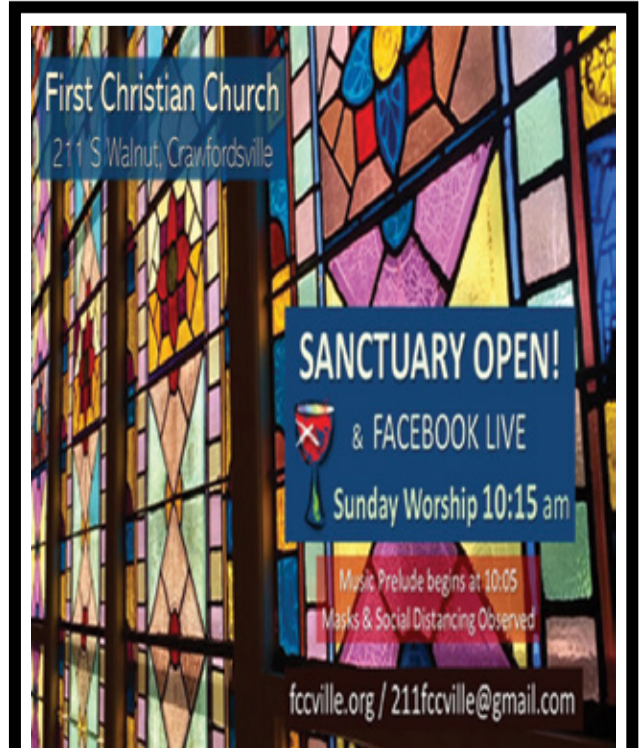
Sunday at 10 am

**Tuesday Prayer Meeting**

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**Thursday Bible Study**

6:30 pm - 8 pm







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 2000 Traction Rd • Crawfordsville  
 765-362-1785  
 www.eastsidebc.com  
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**Sunday School at 9 am**  
**Church at 10 am**  
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 Pastor Dr. David Boyd  
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**Sunday Morning 10:30 AM**  
**Sunday Evening 6:00 PM**  
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*Bible Preaching*



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 Church of the  
 Nazarene**  
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 and high schoolers - 5-7 PM  
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 Woodland Heights Christian Church  
 468 N Woodland Heights Drive, Crawfordsville  
 (765) 362-5284  
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**Fremont Street Baptist Church**  
 1908 Fremont St • Crawfordsville  
 Sunday school 9:30 am  
 Church 10:30 am  
 Sunday Evening 6 pm  
 Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 pm



**HOPE  
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 A UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH  
 110 S Blair Street  
 Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
 www.hopechapelupci.com  
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# Next Call For Community Crossings Matching Grants Is Now Open

The Indiana Department of Transportation is accepting applications for the spring 2022 Call for Projects for the Community Crossings Matching Grant program. The application window is open now through Friday, Jan. 27.

Community Crossings grants are available to all local government units in the State of Indiana.

- Cities and towns with a population of fewer than 10,000 will receive funds using a 75/25 match.
- Cities and towns with a population of greater than 10,000 will receive funds using a 50/50 match.



- Counties with a population of fewer than 50,000 will receive funds using a 75/25 match.
- Counties with a population of greater than 50,000 will receive funds using a 50/50 match.

Since 2016, the state has awarded more than

\$1 billion in matching funds to support local road and bridge projects across Indiana. Long-term funding for Community Crossings is part of House Enrolled Act 1002, passed by the Indiana legislature and signed into law by Gov.

Eric Holcomb in April 2017.

All application materials must be submitted by Friday, Jan. 27, 2023, at 5 p.m. ET to be considered. Communities receiving funding for projects will be notified in early spring.

# Influential Super PAC Takes Aim At Mitch Daniels Over Possible Senate Bid

By Leslie Bonilla Muñoz

Prominent national conservative organization Club for Growth hopes to keep two-term Indiana Gov. and former Purdue University President Mitch Daniels out of a new race for U.S. Senate with a blistering new advertisement set to hit Hoosier TVs Sunday.

Daniels is considering a run to replace Sen. Mike Braun, who is giving up the seat to run for governor. He hasn't publicly announced a decision yet, but some conservative groups don't want to see him return as a candidate.

"His brand of Republicanism is out of date," said David McIntosh, president of Club for Growth Action. "Hoosiers need new leadership to tackle the problems that Mitch and other moderates created over 50 years."

The move comes after a Bellwether Research poll in December found that Daniels easily leads a hypothetical Senate

field with 32% and the nearest competitor being U.S. Rep. Jim Banks at 10%.

Longtime Daniels adviser and friend Mark Lubbers reacted swiftly to the ad, saying "If anything, this McIntosh ad will make his running more likely. It's personal. It's a gross distortion. And it insults Indiana, whose reputation soared higher under Gov. Daniels than ever before."

"In the last 15 years, no fewer than 25 Republican Governors have modeled their service on Mitch Daniels. His conservative record is crystal clear — and not in the fairy tale world that David McIntosh lives in, but the real world of running a state."

The ad opens by claiming Daniels' credentials as a free-wheeling, big-thinking truth teller are a myth.

"An old guard Republican clinging to the old ways of the bad old days," the 60-second ad proclaims while adding that Daniels is not

conservative and "not the right guy for Indiana anymore."

The group says it wants to get "the right kind" of "limited-government" and "pro-growth" conservatives in Congress, according to its website. That includes U.S. Sens. Victoria Spartz of Indiana, Ted Cruz of Texas and more.

The super-PAC is starting with a \$16,500 ad buy during Sunday political shows statewide. But McIntosh warned the group would spend "whatever it takes to ensure voters know his real record."

The ad lambasts Daniels for spending decisions he made as director of the federal Office of Management and Budget under President George W. Bush and for tax hikes while Indiana governor. For instance, it says he proposed an income tax (he did) and that he raised the sales tax.

The latter was the result of the state taking over the majority of

funding for K-12 schools and capping property taxes statewide.

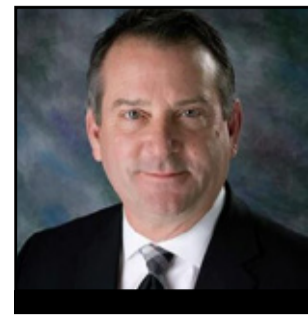
And it criticizes the nonpartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget — which Daniels co-chairs — for supporting a carbon tax and approving of President Joe Biden's climate and tax bill as "fiscally responsible."

"Mitch Daniels bragged to Newsweek that he never uses the word 'conservative' to describe himself — because he's not," the ad says, referencing a 2010 interview.

Daniels didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

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# Ready To Serve Our Community



**MARK GENDA**  
Guest Column

The 2023 legislative session is in full swing, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve our community.

I recently received appointments to serve on the House Commerce, Small Business and Economic Development Committee, and the House Natural Resources Committee, and as vice chair of the House Employment, Labor and Pensions Committee.

This session, making Indiana a destination for employers, both new and existing, and supporting

Hoosier workers are top priorities. Indiana's economy is running strong and we have one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation, and I'm looking forward to helping us continue that momentum.

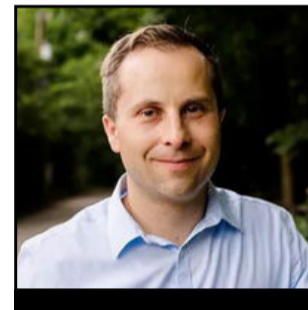
Committees are responsible for vetting bills, including hearing public testimony and considering amendments.

To learn more about proposed legislation, view calendars, and watch committee meetings and session, visit [iga.in.gov](http://iga.in.gov).

As your state representative, I value your feedback and input on issues impacting you and your family. Please contact me anytime at [H41@iga.in.gov](mailto:H41@iga.in.gov) or call 317-232-9643.

*Mark Genda is the State Representative for District 41, serving portions of Montgomery, Boone, Tippecanoe and Clinton counties.*

# Working For You



**SPENCER DEERY**  
Guest Column

This week, I filed my first bills as state senator of Senate District 23 for the 2023 legislative session.

Taxpayer receipts One of the bill's I've filed this session is Senate Bill 243, which would require the Indiana Department of Revenue to provide taxpayers who paid income taxes the previous year with a receipt explaining how their taxes are being used.

Limiting transcript ransom practices at colleges

Another bill I have filed would restrict Indiana colleges from refusing to provide transcripts to current and

former students based on debt the individual owes the institution as long as the individual is making progress paying down the debt.

An estimated 138,000 Hoosiers are currently ineligible from going back to school because they are unable to access their transcripts.

These bills are just a start. There is a small window between the time new lawmakers take the oath of office and the deadline to draft a bill, so I am actively collecting ideas and putting in the work to craft a long-term agenda.

You can be a part of that by reaching out to my office to share your ideas.

Please contact me with suggestions, questions or concerns at Senator. [Deery@iga.in.gov](mailto:Deery@iga.in.gov) or 317-232-9400.

*Spencer Deery is the State Senator for District 23, serving portions of Montgomery, Fountain, Tippecanoe, Parke, Vermillion and Warren counties.*

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## ➤ RUSTY From Page A1

even at about age 81 (if you wait until age 70 to claim). And this is where your life expectancy comes in. According to Social Security, the average life expectancy for a man your age is 85, which means that if you claim at 70 and enjoy average longevity, you'll collect that higher benefit for an extra 4 years. That would mean more than \$22,000 in addition-

al benefits over your lifetime. Of course, no one knows how long they will live, but if you'd like to get a more personal estimate of your life expectancy, I suggest you try this tool: [www.socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/](http://www.socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/). This tool takes your lifestyle and current health status, as well as your family history, into account. When to claim is

always a personal choice, but in your specific circumstances - since you apparently don't need the money right now and have a family history which suggests longevity - waiting until age 70 to claim could not only give you a substantially higher monthly benefit but also the most in cumulative lifetime benefits. And if you're married, it will also mean the maximum possible survivor benefit

for your wife if you predeceased her because, as your widow, your wife would get the benefit you are receiving at your death instead of her own smaller amount. Thus, when you claim your benefit will also affect your wife's benefit as your surviving widow. In the end, it's your personal decision to make, after considering all of the above factors, especially your life expectancy.

## ➤ SSS From Page A1

The Paper of Montgomery County and other media will publish lists with the names of the donations. It's important to note that all donations stay in this community. The Society campaign

began 111 years ago. 2022 donations to date = \$15,408.00. Donations received from the following: \$200 Anonymous in memory of Richard & Eileen Kenyon; \$20 Anonymous

## ➤ RESOLUTIONS From Page A1

can make emails look like they are from a legitimate business, government agency, or reputable organization (even BBB!). Never click on links or open attachments in unsolicited emails.

I resolve to never send money to strangers. If you haven't met a person face-to-face, don't send them money. This is especially true if the person asks you to transfer funds using a pre-paid debit card or CashApp. Money sent to strangers in this way is untraceable and once it is sent, there's no getting it back. Scammers will try to trick you into panicking - so before making a move, think the situation

through. Don't fall for it! I resolve to do research before making online payments and purchases. When shopping online, or if asked to make a payment online, research the retailer before entering payment information. Ask: Is this a person or business I know and trust? Do they have a working customer service number? Where is the company physically located? Would I be making payments through a secure server ([https://...com] https://...com)? Have I checked to see if others have complained? I resolve to use my best judgment when sharing my personal in-

formation. Sharing sensitive personal information with scammers opens the door to identity theft. Never share financial information, birthdate, address, Social Security/Social Insurance number or Medicare number with an unsolicited caller. I resolve to be social media smart. Make use of privacy settings on social media and only connect with people you actually know. Be careful about including personal information in your profile and never reveal your address and other sensitive information - even in a "fun" quiz. Scammers may use this information to

make themselves pass as a friend or a relative and earn your trust. Also, be careful when buying products you saw on social media. BBB Scam Tracker has received thousands of complaints about misleading Facebook and Instagram ads. For more information To learn more about scams, go to [BBB.org/ScamTips](http://BBB.org/ScamTips). For more about avoiding scams, check out [BBB.org/AvoidScams](http://BBB.org/AvoidScams). If you've been targeted by this scam, help others avoid the same problem by reporting your experience at [BBB.org/ScamTracker](http://BBB.org/ScamTracker). Stay up on the latest scams by subscribing to BBB Scam Alerts emails.

## ➤ AGED From Page A1

Upon retirement, my colleagues will send me off with congratulations, confirming that I have earned this final useless chapter of my life. Really?

Something does not seem right; this strikes me as a misguided and hollow outlook.

The bluntness of being called the "working aged" has prompted some healthy reflection on the concept of retirement. What is retirement, anyway?

The Book of Numbers contains the only passage in the Scriptures that specifies an age limit for work. The Levites, the priestly class in the Old Testament, were to withdraw from their formal duties at the age of 50. The Levites performed many crucial spiritual functions pointing the Israelites to God, but they also, as an example, performed construction, maintenance, lifting, and transporting duties related to the tabernacle. There

is a time when an aging body is not suited for a particular work. But this transition, described in Numbers, involves "assisting their brothers" in other ways. The purpose was not to "retire" the priests, but to redirect their expected service in a more mature direction. Their Godly wisdom, discernment, and experience was intentionally and purposefully utilized. Nowhere in the Bible does it mention that we should stop working.

An American creation, the age 65 modern retirement idea of pleasure and leisure came into being in the 1950s. It says relax, rest, and put those feet up to enjoy a carefree and work-free life. This line of thinking has indoctrinated us into believing that retirement involves completely withdrawing from any notion of work in order to have no obligations, commitments, or concerns. This is not God's intention for us. Inten-

tional work is part of the Lord's lifelong design for us. Our multi-faceted and continuous vocational callings have no age limitations. Christians never retire from serving God through all the seasons of life. We are to grow and invest in our gifts and talents, while simultaneously looking for opportunities to serve. Time is a gift, and we are to redeem each day by glorifying God, serving the common good, and furthering His kingdom. There is true dignity and consequence in laboring in His vineyard until He calls us home. This call to service remains the same throughout our lives and is an expression of Christ's love to others. Retirement is not a time for self-serving idleness.

Moving out of full-time work is repurpose-ment, not retire-ment. It is a time to repurpose how and why we invest our time, energy, wisdom, experience, and resources.

The goal should be to finish life well. Being a good steward of this phase of life will not occur unless we are prepared with a proactive, well-grounded, and thoughtful vision. Be intentional and expectant about having your life experiences and wisdom being used providentially in the lives of others.

Do not let age define your life. Author Richard J. Leider states that "the trouble is, when a number—your age—becomes your identity, you've given away your power to choose your future."

The Lord's call does not fade over time but summons us to the high calling of life-long, meaningful service to Him.

Age with purpose.

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## ➤ CRASH From Page A1

deceased as the scene. The semi was owned by United Road of Romulus, Mich. and the car hauler trailer was empty.

It is unknown at this time why the Ford F-150 entered the northbound lanes. A crash reconstructionist from the Sheriff's Office responded to the scene and is continuing to investigate.

Anyone with information about the crash is asked to call Sergeant Jake Watson at 765-362-3740. The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Waynetown Marshal, Indiana State Police, Coal Creek Fire, Crawfordsville Fire Department, Montgomery County Coroner and Froedges Towing.

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