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➤ TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 5:3 - 5 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope; And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.



➤ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own. One of The Paper's roving photographers caught up with Rich Bell at Sugar Creek Music Hall. Rich was all smiles while discussing the fairly new facility. Thanks for the smile and the cheer, Rich!

➤ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 The Office of Community and Rural Affairs recently announced Megan Zarzee as the new chief operating officer and Lydia Kirschner as the new communications director. In Zarzee's new role, she will manage and oversee daily operations of the agency. Zarzee began her time in public service working for the Indiana governor's office in 2005 and most recently served as OCRA's director of operations. She holds a bachelor's degree in business management. Kirschner joined OCRA in 2021 as the communications manager. She holds a bachelor's degree in telecommunications from Ball State University. Prior to joining OCRA, Kirschner served as a press secretary for the Indiana House of Representatives. The chief operating officer and communications director serve the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and the Lieutenant Governor.

2 The public can cut up and remove certain downed trees at Tippecanoe River State Park for firewood. Trees eligible for firewood have fallen as a result of natural causes or have been dropped by property staff. They are along roadsides or in public areas such as campsites and picnic areas. Permit sales and cutting are available beginning Jan. 17 and go through March 10. The cost of one pickup-truck load is \$10. All proceeds will be used for resource management and restoration efforts, including replacement of trees in campgrounds and other public areas. A firewood permit must be obtained for each load. For more information, call the Tippecanoe River office at (574) 946-3213. Firewood cut at Tippecanoe River is for personal use only and cannot be sold.

3 The fictional Barney Google may have "goo-goo-goo-gally eyes" in the song that made its debut in 1923. But the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) reports that the Guinness Book of World Records says Sidney de Carvalho Mesquita, who hails from Brazil, has real life googly eyes that he can pop out of their sockets at will. He can make his peepers protrude nearly three quarters of an inch.

Boomer Bits

Ask Rusty - Canadian Expat Very Angry About His Reduced U.S. Social Security

Dear Rusty: I am a 62-year old Canadian expat who has lived in the U.S. for the last 30-years. I worked in both Canada and the U.S. throughout my career. I came to this country, worked hard and contributed faithfully to the tax base, but I am being cheated for what is rightfully owed to me. Everyone else's Social Security calculation is based on lifetime earnings; mine should be calculated using the same parameters, with the only difference being that some of my earnings were in Canada. I have filed an appeal to that end, but the end result is that I get taken to the cleaners. Why would they intentionally put in place a Totalization scheme with Canada

Social Security Matters
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ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

which results in me receiving thousands of dollars per year less than someone who has the same lifetime earnings? This is just wrong and terribly unfair. Is there any legal recourse for me? *Signed: Angry Ex-Pat*

Dear Angry Ex-Pat: The so-called "Totalization Agreement" between Canada and the U.S. isn't "unfair" - rather it

is a way for those who don't independently earn full Social Security eligibility in one country to still get benefits in that country using credits (not earnings) from the other country to gain eligibility. It also allows a citizen of one country to work in another country without paying Social Security taxes in their

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Annual Wellness Exam Is Key To A Healthy Year For Older Adults

(StatePoint) You've selected your insurance plan for the year. Now, it's time to start using your benefits, beginning with an annual wellness exam

An annual wellness exam with a health care provider is important for everyone, but especially for older adults. As we age, we are more likely to develop chronic health conditions, according to Dr. J.B. Sobel, chief medical officer for Cigna Medicare, which serves hundreds of thousands of older adults through its products. An annual wellness exam can help detect potential health issues early so they can be addressed before they worsen, he added.

"By meeting with your primary care provider early in the year, you can highlight the things that are important to you,

and work together to develop a plan for your care for the year ahead," Sobel said. "This will ensure you live each day with vitality, happiness and improved health.

Many providers will reach out to schedule an annual wellness exam. If your provider doesn't contact you, make sure to call them.

A number of annual check-ups are available at no extra cost to those with Medicare. They include a "Welcome to Medicare" visit for customers who have just reached Medicare eligibility and an "Annual Wellness Exam" for existing customers. Many Medicare Advantage (MA) plans offer more extensive annual visits at no extra cost.

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Manage Your Heart Health For Stronger Brain Health

(Family Features) The same risk factors that contribute to making heart disease the leading cause of death worldwide also impact the rising global prevalence of brain disease, including stroke, Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

The global death rate from Alzheimer's disease and other dementias is increasing even more than the rate of heart disease death, according to the American Heart Association's Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics 2022 Update.

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State Of The County 2022



John Frey



Jim Fulwider



Dan Guard

On behalf of County Commissioners John Frey, Jim Fulwider and Dan Guard, the County Council, our 12 other elected officials and our 216 employees, we present the 2022

State of the County. As we enter into the County's 201st year, we are honored to work for the people of Montgomery County - who continue to make this a great place to

live and raise a family. 2022 was an exciting year in which we experienced economic growth, expanded services,

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➤ HONEST HOOSIER

On this date in 1990 Buster Douglas knocked out Mike Tyson and proved that nothing lasts forever.



➤ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you have diabetes, it's important to do aerobic AND weight training. 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.



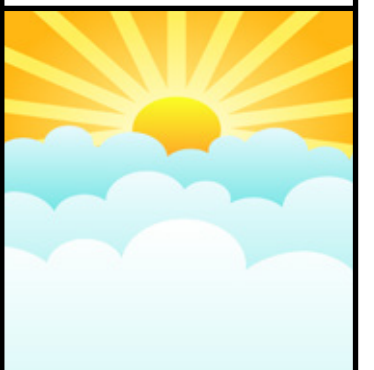
➤ OBITUARIES

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



The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:42 a.m.
SET: 6:14 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
HIGH: 40 °F
LOW: 22 °F



Today is...

- Be Electric Day
- Global Movie Day
- Promise Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1794 First session of US Senate opens to the public
- 1938 BBC Television produces the world's first ever science fiction television programme, an adaptation of a section of the Karel Capek play R.U.R., that coined the term "robot"



Births On This Day

- 1847 Thomas Edison American businessman who invented the light bulb and phonograph
- 1969 Jennifer Aniston American actress, director and producer

Deaths On This Day

- 2010 Alexander McQueen English fashion designer
- 2012 Whitney Houston American singer, actress, producer and model

➤ 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 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

"Other men said they have seen angels, but I have seen thee, and thou art enough."
George Moore

➤ TODAY'S JOKE

What did the boy rabbit say to the girl rabbit on Valentine's Day?
Hey, some-bunny loves you!

7 DAY FORECAST

41 SOME SUNSHINE	22/42 COLD START, SUNNY	29/50 MILD AND SUNNY	34/50 MILD AND SUNNY	32/51 RAIN LATE DAY	46/63 BREEZY AND MILD	53/60 SHOWERS, FALLING TEMPS
FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU

Meeting Notes

Montgomery County Board of Commissioners

Meeting Agenda
 Feb. 13, 2023 at 8 a.m.
 1580 Constitution Row - Room E109
 Crawfordsville, IN 47933
 Call to Order: Board President John E. Frey
 Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
 Consent Agenda
 Approval of Claims: Jan. 23, 2023 to Feb. 13, 2023
 Payroll 2/10: \$
 Accounts Payable: \$
 Minutes: Jan. 23, 2023
 Affirm Notice to Bidders - Community Crossing Project - Bids Opened on Feb. 27, 2023 at 8 a.m.

Affirm 50/50 Dust Control Program
 New Business
 INDOT Unofficial Local Detour - SR32 West Project
 INDOT Unofficial Local Detour - SR234
 Approval of Quotes & Authorization to sign the Quotes for Harvest Lane & Cox Addition
 THRIVE Agreement - RAISE Grant
 USI Constitution Row Inspection Agreement
 Resolutions
 Resolution 2023-2 - Amending Parcels for Sale of Commissioners' Tax Sale Certificates
 Resolution 2023-3 - Approving Transfer of Vehicle to Warren County
 Other Business
 Adjournment

Meeting Notes

Montgomery County Council Meeting

Montgomery County Board of Commissioners Meeting
 Feb. 14, 2023 at 9 a.m.
 Montgomery County Government Center
 1580 Constitution Row - Room E109
 Crawfordsville, IN 47933
 Call to Order: Council President David Hunt
 Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
 Approval of Minutes: 12-13-22 and 01-10-23
 Public Comment on Agenda Items
 New Business
 2023 Drug Free Community - Youth Service Bureau Director Karen Branch
 Annual Council Training - Attorney Taylor
 Discussion on Additional Appropriations Policy
 Discussion of reimbursing the drainage fund for engineering expenses - Mace drainage project
 Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Commu-

nications Department
 Request for addition SRO Officer - Sheriff Ryan Needham
 Council Appointment for local Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC)
 RDC Request for Appropriation from County General - \$50,000
 2022-Q4 Financial Report - Jennifer Anandel
 2022 Auditor OLD BUSINESS
 Reports
 Funded Organizations
 Department Heads
 Elected Officials
 Councilors
 CLAIMS
 \$1,680.00 - Taylor, Minnette, Schneider & Clutter for services through 12/26/2022
 \$3,671.33 - Peters Franklin LTD for services through 01/05/2023
 \$140.00 - County Council Association for 2023 Association Dues
 PUBLIC COMMENT
 Next regular meeting March 14 at 9 a.m.
 at Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row - Room E109
 Adjournment

Purdue Extension Studies Indiana Commercial Solar And Wind County Ordinances

In spring 2022, the Indiana General Assembly passed Senate Bill 411, creating voluntary commercial solar and wind regulation standards. Indiana communities planning to qualify as a solar or wind energy ready community will need to examine their county ordinances in comparison with the Indiana state voluntary standards. Purdue Extension's Land Use Team, in collaboration with the Indiana Office of Energy Development, recently published two renewable energy reports to help aid

in the discussion of renewable energy land-use regulations. The studies compared the voluntary state standards to current Indiana county zoning ordinances using data from the Indiana Renewable Energy Community Planning Survey and Ordinance Inventory Summary, which was completed by the Land Use Team in 2021. The analysis did not include counties without planning and zoning or zoning standards specific to commercial solar or wind development. The study found 54

counties with commercial solar energy defined as a use in their zoning ordinance. None of the counties comply with all 11 categories outlined in the updated Indiana legislation. A total of 52 counties defined commercial wind energy as a use in their zoning ordinance with two counties complying with all nine categories set forth in the legislation. "Planning and zoning regulations often reflect the local communities' characteristics, resources and considerations. These reports reflect that in the

myriad ways counties have chosen to regulate commercial wind and solar developments," said Tamara Ogle, community development regional educator for Purdue Extension and member of the Land Use Team. The two reports are available online. The Purdue Extension Land Use Team provides research-based resources and educational programs for Extension professionals, government officials, citizen planners and residents on land-use issues affecting their communities.

State Sues ATF To Protect Hoosiers' Gun Rights

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita sued the Biden administration to challenge a recent rule by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) that infringes on Hoosiers' gun rights.



Attorney General Todd Rokita

Specifically, the new ATF rule treats pistols equipped with stabilizing braces as short-barreled rifles subject to federal regulation. This policy contradicts more than a decade of agency practice, during which the ATF repeatedly assured manufacturers and the public that attaching a stabilizing brace to a pistol would not alter its regulatory or statutory

classification. "As long as I'm attorney general, we will never willingly cede Hoosiers' cherished liberties to the whims of federal bureaucrats," Rokita said. "This is a clear

case of overreach by the executive branch, and we fully expect to prevail in this lawsuit." Individuals with disabilities often rely on stabilizing braces to use their pistols. Others who benefit from the devices are those with below-average physical strength and beginners learning to use firearms. The new federal regulations require anyone using pistols with stabilizing braces to provide their fingerprints to the ATF, be registered in a federal database and pay applicable taxes, among other things. In addition to Indiana, 24 other states and

various private businesses and individuals have joined in the lawsuit filed earlier this week against the Biden administration. Rokita thanked West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey for his work organizing the multistate coalition. "By standing together, the individual states can stop the federal government from riding roughshod over our people's freedoms," Rokita said. "Standing up to tyranny is a time-honored American tradition. It requires us not only to resist broad sweeping power grabs but also to combat the incremental chipping away of rights."

Purdue Trustees Endorse 12th Consecutive Tuition Freeze

The Purdue University Board of Trustees last week endorsed President Mung Chiang's request for a 12th consecutive tuition freeze, meaning students will see no increase in tuition through at least the 2024-25 academic year. To be formally approved by the trustees in late spring per state statute, after the legislative budget setting, base undergraduate tuition at Purdue will remain at \$9,992 per year for Indiana residents and \$28,794 for out-of-state students through 2024-25. The total cost of attending Purdue continues to be less today than in 2012, with tuition held flat and lower room and board rates. The tuition

freeze saves students over \$150 million per year for a cumulative total of over a billion dollars, compared to if Purdue had instituted annual increases at the Big Ten average, and debt per undergraduate student has declined 36% since 2012. By 2024-25, 10 graduating classes will have never experienced a tuition increase during their time at Purdue. At the same time, more students than ever are seeking a Purdue degree - more than 71,000 applied for admission for Fall 2023 - and more employers than ever are seeking out Purdue graduates. Last fall, total enrollment reached a record 50,884 students and marked the universi-

ty's eighth straight record high. That total includes 37,949 undergrads - also a record. "Purdue remains committed to the vision of higher education with the highest proven value," Chiang said. "This proposal of another year of tuition freeze, and the endorsement by the Board of Trustees, continues Purdue's national leadership in student access and success." In addition to the growing number of applicants for enrollment from across the country, evidence of Purdue's enhanced national profile include being the only university named a "Brand That Matters" by Fast Company magazine in both 2021 and 2022, a

No. 4 ranking as the most trusted public university in the country and a top 3 ranking as a university that protects free speech and open inquiry. U.S. News & World Report has ranked Purdue as one of the most innovative schools in the country each of the last five years in addition to ranking numerous academic programs highly. President Emeritus Mitch Daniels first announced that Purdue would not increase tuition in Spring 2013, shortly after he became the university's 12th president. Before that, Purdue tuition had increased every year since 1976, and it rose an average of nearly 6% annually from 2002-12.

PUBLIC NOTICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS MAINTENANCE AND CUSTODIAL SERVICES AND RELATED MANAGEMENT SERVICES Updated 01-26-2023

The South Montgomery Community School Corporation is accepting proposals for a Maintenance and Custodial Services Contract. SMSC will accept proposals until 3:30 p.m. Indianapolis time on March 03, 2023. Any proposals submitted after this deadline will be disqualified. Interested vendors may contact Mr. Tricker (765-866-0203) or mike.tricker@southmont.k12.in.us to set up site visits or other meetings as necessary to ensure a proper bid. Proposals received after this date and time will be returned unopened. Any postal/courier service is the agent of the responder. Provide three (3) hard copies of your proposal as follows:
 IF BY HAND DELIVERY:
 South Montgomery Community School Corporation ATTN: Mr. Mike Tricker
 Director of Operations 6401 US 231 South
 Crawfordsville, IN 47933
 IF BY MAIL:
 South Montgomery Community School Corporation ATTN: Mr. Mike Tricker
 Director of Operations PO Box 8
 New Market, IN 47965
 UNTIL: 3:30 p.m. (local time) March 3rd
 Contact in this matter is limited to Mr. Mike Tricker. Only answers issued by Mr. Mike Tricker at SMSC in writing will be considered valid. Prospective vendors making direct contact with any South Montgomery Community Schools district employee or Board Member risk disqualification in this process. Please indicate the following on submittal envelope:
 Maintenance and Custodial Services Proposal - DO NOT OPEN
 For a list of specifications regarding proposals, vendors may contact Mr. Tricker (765-866-0203) or mike.tricker@southmont.k12.in.us.
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Montgomery County Plan Commission Notice of Public Hearing Preliminary Plat

The Montgomery County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on February 22nd, 2023 at 4:00 pm to consider a Preliminary Plat for Casey's Marketing Company. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933
 Petitioner: Erik Nikkel, Consultant
 Purpose of Request- Preliminary Plat
 Location - 5139 E State Road 32
 Crawfordsville, IN 47933
 Parcel ID: 54-08-31-300-009.000-014
 The request is to split a development parcel from an existing parcel
 Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed Plat. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The Montgomery County Plan Commission may continue the hearing from time to time as may be found necessary. Citizens may file written comments or objections with Marc Bonwell, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (marc.bonwell@montgomerycounty.in.gov) prior to the public hearing. All such written comments or objections will be considered by the Plan Commission. A copy of the proposed Plat is on file and may be examined at the Montgomery County Building and Zoning Department office at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (765-364-6490), office hours are 8:00-4:30 weekdays except holidays.
 In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone intending to attend the public hearing needs reasonable accommodation, please contact the Montgomery County Commissioners Office, 1580 Constitution Row Crawfordsville, IN 47933, 765-361-2623
 This notice dated, February 8th 2023
 Marc Bonwell
 Building/Zoning Administrator
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GOP Advances 'Parental Rights' Bill Targeting DCS Policies For Transgender Children

By Whitney Downard

A House committee voted to advance a bill Thursday enshrining parental rights and protecting parents who don't support their transgender children from allegations of abuse.

It is the latest example of transgender legislation sweeping the nation in Republican-led states.

Bill author Rep. Dale DeVon, R-Granger, said the bill wouldn't permit actual abuse, but would bar the Indiana Department of Child Services from removing a child from a home because their parents disagreed with the "child's want to be a transgender."

The agency, in an email to the Indiana Capital Chronicle, said it had no such policy and worked with the state's judicial branch to make decisions in the best interest of the child based on state statutes.

"We consider the needs and values of all we serve in our efforts to protect children while keeping families together whenever possible," the agency said in a statement. "To be clear, DCS does not – and will not

– pursue a case solely on a parent's choice not to 1) affirm their child's gender identity, 2) obtain gender-affirming medical care or 3) enroll their child in gender-affirming therapy."

An October ruling from the Indiana Court of Appeals affirmed DCS' actions in a case involving a parent and their minor transgender child. In that case, the court upheld DCS' removal of a child whose parents didn't accept their child's transgender identity, were verbally abusing the child and refusing to treat the child's eating disorder.

"We also conclude that Child's continued removal from the home does not violate the Parents' constitutional rights to the care, custody, and control of Child or to their rights to the free exercise of religion. The Parents have the right to exercise their religious beliefs, but they do not have the right to exercise them in a manner that causes physical or emotional harm to Child," the decision said.

A case study from Anderson Much of the testi-

mony centered around an Anderson teenager who identifies as a transgender girl. Mary Cox claimed that DCS removed her child from her home, placing her with an affirming foster home, because she and her husband didn't accept their daughter's gender identity.

Cox said her rights had been "trampled by gender ideology in our schools" and her now-adult child was estranged from their family.

"We would not call our (child) by (their) chosen name or pronouns because of our faith and our belief that God created man and woman perfectly in his own image," Cox said, misgendering her child. "Children... are battling this on a daily basis in schools. It is peer driven; it is socially driven. It is driven from medical associations."

Later testimony from Cox's attorney, who represented her in court proceedings against DCS, revealed that the 16-year-old child had said she didn't want to return home to her parents – a factor that may be considered by courts

in certain types of cases.

Other speakers The bill doesn't explicitly mention schools, only DCS, but testimony repeatedly centered on the decisions of schools to not share student name or pronoun preferences with parents. Several other bills filed, but not yet heard, target transgender children in schools.

An Atlanta-based attorney with the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) said the Christian legal organization knew of several parents who had experiences similar to Cox and cited three Indiana school policies directing educators not to disclose children's gender identities to parents.

However, the attorney was unfamiliar with the geographical locations of those schools and couldn't provide more than anecdotes.

The Southern Poverty Law Center designates ADF as an extremist, anti-LGBTQ hate group and the organization actively coordinates anti-transgender legislation across the country, including Indiana's ban on transgender female athletes.

Corrine Youngs, who often testifies on behalf of Attorney General Todd Rokita before the General Assembly, attended the meeting but didn't speak — instead conferring with the ADF attorney throughout the hearing.

Full GOP support for the bill

Only the Indiana State Teachers Association testified against the bill, sharing its policy for accepting and affirming of transgender children.

Jerrell Blakeley, the union's director of government, community, race & social justice, said the bill is trying to solve a problem that isn't there.

"Quite frankly, trans kids exist. No amount of wishing it away is going to change that fact," Blakeley said.

The bill passed the committee along party lines, 9-4, with just one Republican expressing reservations.

"I think gender dysphoria and the gender affirmation journey of a child and family is hard," Rep. Ann Vermillion, R-Marion, said. "They are both walking that journey... letting

them walk that journey together with the parent is fundamental. I think that they need to be part of every journey."

Vermillion said she supported the bill to continue the discussion but she would continue to research the issue.

When asked Thursday about the bill, and others like it, House Speaker Todd Huston affirmed the caucus' full support for parental rights bills.

"This piece of legislation is targeted at trans kids," Rep. Vanessa Summers, D-Indianapolis, said before voting no in committee. "You cannot legislate a person's inner feelings and their beliefs of who they are."

The bill now moves for consideration before the full House Chamber.

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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 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.

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NEW MARKET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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The worship service and Sunday school are open to everyone.

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468 N Woodland Heights Drive
Crawfordsville IN 47933-9689
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Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 pm



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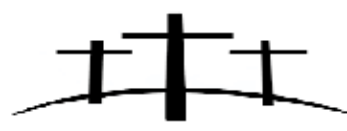
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Church 10 am

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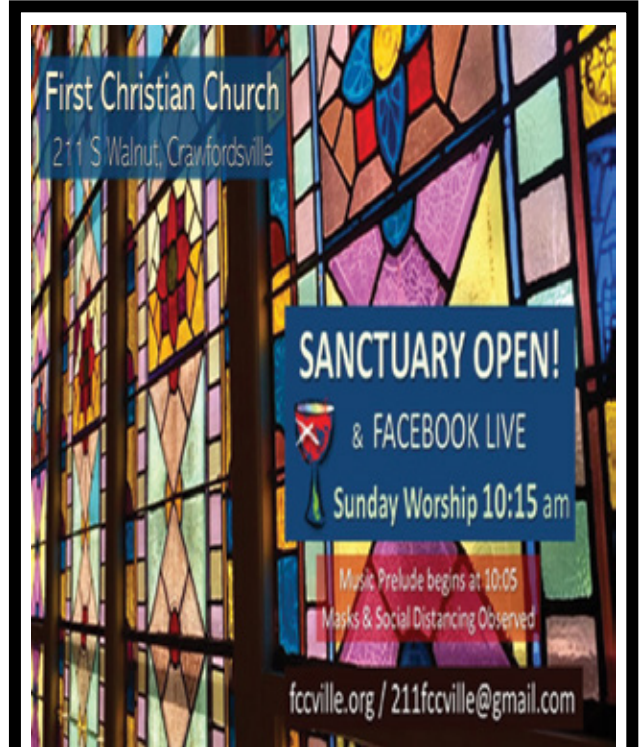
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home country on those foreign earnings. If you have worked in the U.S. long enough to become eligible for U.S. Social Security on your own U.S. work record, the Totalization Agreement between the U.S. and Canada doesn't apply to you nor affect your U.S. Social Security benefits. Overall, the Totalization Agreement is there to help those who work in both countries but aren't fully eligible for benefits. So, it's likely not the Totalization Agreement you take issue with - rather, it is a U.S. Social Security provision called the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP).

WEP reduces the Social Security retirement benefit of anyone who has a pension earned while not contributing to the U.S. Social Security program. That includes those with foreign pensions, as well as retirees with pensions from US employers who do not participate in the US Social Security program, including older US Fed-

eral retirees as well as state-retirees from any of the 26 U.S. state governments which have chosen to exempt their employees from paying into the national Social Security program.

Without getting into the details of how the WEP reduction is computed, suffice to say your US Social Security benefit is based only on your earnings from working in the United States but, because you also have a Canadian pension earned without contributing to U.S. Social Security, and you apparently have less than 30 years of U.S. earnings, WEP reduces your U.S. benefit - just as it does for nearly 2 million U.S. citizens who also have a non-covered pension. Legislation for WEP reform (or repeal) has been introduced in just about every U.S. Congress since WEP became law in 1983, but no such reform legislation has ever been enacted. Most in Congress understand that, although

the formula isn't perfect, WEP better equalizes benefits paid to all Social Security recipients, thus helping to fulfill Social Security's original purpose - to mitigate poverty in our elderly population.

Do you have any legal recourse? If you mean recourse that will exempt you from WEP or change the U.S. benefit formula to include both your U.S. and Canadian earnings when computing your US Social Security benefit, I do not believe you do. Many U.S. unions representing WEP-affected retirees have been wrestling with this issue for decades, to no avail. WEP can only be changed by an act of Congress, and Congress - for nearly 40 years - has been unwilling to change it. So, while I fully understand your frustration and respect your opinion, unfortunately I cannot be optimistic that your current appeal, nor any legal action you might take, will be successful.

STATE From Page A6

continued collaboration, and achieved outstanding performance.

Our economic development efforts continued to yield positive results. The County partnered with Tempur Sealy to complete the construction of Comfort Drive and other infrastructure improvements which will allow Tempur Sealy to begin production in 2023.

In addition, Nucor Steel announced a \$400 million dollar expansion, and the County is working with Nucor to make this expansion a reality. Part of this process involves the planning and design for an overpass on Nucor Road over US Highway 136. Both the Tempur Sealy and Nucor projects will bring new jobs and growth to Montgomery County.

This economic growth has presented an opportunity to expand the local housing market.

The County has engaged home builders in an attempt to attract more homes. And despite adverse economic indicators, the County issued 61 new residential building permits in 2022 and approved a new development that will generate 17 new homes.

The County also approved the design of an extension of Purple Heart Parkway east of U.S. Highway 231. The County is partnering with the City of Crawfordsville on this project in order to open this area to new development and provide new transportation options for residents.

The County will continue to encourage job creation and make necessary infrastructure improvements. In 2022, the County began a review of its land use plan, road plan, and other infrastructure plans in order to accomplish this goal.

The County also partnered with the Montgomery County Community Foundation, the City of Crawfordsville and local employers to support the Foundation's Early Childhood Education Center project. The County agreed to donate the former County office building on South Boulevard for the location of

this Center. This Project will provide much-needed early educational opportunities to children and help promote economic development.

The County also completed the Mace Drainage Project along US 136. This important public health and drainage project was funded primarily with grant funds and contributions from the State of Indiana.

The new County Government Center opened in 2022, and the Center allows residents to conduct business with ease and convenience. In addition, 2022 saw the expansion of services to our citizens. The County implemented a service to alert residents to road closures, improved our website, expanded remote pay options and other services which make interaction with County government more convenient for citizens.

The County continued and expanded its efforts to collaborate with the City of Crawfordsville in order to improve services to County residents. Aside from the Purple Heart Parkway extension, the County and City partnered to provide county-wide emergency medical services, improve E-911 services, remediate the closed landfill, and obtain State grant funds for roads and parks. These collaboration efforts expand services and save tax dollars.

As we moved away from the COVID health emergency and eased back to a more normal governmental service environment, the County Health Department was recognized for its extraordinary efforts during the pandemic and received the Chamber of Commerce Community Organization of the Year Award.

The Highway Department implemented a comprehensive road improvement and maintenance plan in 2022 and paved 21 miles of roads. The Department obtained State grants for 9 miles of this work, saving County taxpayer dollars.

The Board of Commissioners and Plan Commission worked hard in

2022 to address citizen concerns regarding the possibility of large-scale commercial solar development. The Commissioners adopted amendments to the County Zoning Ordinance to address these concerns.

As the County began its celebration, in 2022, of the 200th anniversary of the establishment of Montgomery County by the State Legislature, other anniversaries were observed. The Town of New Market celebrated its 150th anniversary, and Shades State Park celebrated its 75th anniversary.

2022 was also a time of transition. Tom Melish, Don Mills, Mark Davidson and Mark Smith ended their service on the County Council. Judge Harry Siamas retired from the Circuit Court and Jennifer Ansel finished her final year as County Auditor. Amber Reed and Shari Harrington ended their service, respectively, as Director of our Health Department and Director of our Emergency Management-Homeland Security Agency. We thank all of these public servants for their dedication and commitment to our County.

In 1822, there was much excitement here about the possibilities for this County. When the Legislature carved out Montgomery County from Parke County, there were only about 500 residents in the County. But the local residents were optimistic about the future, and they quickly went about the business of providing for the construction of roads, schools, a courthouse and other facilities in order to serve the needs of the citizens. That mission continues today. And County officials are committed to continue to work with our residents and businesses to make Montgomery County a great place to live and work. 2022 was a year of exciting opportunities and accomplishments, and we expect that to continue in 2023 and beyond.

Thank you and may God bless our county, state and nation.

ANNUAL From Page A1

annual visits at no extra cost. Some even offer incentives for completing a visit. Talk with your provider and Medicare insurer about your benefits.

Each annual exam may be a little different. Regardless of the type, Sobel offers the following tips to ensure you get the most from your visit.

Prepare. Before you go, write down anything you'd like to discuss with your health care provider, including changes to your health over the past year. Bring your prescription and over-the-counter medications with you. Ask plenty of questions and take notes. You might even want to take along a family member, trusted friend or caregiver to ensure you understand everything your provider has shared.

Be open and honest. It's tempting to make things look rosier than they are when talking to your health care provider, but minimizing what you are feeling can lead to an incorrect diagnosis

or prescription. Speak openly about unhealthy habits, like smoking or lack of exercise. Your provider won't judge you. Being honest is the only way your health care provider can help you reach your goals.

Mind mental health. Your emotional health impacts your physical health. Many people think depression is a natural part of aging, but it doesn't have to be. Talk to your doctor if you are feeling sad, anxious or hopeless. Treatments, such as talk therapy, medication or both, may be covered by Medicare.

Monitor medications. Adults age 65 and older tend to take more medications than other age groups, increasing the risk for adverse reactions, such as cognitive impairment and falls.

It's a good idea to take your medications to your annual wellness exam and discuss any potential problems or side effects you're experiencing. Don't forget about over-the-counter drugs,

vitamins or nutritional supplements you take.

Schedule screenings and get vaccines. There are a number of important health screenings and vaccines that you may need depending on your age and gender, such as colon cancer screening, bone density test, mammogram, flu shot or COVID-19 immunization. Ask your provider about the screenings and vaccines you've had already and schedule any you need as soon as possible. You may even be able to do that before you leave the office. Also, don't forget to visit your eye doctor and dentist. These visits are covered by many MA plans as well. Find out more at www.cignamedicare.com.

"You wouldn't drive your vehicle without proper preventive maintenance, so please don't ignore preventive maintenance for your most prized possession - your health," Sobel said. "An annual wellness exam is a great place to start!"

HEALTH From Page A1

Globally, more than 54 million people had Alzheimer's disease and other dementias in 2020, a 37% increase since 2010 and 144% increase over the past 30 years (1990-2020). Additionally, more than 1.89 million deaths were attributed to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias worldwide in 2020, compared to nearly 9 million deaths from heart disease.

"The global rate of brain disease is quickly outpacing heart disease," said Mitchell S.V. Elkind, M.D. M.S., FAHA, the past president of the American Heart Association (2020-21), a professor of neurology and epidemiology at Columbia University's Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons and attending neurologist at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center. "We are learning more about how some types of dementia are related to aging, and how some types are due to poor vascular health. It's becoming more evident that reducing vascular disease risk factors can make a real difference in help-

ing people live longer, healthier lives, free of heart disease and brain disease."

According to the statistics update, people with midlife hypertension were five times more likely to experience impairment on global cognition and about twice as likely to experience reduced executive function, dementia and Alzheimer's disease. The risk for dementia associated with heart failure was nearly two-fold.

Experts recommend maintaining a healthy weight, managing your blood pressure and following other heart-healthy lifestyle behaviors that can also support good brain health while studies show maintaining good vascular health is associated with healthy aging and retained cognitive function.

Optimal brain health includes the ability to perform tasks like movement, perception, learning and memory, communication, problem solving, judgment, decision making and emotion. Cognitive decline and dementia are often seen following stroke or

cerebrovascular disease and indicate a decline in brain health.

Consider these steps to live a healthier lifestyle and protect your heart and brain health:

- Don't smoke; avoid secondhand smoke.
 - Reach and maintain a healthy weight. Be mindful of your eating habits; eat foods low in saturated fat, trans fat, sodium and added sugars.
 - Be physically active. Start slowly and build up to at least 150 minutes of moderate physical activity (such as brisk walking) each week. As an alternative, you can do 75 minutes of vigorous physical activity, or a combination of the two, to improve overall cardiovascular health.
 - Get your blood pressure checked regularly and work with your health care team to manage it if it's high.
 - Have regular medical checkups and take your medicine as directed.
 - Decrease your stress level and seek emotional support when needed.
- Learn more about the relationship between heart health and brain health at heart.org.

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