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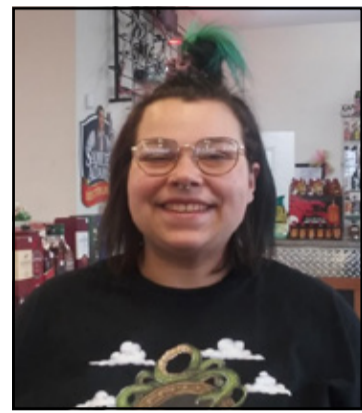
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➔ TODAY'S VERSE

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.

Carrie Clements smiles brightly for our roving photographer. Thank you for your smile Carrie!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 If you notice flags flying at half-staff in Lafayette this weekend, it's because of the death of former Lafayette Mayor Dave Heath. Gov. Eric Holcomb directed flags throughout Tippecanoe County to be lowered in honor and remembrance from now through sunset Monday.

2 Please don't forget that there will not be an edition of The Paper on Monday, Feb. 20 in honor of Presidents' Day. The official name of the federal holiday is Washington's birthday, but in recent years it was decided to include Abraham Lincoln's birthday as well. Washington was born Feb. 22, 1732 and Lincoln on Feb. 12, 1809. The modern Presidents' Day postal holiday is celebrated on the third Monday of February. And one more trivia fact - Washington was the last and only president elected unanimously.

3 Chilean swimmer, Bárbara Hernández, has broken the Guinness World Record for swimming a distance of 1.55 miles in the frigid waters of Antarctica, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. And she did it wearing nothing more than a simple one-piece swimsuit in the 2.2 degrees Celsius waters off the coast of Greenwich Island. She had a purpose in mind when she decided to take a dip in some of the coldest waters on the planet. As she put it, "Swimming in Antarctica has been a dream I've had for years, and part of my longtime ambition to swim in parts of all seven of the world's oceans. Physically it has been incredibly tough, but all worth it if the message on the need for urgent action to protect these amazing waters reaches decision-makers."

Boomer Bits

Ask Rusty - About Social Security's "First Year Rule"

Dear Rusty: I'm considering filing for my SS at age 64 in February, before my full retirement age of 66 years and 10 months. I'm working full time and would like to continue earning until I meet the \$21,240 limit for this year. When does the \$21,240 limit go into effect? Does it start after receiving my first SS benefit deposit? Or does Social Security go by my year-to-date earnings starting on January 1st?

If I file in February and it takes 90 days to receive my first SS deposit, and at that point my year-to-date earnings are \$18,500, can I continue to work until I earn the balance of the \$21,240 (\$2,740) and



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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then stop working? Or do they only count the earnings after I receive the first benefit payment? I know that for anything earned over \$21,240 I'll need to repay \$1 for every \$2 over the limit. **Signed: Ready to Retire**

Dear Ready: Since you haven't yet reached your full retire-

ment age (FRA), if you claim now and are working, things will work somewhat differently during your first year collecting benefits.

If you claim for your benefits to start in February, only your earnings starting in February count toward the earnings limit.

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New Book Debunks Old Age Stereotypes And Encourages Those Over 50 To Create An Extraordinary Life

"The second half of your life is the best part." That's the message from author, entrepreneur and Life Coach Michael Taylor in announcing the launch of his latest book, I'm Not Okay With Gray: How to Create an Extraordinary Life After 50.

"Today's society places a high value on youth and beauty, and the experience and wisdom possessed by older folks is not treasured as much as decades gone by," Taylor said. "It's no wonder that many people often dread getting old."

And there's good reason to embrace getting older. One

study found that Americans who were more positive about aging lived 7.5 years longer. It is on this premise that Taylor is encouraging his readers to embrace the second part of their lives.

I'm Not Okay With Gray: How to Create an Extraordinary Life After 50 is an inspiring resource written purposely to hopefully change people's mindsets about getting older and empower men and women over 50 to recognize that the second half of life can be more fulfilling

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BBB Scam Alert: Tax Time Scammers

The 2023 Tax Season has officially begun and the Better Business Bureau is alerting the public of schemes that con artists will use over the next several weeks to take your money, personal information and peace of mind.

It will be taxing as people prepare to file with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). And, as the chaos of tax season picks up, scammers will capitalize on the pressure taxpayers face. The last day to file taxes this year is Tuesday, April 18.

Tax identity theft occurs when a scammer uses your Social Security number to file a tax return in your name and collect

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City Of Crawfordsville Is Awarded Matching Grant Fund For Sugar Creek High-Bank Erosion

The City of Crawfordsville was recently awarded \$582,076.11 by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security as part of the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant to mitigate the threat to homes and property on Wayne Avenue being created by high-bank erosion along Sugar Creek.

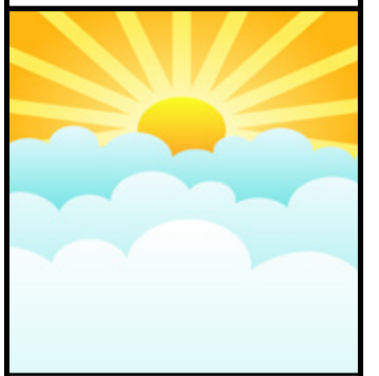
The grant will provide 75% of the funding for the project, matched with \$194,027.85 in local funds for a total of \$776,103.96. The funds will be used to purchase homes and properties that are in imminent danger due to the erosion being caused by the creek.

"While most Crawfordsville residents have been unaware of this longstanding problem, the threat posed to residents and homes in these two neighborhoods has devastating potential. Removing residents from harm's way is our top priority but it must be done in a manner

that avoids financial devastation to those affected," said Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton. "Many of these homeowners have worked their entire lives to pay for their homes, only to face the eventuality of

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The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:36 a.m.
SET: 6:26 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
HIGH: 45 °F
LOW: 22 °F



Today is...

- National Battery Day
- Pluto Day
- Red Sock Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1885 Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain is published in the US
- 1954 The first Church of Scientology is established in Los Angeles
- 2001 FBI agent Robert Hanssen is arrested for spying for the Soviet Union; he is ultimately convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment



Births On This Day

- 1933 Yoko Ono Japanese/American singer-songwriter
- 1954 John Travolta American actor, singer and producer

Deaths On This Day

- 1546 Martin Luther German monk, priest and leader of the Protestant Reformation
- 1564 Michelangelo Italian painter and sculptor

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Yes, WNAP is back on the air. I haven't heard Buster Bodine yet, but I keep listening!



➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

When walking on a road, walk on the same side of the road as the oncoming traffic. 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 **MARCIA DESMET** for subscribing!



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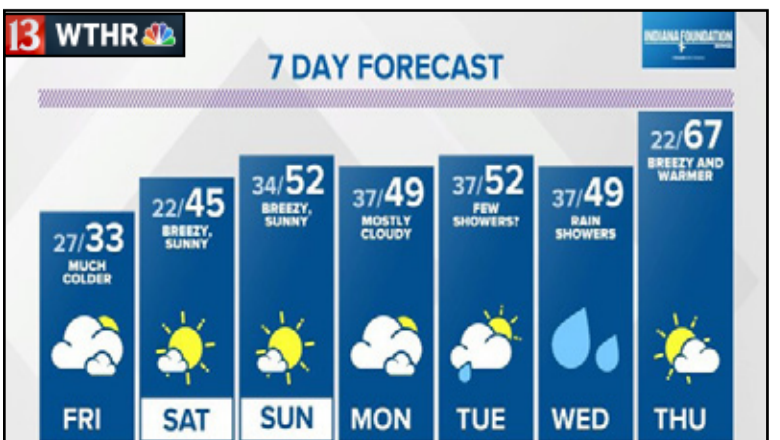
The Crawfordsville Investment Club will meet on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., at the Crawfordsville District Public Library. The program is a discussion of the current economy and investments. The Crawfordsville Investment Club meets for educational purposes only. Visitors are welcome. For more information call 765-362-2826.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"It is an old maxim and a very sound one, that he that dances should always pay the fiddler."
Abraham Lincoln

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

How do you scare a snowman? Mention global warming!



Black Balloons Mark Tragedies Of Addiction

The Recovery Coalition in Crawfordsville has set March 6 aside to honor the lives lost and to support families impacted by addiction. The Coalition has named it Black Balloon Day and encourages everyone to hang a black balloon on doors from Feb. 27 through the day of the event. On March 6, a free meal will be served at the Recovery Coalition Rec Center, 1300 Ladoga Rd. You can come for a meal from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., or just to fill out a remembrance card for loved ones lost. There will be free T-shirts and free Narcan training.

The Recovery Rec Center is a safe, supportive space that many call home during recovery. The Recovery Coalition is a non-profit 501(c)(3) that relies on donations and grants to keep its doors open. All money raised will go toward sustaining the Rec Center and costs for the event. To donate: Via Paypal go to <https://recovery-coalition2.wixsite.com/rcinc/donate>. Or, to send a check, please mail to: Recovery Coalition Inc. Mail to: PO Box 481 Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Suicide Prevention Spotlited At The State Capitol

The Indiana arm of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will have a rally at the Indiana State House on March 27. The organization says that their State Capitol Day events bring advocates together with state and local officials to share information and urge that suicide prevention be made a priority. As part of our State Capitol Day events, advocates have the opportunity to meet with their legislators and speak about legislative and policy issues that need support. Because of these personal connections between advocates

and lawmakers, state bills have been enacted that now ban the practice of conversion therapy, require suicide prevention policies and personnel training in K-12 schools, increase suicide prevention on college and university campuses, require insurance plans to treat mental health and physical health equally and create statewide suicide prevention offices and task forces. This year's event begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. Registration is required by March 22. Go to afsp.org/indiana or on Facebook @afspindiana.

Cancer Patients And Survivors Return To The Statehouse To Rally Legislators

After three years of virtual Cancer Action Days, cancer patients, survivors and caregivers from across the state traveled to the capitol in Indianapolis yesterday to meet in person with their elected officials. They let their lawmakers know with 34% of cancer deaths in Indiana caused by smoking, Indiana can and must do better to prevent cancer by reducing tobacco use and treating cancer. Advocates urged state lawmakers to prioritize tobacco control measures, including increasing the cigarette tax by \$2.00 per pack, increasing the tax on all other tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, to parallel the new cigarette tax, and investing \$15 million in tobacco control programs. In doing so, Indiana would take a decisive step towards reducing tobacco use and its devastating toll on our communities with the cigarette tax increase alone projected to keep 24,500 kids from becom-

ing adults who smoke, help 50,200 adults who smoke quit, and save 19,900 lives. Furthermore, they asked lawmakers to invest funding into cancer research. Cancer research saves lives and few states are better positioned to benefit from cancer research investments than Indiana. Not only does Indiana have cancer death rates higher than the national average, but it is also home to two premier cancer research centers at Indiana University and Purdue University. It is time for Indiana to join approximately 15 other states and provide funding for lifesaving cancer research happening here in Indiana. This year, an estimated 40,270 Hoosiers will be diagnosed with cancer and 13,660 are expected to die from the devastating disease. Those gathered at the capitol yesterday are calling on Indiana lawmakers to change this by taking steps to make the fight against cancer a priority.

Young, Coons Resolution Establishing National FFA Week Passes Senate

On Wednesday, the United States Senate passed a bipartisan resolution introduced by Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Chris Coons (D-Del.) to establish Feb. 18-25, 2023 as National FFA Week. The resolution was cosponsored by a bipartisan group of 58 senators. The resolution highlights the important role of the National FFA Organization in developing the next generation of leaders by providing educational and career opportunities to students, and also celebrates the iconic FFA jacket.

"Throughout Hoosier communities and our country, FFA plays a critical role in the development of students through agricultural education. The lessons, tools, and resources gained through the FFA program equip Indiana's future leaders with the skills needed to succeed in a variety of fields," said Senator Young. "I'm glad to introduce this resolution establishing National FFA Week in support of the more than 11,600 FFA members in Indiana." "Delaware's long agricultural history continues to foster bright, young

minds to meet today's global challenges," said Senator Coons. "As a member of the FFA Caucus, I'm proud to support the Delaware FFA, the National FFA Organization, and their critical role in developing the minds and values of young Delawareans. I'm glad to have worked with over fifty of my colleagues on this bipartisan resolution recognizing National FFA Week and the organization's incalculable contributions to Delaware and to our nation." "National FFA Week is a meaningful week for members across our

country as we continue to share the message of agriculture and agricultural education while celebrating our more than 850,000 members and our supporters," said National FFA Advisor Dr. Travis Park. "Today, FFA and agricultural education continue to play a key role in developing the next generation of leaders and those who will be filling the ever-growing need in the talent pipeline across our food systems. We are grateful to our elected officials for supporting National FFA Week and their continued support of our organization."

Biden Says No Evidence Yet That Unidentified Flying Objects Were Tied To China Spying

By Ashley Murray

In his first address since the U.S. military shot down three unidentified flying objects last weekend, just days after taking down a suspected Chinese surveillance balloon, President Joe Biden on Thursday defended the actions and said the skies above the U.S. will now be more closely scrutinized. Biden, who was under increasing pressure from lawmakers to address the unprecedented situation, also said nothing so far suggests the mystery objects were related to Chinese surveillance or spying by any other nation.

objects to be shot down, what the objects were, and what the protocol will be going forward. "Americans are worried, they're concerned, and they're interested, and they have a right to know why President Biden directed the actions that he did over the last week," Arkansas Republican Sen. Tom Cotton said after senators received a classified briefing Tuesday. The White House and Pentagon offered little detail about the objects that were each taken down with a nearly 200-pound air-to-air missile. The first AIM-9X Sidewinder missile fired from two F-16 jets over Lake Huron missed and landed in the water, Pentagon officials said Tuesday. The second missile hit the object, and debris crashed into the Canadian side of the lake, according to the administration. The administration promised Tuesday to update the public by week's end about a new interagency policy plan for deciding when to take action against unidentified aerial objects. Senators who were privately briefed said they were told the objects were "very, very small," according to Idaho Sen. Jim Risch, ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

GOP governors' statement
Seventeen Republican governors on Thursday released a joint statement criticizing the Biden administration for what they described as a lack of communication about the objects hovering over their states, according to a press release from South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem. In addition to Noem, those governors included Kim Reynolds, of Iowa; Sarah Sanders, of Arkansas; Ron DeSantis, of Florida; Brian Kemp, of Georgia; Brad Little, of Idaho; Eric Holcomb, of Indiana; Tate Reeves, of Mississippi; Mike Parson, of Missouri; Jim Pillen, of Nebraska; Doug Burgum, of North Dakota; Kevin Stitt, of Oklahoma; Henry McMaster, of South Carolina; Bill Lee, of Tennessee; Greg Abbott, of Texas; Glenn Youngkin, of Virginia; and Mark Gordon, of Wyoming. "The violation of American airspace by multiple foreign objects is unprecedented and threatens our national sovereignty along with the security of our states," wrote Noem and fellow governors. "As governors, we have sworn an oath to defend against 'all enemies, foreign and domestic.' Yet, President Biden has chosen not to fully communicate with the public about this critical issue impacting public safety." Noem is now working with state lawmakers on legislation to address the safety of South Dakota's airways, according to her release. Prior to the three smaller unidentified objects being shot down over the weekend, several U.S. senators, including Alaska's Lisa Murkowski and Montana's Jon Tester, grilled Pentagon officials last week on why the Chinese balloon was able to traverse Alaska and the lower 48 states before being shot down 6 miles off the coast of South Carolina.

aerial objects above the U.S. and making sure the inventory is "accessible and up to date." Implementing "further measures" to detect the unmanned flying objects. (NORAD adjusted its radar sensitivity following the detection of the suspected Chinese surveillance balloon.) Updating the rules and regulations for those who launch and maintain unmanned aerial objects above the U.S. for commercial, recreational or scientific purposes. Directing Secretary of State Antony Blinken to begin working with foreign counterparts to establish global norms "in this largely unregulated space." **Bipartisan condemnation of China**
The Senate, by unanimous consent, approved a resolution Wednesday condemning China for sending a suspected surveillance balloon over the U.S. just weeks ago. "This resolution condemning China is precisely the kind of bipartisanship Americans expect at a time like this. Instead of each party attacking each other, we are united in this resolution, in condemning China, exactly as we should be," Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said in his floor remarks Thursday morning. The Senate resolution came nearly one week after the U.S. House, in a 419-0 vote, unanimously approved a resolution condemning the Chinese Communist Party's use of the surveillance balloon as a "brazen violation of United States sovereignty." Biden delivered the State of the Union address just three days after a U.S. fighter jet downed the suspected Chinese surveillance balloon upon his order. While Biden remarked in his Feb. 7 speech that he remains "committed" to working with China when it benefits U.S. interests, he also said "But make no mistake: as we made clear last week, if China threatens our sovereignty, we will act to protect our country. And we did." Officials estimate the balloon was 200 feet tall and was carrying a "jetliner-sized" payload, or equipment.

"The intelligence community's current assessment is that these three objects were most likely balloons tied to private companies, recreation or research institutions, studying weather, or conducting other scientific research," Biden said. Biden said during his brief remarks that he has "no apologies" for ordering American forces to shoot down the sizable Chinese balloon suspected of surveillance capabilities and said that he expects to speak with China's President Xi Jinping "to get to the bottom of this." China denies the balloon was used for espionage, saying it was collecting weather data. The U.S. maintains that China operates a vast surveillance balloon program over the U.S. and nearly 40 other countries. Biden said there is no evidence of increasing numbers of unidentified objects in the skies. "We're now just seeing more of them, partially because the steps we've taken to increase our radars, to narrow our radars, and we have to keep adapting our approach to dealing with these challenges," Biden said. "... But make no mistake, if any object presents a threat to the safety and security of the American people, I will take it down," he said. Debris in deep waters. Fighter jets from bases in Alaska and Wisconsin were ordered Friday, Saturday and Sunday to take the objects down over Alaska sea ice, Canada's Yukon wilderness and Lake Huron, respectively.

Size of an A.T.V. or four-wheeler?
Democratic U.S. Rep. Jeff Jackson, of North Carolina, wrote in a Substack post Wednesday that the three objects shot down over the weekend were "fundamentally different" than the high-altitude suspected Chinese spy balloon because they were flying lower and moving with the wind, according to what he learned in a congressional briefing from Gen. Glen VanHerck, Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD. One was the size and shape consistent with a balloon, and the other two were roughly "the size of an A.T.V. or four-wheeler," he wrote. While the purposes of the objects were unclear, members were told they weren't outfitted with a required transponder that communicates location data to the Federal Aviation Administration, he said. "This episode has sparked a new effort to develop a set of strategies for detecting and eliminating UAPs (unidentified aerial phenomena) — ideally without having to use extremely expensive missiles — and a better notification system for our governors and allies," Jackson wrote.

New rules for unmanned airborne objects
Biden said Thursday that his administration will soon implement classified protocols to deal with unmanned airborne objects that enter U.S. airspace. "I'll be sharing with Congress these classified policy parameters when they're completed, and they'll remain classified, so we don't give our roadmap to our enemies to try to evade our defenses," he said. Biden said other changes will include: Establishing "a better inventory" of unmanned

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"Blue was started by great friends of mine, Lori and John Greavu, and when they decided



Amy Williamson

to sell, my partners and I bought in and never looked back," explained Williamson. "I am grateful for the chance to do something I love every day. And a wonderful perk is that I still get to work with Lori and John from time to time!"

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Katrina Winter

"We focus on quality and personalized customer service in our work," stated Williamson. "We are proud of the fact that when a client needs something, we can provide it. Through the years, we've aligned ourselves with partners who share our commitment to customer service and have built valuable relationships with tried-and-true vendors we trust. We are a one-stop service for our clients, which is a huge benefit



Jeremiah (Miah) Barr

to them." The team wears a lot of creative hats in the office.

"Each one of us is willing to roll up our sleeves and dive in and do whatever it takes to get the job done - and done well," explained Williamson. "It can be tough to find that special group of people who really care about customers and will go that extra mile, but I can tell you that everyone on our team does just that.



Kelli Hawk

And I couldn't be more appreciative of each of them for their tremendous commitments."

The team at Blue Marketing consists of Williamson, Marketing Director & Co-owner; Katrina Winter, Office Manager; Jeremiah (Miah) Barr, Videographer & Graphic Designer; and Kelli Hawk, Graphic Designer & Marketing Assistant.

"We are fortunate to have a wide variety of clients with a wide

variety of needs," said Williamson. "No two days are ever the same and our team loves that. We're creatives - we love to be challenged."

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FAITH

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

The following is a listing of church services and various programs that organizations around Montgomery County have sent The Paper. If you would like to have your church information included in this free listing, simply e-mail it to 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.

NEW MARKET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Sanctuary as well as the Drive-in Parking Lot are open for Worship held at 10 am. Tony Thomas will speak on "What a Wonderful World" His text is from Revelation 21:1-4.

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins at 9 am. COFFEE & DONUT FELLOWSHIP is at 8:30 am the first Sunday of each month. The next fellowship is March 5. The worship service and Sunday school are open to everyone.

NEW MARKET FIRST BAPTIST

New Market First Baptist will meet for worshipping. Holy Grounds will begin at 8:30 a.m. with Sunday School classes beginning at 9 a.m. Worship service will be held at 10 a.m. Bible Study continues with the Andy Griffin bible study., Meal with spaghetti and desserts will begin at 6 p.m., Study begins at 7 p.m. Please join us at 200 S. First St. in New Market. First Baptist.

YOUNG'S CHAPEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

If contemporary worship is not your preference, then you Might want to visit us. A small country Bible based church made up of very friendly, compassionate, loving people. A church where everyone knows everyone's name. You will be warmly welcomed here. Why not try us out? 4527 North 200 East, Crawfordsville Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 am.

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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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Fax Number: 765-362-6641
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Worship Minister: Wayne Wilkinson
Youth Minister: Bryson Feese

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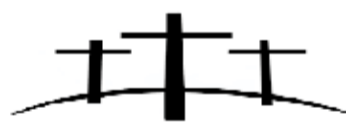
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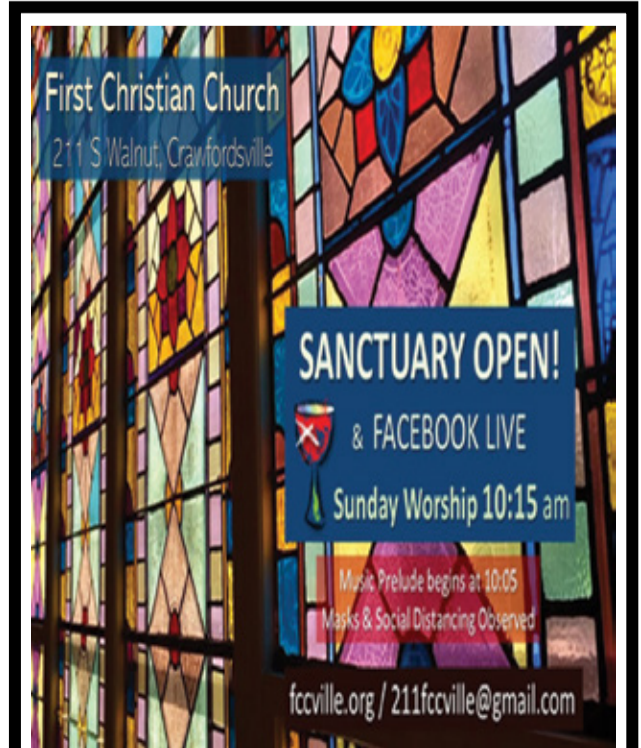
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Indiana House Republicans Are “Committed” To Voucher School Expansion

By Casey Smith

Indiana House Republicans will seek to expand the state’s “school choice” program despite a top GOP senator’s call for more voucher school reforms.

Republican House Speaker Todd Huston said his caucus is “110% committed” to funding — and growing — Indiana’s voucher program, known as Choice Scholarships. He suggested that lawmakers will widen eligibility for the vouchers in the House-proposed state budget, which is expected to be unveiled later Friday.

That’s the opposite of what Mishawaka Sen. Ryan Mishler said state lawmakers should do in the current legislative session.

Instead, the powerful Republican senator threatened to hold up new state spending on the voucher program — and advised parents to “beware” of non-public schools — after he claimed to have witnessed “disgusting” behavior at a private Catholic school in northern Indiana.

Mishler aired his concerns in a letter published last week.

“It’s time to continue to expand school choice,” Huston said Thursday. “I was disappointed in Sen. Mishler’s — whatever that thing was, his letter, missive — extremely disappointed in it.”

Voucher schools receive state funding but are not required to operate within the same parameters as local public schools. For instance,

they don’t have elected school boards and don’t have to justify their spending. Critics have long maintained that such schools lack transparency and accountability to the public.

School voucher expansion likely Huston maintained Thursday that Indiana’s voucher system is already accountable enough, calling it one of the state’s “most successful programs.”

“We’ve had hundreds of thousands of kids go through the Choice Program over the last decade. It’s been an extraordinarily successful program,” Huston said. “I am sorry that (Mishler) may have had a bad experience, and that he may have extrapolated that to the entire program is a mistake.”

The House speaker added that — in addition to “historic investments in K-12” — his caucus plans to “give parents and families more opportunities to choose the schools that they feel are best for their kids.”

“Our caucus remains and will continue to remain committed to providing families and parents options to their kids of school choice,” Huston continued.

Meanwhile, Republican Senate Pro Tem Rodric Bray said that while his chamber is “passionate about school choice, too,” he hesitated to say if GOP senators are willing to expand the program in the same way.

“I haven’t seen anything in writing yet. When they bring it over, we’ll certainly talk about

it,” Bray said Thursday, referring to the House GOP’s voucher plan. “There are a lot of benefits to it, and it’s generally something I support, but there’s also a cost to it that we have to be cognizant of, and we’ll take a look at it like we look at everything else.”

As those conversations heat up, lawmakers will pay special attention to the options Hoosier parents have to both enroll and remove their kids from private schools whenever they choose, Bray continued.

“That’ll be part of the conversation we have as to whether that’s necessary or not,” he said.

Mishler airs concerns Mishler’s reprimand is an uncharacteristic move for a member of the state’s GOP supermajority which has been the driving force behind Indiana’s “school choice” expansion for more than a decade.

“I would advise families looking at voucher schools to be aware that they are on their own at this point and time. They should strongly consider an alternative to the blemished and blatantly flawed procedures of accountability when choosing a school for their child,” Mishler said in his letter. “We need to hold the schools to the same high level of accountability they expect from the students and their parents.”

He detailed issues with one school’s policies, as well as alleged “mistreatment and bullying” of students by a staff member.

The senator said the school mishandled

parents’ concerns about those incidents — noting that administrators were able to do so because of a lack of accountability and transparency within the private school.

Mishler does not name the school outright, but his letter points to the same Mishawaka high school where his son is enrolled as a senior.

Mishler, who chairs the Senate Appropriations Committee, pledged not to support “one additional dollar spent” on the voucher program until lawmakers enact policies to “protect these kids from abusive behavior and mistreatment.”

An expansion of Indiana’s education scholarship accounts — of which state dollars would largely go to private schools — has already sat untouched in Mishler’s committee for more than three weeks.

Senate bills that seek state dollars in the next two-year state budget must first get approval from the committee. The bill has to be acted on by the Feb. 23 deadline, or it dies.

As of Friday, an agenda for the final Appropriations Committee meeting had not yet been posted.

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Legislation Moving Through Statehouse

The first two bills I authored as a state senator passed the Indiana Senate Tuesday.

While I am pleased with this strong start, I also am very aware that the challenges and opportunities facing our state far exceed anything these bills can address.

The short window between taking the oath of office and the bill filing deadline limit the issues new senators can tackle in their first session, but my team and I are just getting started and we are already thinking about future legislation.

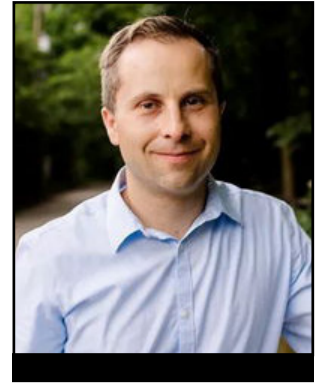
But for now, I am proud of this early success, and I believe in what these bills can accomplish.

In case you missed it, here is a quick review:

Taxpayer Receipts
Senate Bill 243, which would require the Indiana Department of Revenue to provide taxpayers who paid adjusted gross income taxes with a receipt that explains how their taxes are used, passed Senate unanimously.

When Hoosiers go to any retailer or shop online, they get a receipt that shows what was purchased. This bill will do the same for government services, offering an easy and transparent way for taxpayers to see how their money was spent.

Transcript Access
Senate Bill 404 would prohibit public colleges



SPENCER DEERY
Guest Column

and universities from withholding a transcript if a student paid at least \$100 to \$300 toward their debt within the last year, depending on how much the individual owes. SB 404 passed out of the Senate by a vote of 47-2.

This bill was designed to allow current and former students at public colleges in Indiana to continue to making progress toward their academic goals. It would allow students who have made a good faith effort to pay down their debts to return to another institution and complete their education.

Both bills now move to the Indiana House of Representatives for further consideration.

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

Indiana American Water Names Matthew Hobbs Director Of Engineering

Indiana American Water has named Matthew Hobbs Director of Engineering effective Feb. 20, 2023. Hobbs is replacing Stacy Hoffman who is retiring after 29 years of service with American Water.

Hobbs most recently served as engineering and program manager and client service leader in the Water Services Group for HNTB Corporation. Prior to that, he was a water and wastewater project engineer with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

“We are pleased to have Matt on board with the company in this key leadership position,” said Indiana American Water President Matt Prine. “He brings more than 18 years of experience to this position and will play a key role in implementing our capital investment strategies and initiatives moving forward.”

Hobbs has a bachelor’s degree in engineering from Purdue University, is registered as a professional engineer and is a certified LEED Accredited Professional.

Indiana Donor Network Hits New Heights In 2022

Indiana Donor Network, the federally designated organ recovery organization that coordinates organ, tissue and cornea donation in Indiana and transplantation throughout the U.S., hit new heights in 2022, transplanting an all-time high of 1,116 lifesaving organs.

The milestone is an 18% increase in annual transplants compared to 2021, when 949 organs were transplanted.

“I’m proud to say we’re on the right trajectory and the future is bright for Indiana Donor Network,” said Indiana Donor Network President and CEO Kellie Tremain. “We are dedicated to investing in cutting-edge technology, new and innovative processes and highly skilled professionals across all disciplines for those in need of lifesaving transplants.”

Also, the selfless gifts of 1,267 tissue and cornea donor heroes resulted in 14,392 tissues recovered in 2022, including 141 hearts for valve transplant, 3,701 skin grafts and 382 corneas.

New liver perfusion technology deployed: Indiana Donor Network took an industry leading step in 2022 by training in advanced perfusion technology that has the potential to keep donated livers functioning outside the human body for up to 24 hours with the use of a liver transporter.

Last year, Indiana Donor Network partici-

pated in a trial study in partnership with four Midwest transplant centers, including University of Cincinnati Medical Center, University of Chicago, Northwestern University and Rutgers’ University Hospital. Once approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Indiana Donor Network intends to deploy the device for use in liver transplants at all transplant centers the organization serves.

When packed in a traditional cold storage device, donated livers can remain outside the body for only 12 hours. Keeping a donated liver functioning longer after recovery with a liver transporter will create more time for medical teams to assess a liver’s viability for transplant, improve a liver’s function, and ultimately make more livers available for transplantation.

Kidney perfusion technology saving more lives: Indiana Donor Network’s team of surgical recovery specialists is also specially trained in the use of kidney perfusion pumps, which are utilized in operating rooms during organ recovery and for transport to a transplant center.

Pumps keep donated kidneys functioning outside the body, allowing the organ’s temperature and vascular performance to be constantly monitored and increasing its viability for successful transplant. Donated kidneys on perfusion

pumps can be transported up to 250 nautical miles from Indiana Donor Network’s Organ and Tissue Recover Center, reaching patients at 40 transplant centers throughout the Midwest.

In 2022, Indiana Donor Network utilized 10 kidney perfusion pumps for 622 successful transplant surgeries.

Other major milestones achieved by Indiana Donor Network in 2022:

- Provided programs, grief and counseling services and support to 2,253 donor family members.
- Registered 960,000 Indiana residents to become organ and tissue donors, an all-time high number of new registrants in a single year; today, more than 4.3 million Hoosiers are registered donors.
- Relied on passionate donation advocates who volunteered nearly 14,000 hours, equivalent to more than six full-time employees.
- Led nearly 950 school and community presentations and activations, reaching more than 200,000 Hoosiers.
- Generated nearly \$180,000 in net proceeds for Indiana Donor Network Foundation and its mission to provide financial assistance and support for organ transplant recipients and donor families.
- Hired 45 new team members for a total of 284, creating its largest staff since the organization was founded in

1987.

Nationally, in 2022 the U.S. surpassed 1 million lifesaving organ transplants since the first was performed in 1954, according to United Network for Organ Sharing. A new annual high of 42,887 organs were successfully transplanted in 2022.

More than 105,000 Americans are currently awaiting a lifesaving organ transplant, including 1,200 Hoosiers.

“The need for more people to make the selfless decision to one day become a donor hero remains incredibly important,” Tremain said. “Working with our hospital and transplant center partners throughout Indiana and beyond, we remain laser focused on saving more lives each year through donation and transplantation, educating more Hoosiers about how important donation is, and encouraging Indiana residents to say ‘yes’ to donation.”

Indiana Donor Network’s mission is to save and enhance the quality of life through organ, tissue and eye donation and transplantation. Its vision is to be a leader in organ and tissue recovery. Founded in 1987, the organization coordinates donation in 85 of the state’s 92 counties and serves transplant hospitals throughout the U.S.

Despite age or medical history, anyone can sign up to be a donor at DonateLifeIndiana.org.

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But during your first calendar year, once your benefits start, you'll be subject to a monthly earnings limit of \$1,770 and, if that is exceeded in any month (February - December), you won't be eligible for benefits for that month. That means that they could withhold your entire monthly amount for any 2023 month after January that exceeds the monthly limit. This is part of Social Security's "first year rule," which applies only during your first calendar year collecting. If, instead, you claim for your benefits to start in March, then the monthly limit will apply from March thru December. Remember, it's not when your payment is received that counts; it's when your benefits start (SS pays benefits in the month following the month earned). Beginning in 2024 only the annual limit would apply.

Nevertheless, the "first year rule" offers some latitude on your earnings. If the penalty for exceeding the annual earnings limit (\$21,240 for 2023) is less than the penalty which results from using the monthly limit, Social Security will use the annual limit and assess the smaller penalty amount. So, if your annual (full year) 2023 earnings are less than \$21,240, no penalty will be assessed, or if you only exceed the annual limit by a small amount, you'll be assessed a penalty of \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. But if your annual earnings are substantially more than the 2023 limit, Social Security may deem you temporarily ineligible to get benefits. When you complete your application there will be a section asking you to tell them about this year's earnings as well as what

you expect next year's earnings to be. From that they will decide whether you are currently eligible to collect benefits.

So, if your goal is to work only to the point that no penalty will be assessed, you can work until your 2023 earnings reach \$21,240 (whenever that is). Or you could work even a little bit longer and simply take the penalty (half of what you exceed the annual limit by), in which case SS will simply withhold future benefits for enough months for them to recover what is owed for exceeding the limit. But if you continue working full time and will substantially exceed the annual limit, it's likely Social Security will say you are temporarily ineligible to collect benefits (until your earnings are less or you reach your full retirement age when the earnings test no longer applies).

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your federal or state tax refund. Scammers can steal your tax information in several ways. It could be a phony tax preparation service, a data breach, a hack, or a phishing scam, baiting you into clicking on a link in a text message which downloads malware to your device.

Email phishing scams appear to be from the IRS and include a link to a bogus website intended to mirror the official IRS website. These fraudulent emails will direct you to update your IRS e-file immediately, state a problem with your taxes, and sometimes mention USA.gov or a variation of the actual IRS site. Scammers want you to call the fake number in the email or click on a link so they can download malware onto your device; or access your personal financial information.

IRS impersonation scams often start with a phone call and take two basic forms. In the first version, the IRS "agent" says you owe back taxes and pressures you into paying by prepaid debit card or wire transfer. Then, the scammer threatens you with arrest and fines if you don't comply. In the other version, scammers claim they are issuing tax refunds and ask you for personal information so they can send you your refund.

"Ghost" shady tax preparers set up shop around tax time, usually in a

vacant storefront. They will often promise tax filers large refunds quickly. Unfortunately, these "ghost" tax preparers are uncertified individuals who bypass checks and balances in the tax preparer certification system. Even more disturbing: the big refunds they promote are not calculated in legal ways.

Ghost tax preparers do prepare the tax return, but when it's submitted to the IRS, these scammers ask the taxpayer to sign their own return, making it look like it was self-filed. This is a big deal; once something goes wrong, the preparer is nowhere to be found.

BBB tax time tips:

- The best way to avoid tax ID theft is to file your taxes as early as possible before a scammer can steal your information and file a fake tax return.
- Always check out a new tax preparer before you do business with them, and a great place to start is with BBB.org for ratings and reviews.
- Ask any tax preparer you are considering hiring what security steps they will take to protect your data.
- Check out websites carefully and make sure you access the real IRS website when filing your taxes electronically or inquiring for additional information.
- When in doubt, contact the IRS directly to verify any contact, not a number in an email or

text.

- The IRS will never threaten you or demand immediate payment, require a specific form of payment, or ask for credit card or debit card numbers over the phone.

- Be wary of a tax preparer offering fast refunds or significant returns. What you owe is solely based on your past year's tax information and the current tax laws.

- Only allow funds to be deposited into your personal accounts. Some ghost tax preparers will have funds deposited into their accounts "to later be distributed."

- Review your tax return before it's submitted to ensure your tax preparer correctly signed it.

- Contact the IRS immediately if you get a written notice from the IRS about a duplicate tax return, a notice stating that you received wages from a company that you never worked for or any notice that "additional taxes are owed, the refund will be offset, or a collection action is being taken against you."

For more information

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than the first half. The book explores topics such as embracing spirituality, health and fitness, technology, joy, financial abundance and more

Readers will benefit from valuable insights as the author draws from his experiences, emphasizing the importance of elderly wisdom and how to apply it to live happier lives.

Taylor is a Certified Life Coach who has helped thousands of people transform their lives from the inside out by changing their attitudes about aging. The author himself did

not have an exceptional first half of his life but overcame being a high school dropout, divorce, depression, foreclosure and homelessness to become an entrepreneur, the author of 11 books, motivational speaker and radio host. He also launched a career and company at the age of 60 without any formal degrees or training.

"I've met many people who dread getting older or who believe life is finished because they've entered another phase," said Taylor when asked to explain his reasons for writing the book. "I wrote this book to

help people renew their mindset about aging and anticipate great things in the second part of their life. This is my gift to humanity to help make the world a better place."

I'm Not Okay With Gray: How to Create an Extraordinary Life After 50 aims to be an insightful and uplifting first step resource for those struggling to be optimistic about the aging process. The book is available in eBook and paperback formats on Amazon and on the author's website. For further information, visit: <https://www.coachmichaeltaylor.com>.

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having it collapse into the creek due to landslide-type erosion. It has taken several years of searching for a solution but I am relieved we can finally offer owners a path to safety that will preserve their investment in the property, thus avoiding the physical harm of a collapse and the financial devastation of losing their property."

Two neighborhoods in Crawfordsville, Wayne Avenue and Sugar Cliff, have been threatened by the high-bank erosion for many years. In fact, a portion of Wayne Avenue was closed to traffic more than a decade ago, and a residential lot has fallen into the creek due

to the erosion.

In 2019 the Indiana Department of Natural Resources funded a Sugar Creek Channel Stability and Flood Risk Assessment for the City of Crawfordsville. The study evaluated geological conditions along with creek levels to project the future impact area of erosion. Based on this data and predictions, at-risk properties were identified and classified in three levels of priority. The properties covered by this grant award were those identified as being at the highest risk of collapse into the creek in the coming years and all are along Wayne Avenue. Upon completion of

this grant, the City will be eligible to apply for funding to mitigate the risk to those properties identified in the next priority level, some of which are also along Wayne Avenue as well as Sugar Cliff Drive.


Participation in the program is voluntary and affected property owners will be given the option of selling their property for the appraised amount. If an owner chooses to participate, the property will be purchased with the grant funding, all structures on the property will be razed and permanent deed restrictions will prohibit future sales or building on the property.



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