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➔ TODAY'S VERSE
Philippians 4:6 -7 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY
People who call our community their own.
Andrew Jones smiles for our roving photographer. Andrew is a senior of Crawfordsville High School where he plays soccer and golf. Thank you for your smile Andrew!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Jim Baird is the U.S. Congressman for Indiana's 4th District, which includes Montgomery County. On Friday, he sent a letter to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management requesting further deliveries of hazardous materials from the East Palestine train derailment to the Heritage Environmental Services in Roachdale, be halted immediately. "Last week, our state was blindsided by the announcement that the EPA would be relocating hazardous materials from the East Palestine train derailment to Roachdale," the letter stated. "Hoosiers deserve to know exactly what's happening in their own backyard, and until we have full transparency and proper oversight, I am respectfully asking IDEM to halt further transportation of hazardous materials to our state."

2 A new study by the good folks at Today's Homeowner takes a look at women in the construction industry, including employment representation, pay, and geographic differences - and it wasn't great news for Indiana. Out of all 50 states, they found that Indiana ranks smack dab in the middle at No. 25 for the highest percentage of female construction trade workers. In addition, here are some of their other findings: The percentage of women in the construction industry in Indiana is 2.7% which is #25 in the country. The top 5 states with largest representation of women in construction is South Carolina, Georgia, Washington, Florida, and Arkansas. Seven of the 10 states with the highest percentages of female construction trade workers are in the South. Over the past five years, the pay gap has improved for construction managers by 2.5 percentage points, but worsened for construction trade workers by more than 17 points.

3 The First Lady is coming to the Hoosier State. Dr. Jill Biden will be in Valparaiso Monday. She and Labor Secretary Julie Su and U.S. Deputy Energy Secretary David Turk will tout the Biden Administration's commitment to strengthening the economy and building pathways to good-paying jobs through career-connected learning. They will be visiting Ivy Tech Community College there.

Boomer Bits

Ask Rusty – What's The Best Way To Start Receiving My Survivor Benefit?

Dear Rusty: When one becomes a widow/widower, what is the most efficient way to start receiving the deceased's monthly Social Security. Signed: *Still Grieving*

Dear Still Grieving: There is really only one way to start receiving surviving spouse benefits - you must contact Social Security directly to apply. You can call 1.800.772.1213 or call your local SS field office (find the number at www.ssa.gov/locator) to make an appointment to apply for your survivor benefits. These appointments are normally conducted over the phone, so a personal visit to the Social Security office isn't usually necessary. The larger question to consider is when you should claim



Social Security Matters
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the survivor benefit. Like most other Social Security benefits, your age when you claim determines how much your survivor benefit will be. And a survivor benefit isn't payable in all cases. Consider these points:
• If the surviving spouse is already receiving their own SS retirement benefit and that is more than the deceased spouse was receiving, the surviving spouse continues to receive only

their own higher benefit but will get a one-time lump sum death benefit of \$255.
• If the surviving spouse's own benefit is less than the deceased was receiving, the surviving spouse's benefit will be based on the higher amount.
• If the surviving spouse has reached their full retirement age (FRA), the survivor's benefit

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Come On All You Seniors, Get Happy And Healthy!

By John Grimaldi

If you are a senior living in Massachusetts, Colorado or New Jersey you are likely to be physically active or, at least, searching the internet for fitness advice. New research by the online consumer price-tracking website, Pricelisto, has identified the citizens of those three states as having the highest average monthly search for fitness advice over the last 12 months.

That's a good thing, according to the Centers for Disease Control [CDC], which recommends that the older you get the more you need to exercise. "Adults aged 65 and older need at least 150 minutes a week (for example, 30 minutes a day, 5 days a

week) of moderate intensity activity such as brisk walking. Or they need 75 minutes a week of vigorous-intensity activity such as hiking, jogging, or running," says the CDC.

"So, get up and get active," says Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. "Sure, you'll find some older folks who might prefer to sit out their senior years, but, for the most part, the elders among us - and there are a lot of them - choose 'not to go gently into that good night,' as poet Dylan Thomas put it." She's not suggesting that we run the "four minute mile;" rather, Weber says that moderate exercise will

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BBB Tip: Meta's New Subscription Service

On Sunday, Meta founder Mark Zuckerberg announced the company is introducing Meta Verified, a paid "blue verification badge" for Facebook and Instagram that will be available later this week. According to the news release, the monthly subscription service includes a verification badge, protection against impersonating accounts, increased visibility, priority customer service and other exclusive features. Previously, Twitter announced its blue checkmark program.

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Mark Cox New Street Department Commissioner

Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton is pleased to announce the appointment of Mark Cox as the new Street Commissioner for the City of Crawfordsville Street Department.

Cox, a Crawfordsville native, has worked for the City of Crawfordsville for 40 years. Cox retired as an officer for the Crawfordsville City Police Department before joining the street department in 2006.

"I am honored to have been entrusted with this position, and my transition has been a smooth one with the help of the great employees here at the street department," Cox said. "We are going to continue to keep improving the quality and quantity of service we can provide

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Photo courtesy of Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce

The Seed Library will kick off a year of events on March 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the library.

Chamber Of Commerce Welcomes Seed Library

Wednesday, the Crawfordsville-Montgomery County Chamber welcomed Crawfordsville's newest home-growing solution, Seed Library, with a ceremonial ribbon cutting. The event, hosted at the Crawfordsville District Public Library and sponsored by Hoosier Heartland State Bank,

Valero Renewables, and Nucor Indiana, saw a turnout of over 20 enthusiastic members of our community.

The Seed Library is a collaborative effort between the Master Gardeners from Purdue Extension-Montgomery County and the Crawfordsville District Public Library. It can be

found on the second floor of the library and allows anyone who may enter to take home up to 10 different packs of seeds to plant at no expense to whoever may want to dip their toes in home gardening.

The Seed Library will kick

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

A lot of hearts will be broken tonight when sectional champs are crowned. Mine has been ever since we went to multiple classes.



➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Don't watch TV before going to sleep - the bright light and activity may keep your brain awake. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



➔ OBITUARIES

None

➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

It's Back! GO VOTE!

It's back. It's new and improved. It's better than ever. What is it? Montgomery County's biggest annual contest, The Paper's Readers' Choice 2023! The way this huge annual promotion works is simple. The Paper publishes a list and asks you to vote for your favorites. And this year, we are making it even easier to vote. You can go to www.thepaper24-7.com and click on the Readers' Choice 2023 ad and then vote for any and all your favorites. Last year we finished with more than half a million votes. As usual, there is no definitive ending date announced, so don't wait! Hurry up and vote now, today. And keep voting if you like! You are the Reader and these are your Choices. Make them count!

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"One swallow does not make a summer, but one skein of geese, cleaving the murk of March thaw, is the Spring."
Aldo Leopold

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Today is the only day where the date gives orders - March forth!



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THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED

Meeting Notes

Montgomery County Drainage Board

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
 Montgomery County Government Center, Community Meeting Room
 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933

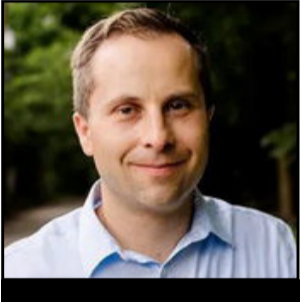
- I. Call To Order
- II. Pledge Of Allegiance & Prayer
- III. Approval Of Minutes

• Feb. 8, 2023 – Reg-

ular Meeting

- IV. Hearing
 - James Gilliland #519
- Assessment Hearing
 - V. Petitions
 - John Mccorkle #608
 - Petition for Variance; Brendan Freeman
 - VI. Old Business
 - William Shelley
- #706 – Reconstruction Update
 - O Banning Engineering Proposal
 - Claude Moody #583
- Discussion
- VII. Other Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Adjournment

Improving Public Health



Spencer Deery
Guest Column

Having a healthy population is key to our state's success. By preventing health problems, rather than just treating them, Indiana can foster healthier families and a stronger workforce.

That's why I support Senate Bill 4, which would incentivize local health departments to improve the quality of their services by establishing the Local Public Health Services Fund grant program.

The grant program would support local health departments that opt in to provide "core public health services" recommended by the Governor's Public Health Commission.

These services include screening for childhood

lead exposure, inspecting public buildings for sanitation, partnering with schools to support student health, preventing tobacco use, and reviewing suicide, child and overdose fatality reports.

Under SB 4, no county could accept this grant funding for expanded health services unless the elected county commissioners and county council agree. The bill further states, "A county that accepts additional funding to provide core public health services does not transfer any authority under statute in operating the local health department to the state department in return for additional funding."

This bill would be a big step forward in improving the overall health of Hoosiers and promoting collaboration between local health departments and the Indiana Department of Health.

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

New Market Elementary 4th Six Weeks Honor Roll

Preschool

Character Counts:
 (Fairness): Teeghan Marine, Olivia Priddy

Kindergarten

Character Counts
 (Fairness): Ollie Caudill, Nashlyn Starcher, Izzy Cregger, Teddy Hartman

1st Grade

Character Counts
 (Fairness): Alex Badertscher, Benson Jones, Brecken Thomas

High Honor Roll:
 Olivia Clark, Hudson Hockersmith, Benson Jones, Ezra Mortara, Aunysa Pyle, Paige Simpson, Kinley Archer, Delaney Carr, Elizabeth Emberton, Finley Fisher, Nevaeh McMullen, Maverick Roach, Kaydan Simms, Jaxon Whitlow, Jason Yearly, Ainsley Anglin, Cole Boyd, Enzo Carr, Hadley Cornelius

A/B Honor Roll:
 Hadley Abell, Gracie Barnhart, Parker Bonilla, Frances Cotten, Braden Ford, Jackson Davis, Serafina Nowak, Emma Wadley, James Wurtsbaugh, Ava Barclay, Leo Cox, Elijah Hester, Isaac Steiner, Brecken Thomas, Kerstin Wilson, Alex Badertscher, Michael Bell-Grayson, Noah Fruits, Kaydena Lambka, Jason McNair, Caroline Nichols, Chaseten Scheurich, Eliana Starcevic, LauraBelle Surber, Raelynn White

2nd Grade

Character Counts
 (Fairness): Levi Badillo, Alden Bray, Zane Turner, Derrick Ward

High Honor Roll:
 Tyberius Anglin, Ace Charles, Sawyer Cohee, Sutton Cohee, Lucille Fishero, Landen Marine, Charlotte Stull, Henley Surface, Gabriel Turner, Syllis Barnett, Alden Bray, Eli Brown, Hudson McCandless, Eva Rice, Kaison Steiner, Oliver Vice, Macy White, Vera Carrell, Peyton Doss, Oliver Cook, Addie Lindsay, Levi Rhodes, Nora Stetler, Gage Van Dorn, Derrick Ward, Colton Watson

A/B Honor Roll: Levi Badillo, Isla Beach, Henry Jones, Maxine Hartman, Reyna Hernandez, Stella Hughes, Kyhia Larrance, Briley Malone, Katana Willhite, Paislie Barnes, Harmony Cheesman, Audri Cohee, Beckett Jones, Mallory Morpew High, Creed Newkirk, Ellie Poole, Amariah Pyle, Nolan Rothrock, Jackson Surber, Zane Turner, Roran Alesi, Kynlee Cleary, Elle Collins, Cale Cunningham, Lux Highland, Elayna Johns, Carley Meseraull, Audrey Porter

3rd Grade

Character Counts
 (Fairness): Cyrus Cooper, Cayson Hester, Conner McMullen

High Honor Roll:
 Rowyn Cravens, Stella Livingston, Maribelle Marine, Quinn Badertscher, Branch Blakley, Dorothy Cotten, Baine Franklin, McCoy Gomez, Corey Perez,

Avalyn Simpson, Evelyn Stephens, Graham Wagner, Libby Stull

A/B Honor Roll:
 Cyrus Cooper, McKaley Gibson, Trevor Largent, Nevaeh Nelson, Gwen Norman, Elisabeth Parker, Jackson Parrish-Brogan Blakley, Emma Bonebrake, Noah Carr, Jackson Hall, Cayson Hester, Autumn Hunt, Addison Kueterman, Avery Kueterman, Tobias Lacy, Vivian Wilson, Mackenzie Bullock, Koltan Collins, Marlaina Halstead, Conner McMullen, Holly Priddy, Adelle Shannon, Riley Thompson

4th Grade

Character Counts
 (Fairness): Serenity Hernandez, Ryder Fruits, Rylie Cornelius, Elouise McGaughey

High Honor Roll:
 Karsyn Charles, Adilynn Edwards, Jacey Hoenshell, Abigail Badillo, Carson Barker, Thomas Fishero, Ryder Fruits, Presley Lesko, Hillary McCandless, Hope Smith, Addilynn Wood, Arian Wrede, Raylan Hester, August Ashment, Mila Barsotti, Adrien Cohee, Tori Frazier, Joslynn Gray, Zayden Gross, Jolene Kappel, Anna Lindsay, Elouise McGaughey, Sully Roark, Remy Stetle

A/B Honor Roll:
 Kellan Dittmer, Ava Eubanks, Anna Froedge, Rich Hens, Corynne Morris, Kinley Murphy, Aaleeah Carrell, Ruger

Foster, Colby Kessler, Charlie Moore, Lainey Sheldon, Tregan Sutton, Virginia Thomas, Phoebe Buckler, Haven Hernandez, Karter Maddock, Logan Rosenbaum, Harrison Simmons, William Boots, Caitlyn Burkhardt, Jett Cummins, River Eller, James Ethington, Ryan Gilliland, Kinzie Price, Rachel Reimondo, Rayleigh Thomas

5th Grade

Character Counts
 (Fairness): Sequoya Roark, Rachel Johnson, Eli Endicott, Kailyn Howard

High Honor Roll:
 Keiarra Archer, Ryder Kessler, Ryder Newkirk, Taylor Sering, Kenzie Turner, Ailise Bradshaw, Maddox Clark, Jordanna Troutman, Grant Albertson, Brolin Burris, Cole Edwards, Bolten Hagenow, Calista Hale, Luke Light, Emery Light, Kam Maddock, Emily Needham, Marilyn Prado, McKinzie Stoner

A/B Honor Roll: Jack Cripe, Cole Fullenwider, Lea Gregg, Carter Harshbarger, Lorelei Hoskins, Kailyn Howard, Carter Kessler, Ethan Langevin, Judah Smith, Shawn Smoot, Gunnar Williams, Molly Cregger, Eli Endicott, Tracy Long, Hadley McArthur, Andrea Allen, Delilah Amstutz, Allison Largent, Abigail Thomas, Ayden Thomas, Maci Epps, McKenna Mullis

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given the Taxpayers of Montgomery County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers of Montgomery County will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the 2023 Budget Order from the DLGF at the regular Council meeting on March 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Community Meeting Room, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Additional Appropriations:						
Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department Description	Account	Account Description	Additional Amount Requested
1000	County General	0001	Clerk of Courts	59700	Fund to Fund Transfer	\$3,090.85
1000	County General	0002	Auditor	11113	Parcel Technician	\$36,000.00
1000	County General	0068	Commissioners	30093	CCC	\$232,500.00
1191	Riverboat	0701	RDC	TBD	RDC Grants	\$50,000.00
2500	County User Fees	0235	Probation	21919	Incentives	\$630.00
2500	County User Fees	0235	Probation	21919	Incentives	\$1,502.97
Total:						\$323,7213.82

The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

This will be considered a work session for the Board of Commissioners in conjunction with the scheduled Council meeting.
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Two-Thirds Of Filed Senate Bills Are Dead

By Leslie Bonilla Muniz

Just one in three of the Indiana Senate's filed bills — about 160 of 489 total — survived do-or-die deadlines this week.

Among the casualties are some bills aimed at helping immigrants residing in Indiana without authorization, a collection of marijuana legalization proposals and even one on craft hemp, plus changes to Airbnbs and seat belts in court.

The weeks ahead will be crammed with headlines on what's moving forward, but just as significant are the proposed changes to state law that won't come to fruition — for now. Any bill the full Senate didn't approve by Tuesday is dead.

Meanwhile, just a quarter of House bills made that chamber's deadlines.

Lawmakers could resurrect fallen proposals by inserting the language into live bills, but the majority are dead at least until next year.

Mixed results for Hoosiers without citizenship

A Senate bill expanding driving privileges to immigrants residing in the state without authorization made it further than it ever has this session, but will go no further after it died in a fiscal committee last month.

So did an attempt, also by Sen. Blake Doriot, R-Goshen, to make non-citizen college hopefuls eligible for cheaper in-state tuition rather than higher out-of-state rates.

Senate Bill 135 would have let people who attended a Hoosier high school for at least four years — and either graduated from one or earned a diploma equivalent — qualify for lower tuition.

Those without legal status would've had to file an affidavit with a public college or university that they have applied — or will — to legalize their status. And they wouldn't have been able to apply for other government aid. That bill died without

a committee hearing, but another immigration-related bill progressed through the Senate and has been sent to the House.

Senate Bill 376 would expand Medicaid eligibility to people who do legally reside in the state, even if they're not yet citizens, and expanded federal children's health insurance program eligibility to minors with legal residence.

The bill would also tell agencies and local units of government that they don't have to verify citizenship or immigration status to decide someone's eligibility for programs like the special supplemental food program for women, infants and children.

Indiana holds out against marijuana legalization

To no one's surprise, Indiana will go at least another year — and likely more — without advancing a growing number of marijuana legalization bills.

A House committee heard one such bill for the first time this session, drawing headlines, but it wasn't brought up for a vote.

In the Senate, lawmakers from both parties filed bills decriminalizing possession of an ounce or less of marijuana, creating a medical use program, and several more fully legalizing the substance, permitting-taxing structure and all. None were heard in committee and died earlier this session.

One bill would even have established a legal defense for people operating vehicles or boats with marijuana found in their blood, as long as they weren't intoxicated at the time. It didn't get a committee hearing either.

Even a bill establishing regulatory testing and packaging requirements for the distribution and sale of craft hemp flower products died earlier this month when it didn't get heard on the Senate floor.

Short-term rental regulations and seat belts cut

A bill allowing local units of government to charge up to \$25 for an annual short-term rental inspection fee cleared its first committee last month, but died in a second one — prompting its author to ditch.

Several homeowners and even town council members bemoaned their inability to curb what they described as negligent, out-of-state owners who allow massive parties under unsafe living conditions. Local short-term rental owners previously testified that abusive ones made them "look really bad."

Committee chair Travis Holdman, R-Markle, held the bill back citing a lack of committee consensus.

Upon hearing that his bill wouldn't advance from a Senate tax committee, Sen. Mike Young, R-Indianapolis, declined to present his bill and left the room.

And seat belt usage will

remain inadmissible in court as part of a lawsuit after Senators narrowly killed a heavily debated bill in committee last month.

Senate Bill 163 would've changed that, opening the possibility that those responsible for causing a crash might pay less if the injured person wasn't wearing a safety restraint.

But lawmakers on the lawyer-heavy committee worried the measure would lay a heavy burden of proof on the victims of crashes, or take too much money from them. The bill failed on a 5-6 vote.

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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 a.m. Tony Thomas will speak on "Gethsemane" His text is from Matthew 26:36-46.

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins at 9 a.m. COFFEE & DONUT FELLOWSHIP is at 8:30 a.m. 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

The New Market First Baptist Church will meet on Sunday with Holy Grounds at 8:30 a.m. and Sunday School classes for all ages at 9 a.m. Worship service will start at 10 a.m. Wednesday night Bible Study will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner and then Bible Study at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. any or all of our services. We are located at 200 S. First St. in New Market.

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.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

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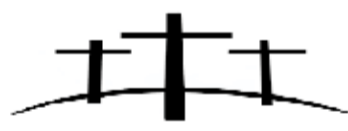
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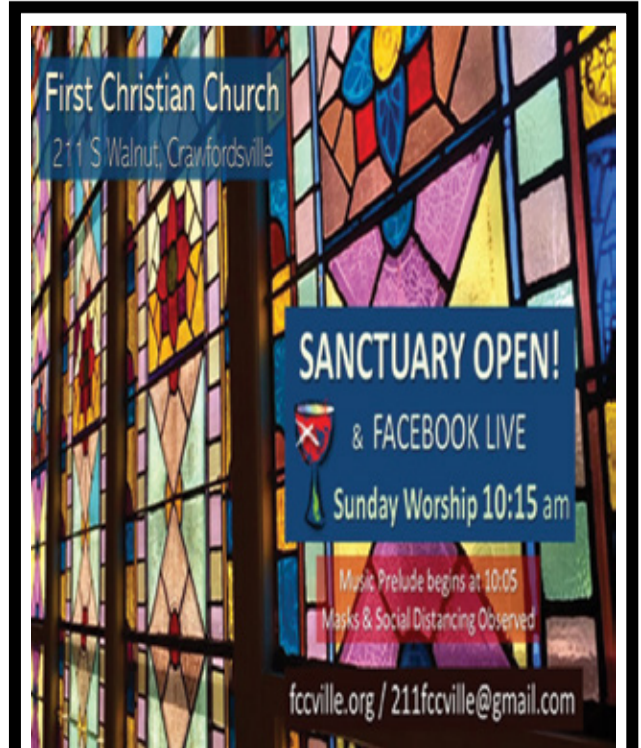
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Health Care Bills Aim To Reform Insurance, Medicaid Reimbursement Rates

By Whitney Downard

A slew of health care bills moving through the legislature target high prices for Hoosiers by encouraging competition and restructuring how the state pays for services under Medicaid.

But critics say the bills don't go far enough and more is needed to reform the system – especially for government insurance reimbursement rates.

Bills in the House Chamber, lawmakers sent two health care bills – both caucus priorities for Republicans – for consideration in the Senate.

The first bill attempts to navigate the complexity of health insurance while the second penalizes hospitals for high prices.

Under House Bill 1003, authored by Rep. Craig Snow, businesses with less than 50 employees would receive a \$400 tax credit per employee if owners adopt a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA).

The second of two health care bills advanced by the House, House Bill 1004, also includes a tax credit for (HRAs) as well as a credit to physician-owned health care facilities.

Snow, R-Warsaw, said that half a million small businesses in the state had 20 or fewer employees and thousands of employees couldn't offer their employees insurance.

"The shift to HRAs is

a decrease in costs for both parties," Snow said about employers and employees.

HRAs are funded by employers, under which employees are reimbursed tax-free for qualified medical expenses up to a certain amount each year. The increasingly popular accounts are used in tandem with traditional health insurance, often in a high deductible plan, and operate similar to health savings accounts.

On the other hand, Rep. Donna Schaibley's House Bill 1004 aims to create more competition among both insurance companies and health care providers while also penalizing some hospitals whose rates exceed the national average.

Rep. Matt Pierce, D-Bloomington, voiced his support for the bill, saying that Indiana University Health, based in his district, had done much to discourage competition in his area while charging more for services.

"But what concerns me more – our quality of care is actually declining at the same time we're paying more," Pierce said. "I think this bill is a start but we need a comprehensive approach."

But Pierce's colleagues were split in their support for the two health care bills, saying the proposals didn't go far enough.

"I didn't see anything... that would meet the test for real progress," Rep. Ed DeLaney,

D-Indianapolis, said. DeLaney, who voted against both bills, said national – not state – officials needed to take action.

"I think we tend to mislead people to think we're doing something substantive when we can't."

DeLaney and nine other Democrats voted against both proposals. House Minority Leader Phil GiaQuinta, D-Fort Wayne, also voted against Schaibley's bill.

Senate bill draws attention to Medicaid reimbursement rates

Several other health care bills aimed at reducing costs have garnered much discussion in the Senate, specifically a wide-ranging bill from Sen. Liz Brown, R-Fort Wayne.

Brown's bill creates a pilot program aimed at reducing barriers related to prior authorizations, provisional credentialing for health care providers and a license for associate physicians.

Other health care bills in the Senate

The Senate targeted several sectors of the health care industry in its priority bills, including 'site of service,' non-compete agreements for physicians and reducing drug costs.

All three have passed over objections from industry lobbyists – including those representing hospitals, pharmacy benefit managers and insurance agencies.

But Sen. Ed Charbon-

neau, the primary author of two measures and the co-author of another, said the bills still had much work ahead of them in the House. The final form the bills are still unclear at this time.

Sen. Jeff Raatz, R-Richmond, praised the bill but emphasized the need to specifically tackle the state's Medicaid reimbursement rates. He highlighted a specialized physical therapist working with children in his hometown whose efforts made a difference in his patient's lives but could barely operate under the current payment structure.

"This organization can't live financially under the matrix of which we live under today," Raatz said. "We have to do a better job in our reimbursement rates in Medicaid."

Action on Medicaid reimbursement rates, which are set by the state, is already underway in the state budget – partially due to federal pressure on managed care programs.

The federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) tried to incentivize states to adopt an expanded version of Medicaid that would provide health care coverage for those making too much for traditional government insurance programs.

But Indiana had a pre-existing program for this population: the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP). The state opted to combine the new federal

match with the program to create HIP 2.0, which now covers an estimated 740,000 Hoosiers, nearly a third of the 2 million Hoosiers on Medicaid.

Across the government insurance programs, Medicare has the highest payments and other options are measured as a percentage of their payments compared to Medicare.

In Indiana, HIP reimburses at 100% of the Medicare rate, while traditional Medicaid is lower, around 75% of the Medicare rate. This benefits the state because Indiana pays a larger percentage of traditional Medicaid, 65%, than under HIP, where it pays 10% of the costs.

In November of 2020, one month after the federal government approved HIP for a 10-year renewal, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services ruled that different rates among Medicaid programs was unfair. A year later, it declared Indiana to be out of compliance and clawed back \$500 million in payments.

Indiana appealed, promising to restructure its reimbursement rates by January 2024. The federal government accepted, partly due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"(A) disruptive loss of associated federal funds for all Medicaid managed care programs given a failure to comply... would substantially and detrimentally impair the state's ability to provide

critically needed care to Medicaid beneficiaries during the (Public Health Emergency)," CMS wrote to State Medicaid Director Allison Taylor last July.

The proposed compromise would lower HIP's reimbursement and increase traditional Medicaid to 80-83% of payments under Medicare. The House budget, in its current form, goes beyond that for specialized services, such as dentists and home health services, investing additional dollars to increase that reimbursement rate to 90%.

Additionally, the budget stipulates that the state must study its Medicaid reimbursement rates. At the same time, the state is moving one of its last fee-for-service populations into a managed care program – elderly and disabled Hoosiers receiving long-term supports and services at home or in nursing homes.

The fiscal analysis attached to the budget doesn't note any specific costs related to equalizing reimbursement rates.

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will be 100% of the amount the deceased was receiving. If the widow(er) has not yet reached their FRA when they claim their survivor benefit, the amount will be reduced (by 4.75% for each full year earlier than FRA).

- A survivor benefit reaches maximum at the survivor's FRA. If the surviving spouse hasn't yet reached FRA, they have the option to delay claiming their survivor benefit until

it reaches maximum at their FRA. There is one exception to this: if the surviving spouse was already receiving only a spousal benefit from the deceased (and not their own SS retirement benefit), the survivor benefit will be automatically awarded regardless of the survivor's age.

- If the surviving spouse hasn't yet claimed their own SS retirement benefit, they have the option to claim only their survivor

benefit first and permit their personal SS retirement benefit to grow (up to age 70). That would be prudent if the survivor's own SS retirement benefit at age 70 will be higher than their maximum survivor benefit at their full retirement age.

- If you haven't yet reached your full retirement age and are still working, Social Security has an earnings test which limits how much you can earn before some benefits are taken

away. The limit for 2023 is \$21,240 and if that is exceeded, they will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. The earnings test goes away when you reach your FRA.

So, as you can see, there are several things to consider as you decide when to claim your Social Security benefits as a widow or widower. I hope the above information helps you make an informed choice.

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help you live a longer and more fulfilling life in your senior years. "Ask your doctor for exercise advice. You'll probably be surprised how easy it can be. Simple, brisk walks, for example, might be all you need to help you live a longer, healthier life."

Physical Therapist Rachel Tavel and Sabrena Jo, Ph.D., senior director of science and research at the American Council

on Exercise, penned a featured article, A Guide To The Best Exercises For Seniors, for Forbes Magazine recently. As they put it, "When it comes to determining the best exercises for seniors, variety is key. Adults of all ages—but especially people older than 65—should focus on a combination of strength and mobility exercises, as well as balance exer-

cises and aerobic activity. However, the best exercises for seniors are the ones they want to do and will do consistently." They suggest things like taking a stroll, going for a bike ride, even dancing and taking a nature walk for two and a half to five hours a week.

And, by the way, getting out and about as you focus on exercises that make you physically

healthier in your golden years has an important additional benefit. The National Institutes of Health tells us that "exercise improves mental health by reducing anxiety, depression, and negative mood and by improving self-esteem and cognitive function. Exercise has also been found to alleviate symptoms such as low self-esteem and social withdrawal."

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As with any new program, there can be initial confusion on what it all means, and scammers are waiting in the wings to grab at any new opportunity. Be sure you have the facts and protect yourself against future scam artists. BBB is a trusted resource to help guide consumers and businesses to accurate information.

Here's what you need to know:

- Regular Facebook and Instagram users do not have to pay. The subscription service is an option to help creators and businesses build their communities.

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announced an upcharge for its new secure text messaging program.

- Meta Verified is only available in New Zealand and Australia starting on 2/21/23 but may expand globally soon and to business accounts eventually. Twitter Blue is available in many countries, including the U.S. and Canada.

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Be on the lookout for potential scams:

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- Go to BBB's Spot a Scam page to see what fake emails, texts and web pages may look like.

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- Beware of impostors pretending to be from Meta, Facebook, or Instagram. In December, Twitter experienced a wave of fake verified accounts after introducing Twitter Blue.

- Always check links before clicking; go directly to the source.

- Fact-check all information. Go directly to Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter help pages if you are unsure.

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for city residents. My hope is to work with Mayor Barton, and the entire Crawfordsville team, towards improving city streets and our stormwater drainage system."

Cox is a Crawfordsville High School graduate, U.S. Marine Corps. veteran, and graduate of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. While serving in the Marine Corps., Cox completed schooling in heavy equipment operation and continued his education through his time with the street department. He has also completed the

local technical assistance program through Purdue University.

The City of Crawfordsville Street Department Commissioner oversees the daily operations of city streets, sanitation, storm water and the Rodney Jenkins Memorial Yard Waste Site. The department patches potholes, ensures street repairs, repairs and replaces inlets and storm water pipes, oversees city trash pickup, and removes snow, ice and other weather-related obstacles from the city streets for safe travel.

SEED From Page A1

off a year of events on March 9 with their Seed Starting event. It will take place at 6:30 pm in the District Library and feature guest speaker Amanda Ingram, an educator at Wabash College with her Ph.D. in Plant Biology from Cornell University.

When asked about her thoughts on the Seed Garden, Chamber Executive Director Stacy Sommer said, "I'm

proud of our community and the services they offer. I think this is a great opportunity to both beautify our community and provide resources for anyone to get into a hobby as productive as this."

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