TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 119:9-11 "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." (NIV)



TACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own. After many years of representing Extension Homemakers, acquiring and reading books for children at Head Start, Martha Swick receives a well-deserved group hug on her last visit!

⇒ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

Former Republican Jennifer McCormick has thrown her hat in the ring for the 2024 gubernatorial race - as a Democrat. Her decision sparked some outrage from Indiana Republican Party Chairman Kyle Hupfer. "We would like to officially welcome Democrat Jennifer McCormick to the 2024 gubernatorial race and presume that she is seeking the Democrat nomination. With her campaign launch today, Democrat Jennifer McCormick has decided to continue her well-known streak of misleading Hoosiers. But they have come to know that's just who she is — someone who will say or do anything to get elected. But Hoosiers also know this — Democrat Jennifer McCormick believes that teachers and administrators know what's best for our children and that parents should have no say in what happens in our schools. Hoosiers have rejected that position, and they will reject

Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.), a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, delivered remarks during an event on Wednesday hosted by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and the Indiana University Public Policy Institute focused on enhancing the regional impact of the CHIPS and Science Act. Young helped author the legislation, which was signed into law last year. "The CHIPS and Science Act will help connect more of our citizens to, broadly speaking, this innovation economy, not just in the semiconductor field. And as most of you know, the law is already jumpstarting semiconductor production here in the United States, including in the industrial Midwest," said Young, during the event.

her too."

As part of National Small Business Week, the Internal Revenue Service wants small business taxpayers to know they will soon see changes to help them better interact with the Internal Revenue Service in ways that work best for them. New improvements to phone service, in-person and online options will allow small business taxpayers get the help they need when they need it.



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Boomer Bits

Ask Rusty – About "Survivor" **Benefits Vs. "Spousal" Benefits**

Dear Rusty: I will be 70 in August and will file my application for benefits in May. I know I'll get my maximum possible amount at age 70, but I need you to clarify things I have read. Per an award-winning TV host, author, and host of a money podcast "if the higher-earning spouse delays until age 70 to claim Social Security, that guarantees the survivor the biggest possible benefit." But then I read in a different article that if a person delays beyond their full retirement age to obtain a higher personal benefit (like I have), my spouse's benefit would still be based on my FRA benefit amount. I am confused about which statement is the correct version. Signed: Confused **About My Spouse's Benefit**

Dear Confused: I'm not surprised that you are confused about these seemingly contradictory statements. It is, indeed, quite logical (and common) for a widow or widower to think they must apply for a "spousal benefit" from their deceased spouse. And while that's technically true, those of us who live in this often confusing world of Social Security jargon would say the widow or widower is applying for a survivor benefit, not a spousal benefit. What's the difference?



ASK Rustv

Social Security Matters

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Well, when you're speaking with a Social Security representative or an advisor, the term "spousal benefit" means something entirely different than the term "survivor benefit."

The two articles you mention are, I believe, referring to two different types of Social Security benefit. The term "survivor benefit" is typically used to describe benefits available to a surviving spouse when the higher earner dies, but the term "spousal benefit" is typically used to denote benefits available to a lower earning spouse when both partners are still living. I agree this is confusing, and that distinction was apparently not clear in the articles you read. Therefore, to

clear your confusion: •If the higher earning spouse dies and has delayed claiming until age 70, that does, indeed, "guarantee the surviving spouse the biggest possible benefit." The survivor's benefit is based on the full amount the deceased

was receiving at death.

•If both spouses are living and the higher-earning spouse delayed until age 70 to claim, their living spouse's benefit, when the higher-earning spouse claims, will be a maximum of 50% of the higher-earning spouse's full retirement age (FRA) amount. A living spouse's benefit is based on their partner's FRA amount, regardless of when their partner actually claimed.

So, in your case, your wife's spousal benefit from you while you are both living will be based on your FRA entitlement, even though you waited longer to claim. But if you die first, your wife's survivor benefit as your widow will be based on 100% of the amount you were receiving at your death. In effect, both statements you referred to in your question are true considering that they refer to two different benefit types. It is a terminology distinction which frequently causes misunderstanding.

Do Our County Politicians Have Our Best Interest In Mind?



DeAntha Wright-Thornburg **Guest Column**

Once again, the contentious subject of Shelly Ditch is about to flood our community's print and social media networks. It was built in 1911 to drain farming

grounds on

the east side of Crawfordsville. What once was 95 percent farming and 5 percent residential. Today's numbers are reversed. In the last 60 years, the east side of town is now residential and business related.

Our community has spent over \$100,000 funding studies and engineering plans for the past 20-plus years. We are not counting the monies paid by Raybestos to clean up the contamination of PCB levels found along Shelly Ditch. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management found the highest concentration near Raybestos, particularly in the Pleasant Meadows subdivision.

After years of passing the buck from one group of elected

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This AMAC Supported Bill Offers **Healthcare Providers A Tax Deduction** For Pro-Bono Health Services

By AMAC Action

On April 27, Congressman Daniel Webster (R-FL-11) introduced the Helping Everyone Access Long Term Healthcare (HEALTH) Act (H.R. 2986). This bill offers a new solution to provide healthcare services to low-income families and has the potential to help Medicaid and CHIP programs save on costs. Medicaid-insured patients often struggle to find primary care doctors able to accept them as new patients. In many cases, this leaves emergency care as the only option for patients to receive care for non-acute reasons such as strep throat. The HEALTH Act would allow doctors and other healthcare professionals to provide pro-bono healthcare services to low-income individuals, including children in the CHIP program, and receive a simple charitable tax deduction

instead of billing these programs. Participating physicians and medical personnel would receive a tax deduction for the value of the service performed, which would significantly reduce the amount of burdensome paperwork for smaller practices. This bill would create more time in physicians' busy schedules to see new Medicaid patients, allowing patients to receive proper preventative care from non-emergency healthcare

facilities. Bob Carlstrom, President of AMAC Action, applauded the bill's introduction, "The healthcare system is struggling right now. Nobody wants to admit it, but Medicaid in particular is not a perfect system. It is confusing and complex, oftentimes not working in the patient's favor as well as it could. Both doctors

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Have A Bump Wrapping Up On Your Foot? Don't Ignore It

(StatePoint) Have a lump or bump on your foot? Whether it's painful or not, it could potentially signal a serious condition. Foot and ankle surgeons warn it's important to have it checked out, no matter its size or location on your foot.

'Whether your bump or lump is pea-sized or golf ball-sized, it should not go ignored. A proper diagnosis is key to proper treatment," says Michael Coyer, DPM, FACFAS, a board-certified foot and ankle surgeon and a Fellow Member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS).

According to ACFAS, here's what to know about some of the

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Reader's Choice

Readers' Choice is wrapped up for another year, and once again, The Papers' annual promotion to recognize your favorites in a multitude of categories was a huge success.

Back when our company was founded, the staff at The Paper brought Montgomery County this fun and good-natured promotion that features local businesses, people, products and more and gives you, our readers, the opportunity to vote

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for your favorites. We often joke that this is like Chicago politics and encourage you to vote early and vote often.

You see, this has never been about the rigidity of the pro-

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HONEST HOOSIER

This from a reader: Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If Biden is gone before I wake, I pray to God the news ain't fake!



INSIDE TODAY'S **EDITION**

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🗢 TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you must have a trampoline, only ONE person at a time! 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.



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The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **BRAD RADER**



⇒ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE Say Cheese!

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

TODAY'S QUOTE

"They may forget what you said - but they will never forget how you made them feel." -Carl W. Buehner

🗢 TODAY'S JOKE

Someone asked the boss what his hobbies are and he said he likes to race cars. They asked him if he ever won and without skipping a beat he said, "no, those cars are much faster than me."









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City To Host County-Wide Job Fair

The city of Crawfordsville will host a county-wide job fair on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from 9:00AM - 6:00PM at the 4-H Fair Grounds. Nearly 40 employers have already registered for the event with more continuing to be accepted. This job fair is available for all individuals looking for a job or a career change.

Sectors represented will include manufacturing, supply chain, banking and finance, agriculture, healthcare, transportation, law enforcement, public safety, retail, construction, HVAC, plumbing, and electric. In addition to job opportunities, Ivy Tech Community College will be available to talk to job seekers about certifications and other opportunities to improve their skills. Representatives from WorkOne West Central will be available to offer resume tips and other information for workforce

New to the job fair this year is the availability of Spanish translation upon request. Executive Director for the Montgomery County Leadership Academy, Jeremy Lemus. and Executive Director

for the Crawfordsville Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, Stacy Sommer, have agreed to volunteer their time throughout the day to provide Spanish translation for those in need.

"There is unprecedented employment opportunity in our community and we are excited to host an event that allows those seeking such opportunity to connect with the areas great employers. I truly appreciate so many area businesses taking time to participate, creating a one-stop shop for our residents," says Mayor Todd Barton about the County-Wide Job Fair.

The Crawfordsville Job Fair is sponsored by Hoosier Heartland State Bank, WCDQ 106.3FM, Classic Hits 92.1FM 1550AM, Thunder 103.9FM, Ceres Solutions, Ivy Tech Community College, Empire Refractory Services-Indianapolis, Pro Resources Staffing Services, Traffic Control Specialists, City of Crawfordsville, Spartech, Franciscan Health, Nucor Steel, Lakeside Book Company, BK Management, Valero Renewables-Linden, and Evonik.



Exit Ramp Closure

I-65 northbound exit ramp to State Road 47 closing on or after May 20 near Thorntown for continued work on the I-65 added travel lanes project in Boone County.

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces the I-65 northbound exit ramp (exit 147) to State Road 47 will close on or after Saturday, May 20 near Thorntown. This is in connection to the I-65 added travel lanes project in Boone County. The official detour follows I-65 southbound to U.S.

52 (exit 141). S.R. 47 eastbound and westbound traffic will use U.S. 52. The ramp is expected to reopen after the end of November, weather permitting.

This contract was awarded to E & B Paving, LLC for over \$83.7 million. It also includes bridge replacements near U.S. 52, a bridge removal near Lafayette Avenue, culvert work and drainage construction on I-65. The entire project is expected to be completed in December of 2023.

Best In Class: DePauw Becomes First Private Indiana School To Earn 'Green Light' **Free Speech Rating**

After being ranked last in FIRE's Free Speech Rankings only two years ago, DePauw made impressive steps to improve climate for free speech.

After revising six policies, DePauw University has earned the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression's "green light" rating, the highest possible rating for policies that regulate student speech on campus.

DePauw's new rating represents one of the most successful turnarounds in the history of FIRE's 'Spotlight" rating system. Only a few years ago, DePauw was a "red light" school and came in last in FIRE's 2021 College Free Speech Rankings.

"For more than a year and half, FIRE and De-Pauw have worked together to revamp their policies to ensure students can freely engage in expression on campus and add their voices to the conversation," said FIRE Senior Program Officer Mary Griffin. "De-Pauw should be commended for its commitment to free and open inquiry. We hope more colleges will follow its lead."

An overall green light rating is reserved for schools with no policies that seriously restrict or chill speech, and it places DePauw in an elite class. FIRE's most recent "Spotlight on Speech Codes" report found that of the 486 schools included in the Spotlight database, only 60, or 12%, earned a green light rating. The new rating also marks DePauw as one of the best schools in the state of Indiana for free speech.

DePauw earned its new rating after working with FIRE to update its policies on harassment, bias, campus posting, prohibited student conduct, and electronic communications, language that left students open to punishment over expression that would be protected by the private school's strong free speech promises.

In 2022, DePauw also adopted the "Statement of DePauw University Values on Freedom of Expression," which articulates that "all members of the DePauw community have a duty to support free expression at the university, to refrain from actions that reduce intellectual exchange and to guarantee the rights of others to question, defend, and express a wide variety of beliefs and ideas." The statement is modeled on the "Chicago Statement," the gold standard for institutional policy statements on freedom of expression that has been endorsed by nearly 100 institutions nationwide.

"At a time when our neighborhoods, social circles, and information channels are increasingly segregated, the pursuit of conversation across differences has never been more important," said DePauw University President Lori S. White. "College campuses, particularly those that are residential, are one of the few places where people are invited to live, learn, work, and develop community together across a range of differences. Liberal arts colleges are communities actively grappling with the interconnectedness of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging

and free expression. "By leaning into and openly discussing through teaching, scholarship and campus conversation the complexities of our histories, identities, and ideologies we fortify our mission to educate leaders the world needs. We are appreciative of FIRE's recognition of DePauw's continued work on free

removing vague or unclear expression." Buy. Sell. Rent. Lease. THE PAPER classifieds

Indiana Leads Nation On Strategic Site Identification Spurring Economic Opportunity

SSI program along with sponsorship of LEAP Innovation and Research District addresses global demand for speed to market for future-focused and

high-growth industries. Under the leadership of Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers, the Indiana Economic **Development Corporation** (IEDC) reached a significant milestone in the Strategic Sites Inventory (SSI) program this spring, identifying over 300 new, nationally competitive greenfield site opportunities across more than half of Indiana's 92 counties.

Fueled by Secretary Chambers' 5E strategic vision, the SSI program is accelerating economic development opportunity across the state by identifying and vetting the readiness of new development sites. An increase in competitive, ready-to-build sites positions Indiana for more opportunities to attract global innovators and corporations in high-tech, future-focused industries like electric vehicles, semiconductors, life sciences, energy production and storage, and industry 4.0.

"As we work to create an economy of the future in Indiana, having a robust database of nationally competitive, ready-to-build sites is crucial to competing for new investment and career opportunities for Hoosiers," said Sec. Chambers. "Indiana is committed to winning in a competitive global economy, and we're taking a strategic and proactive approach. We are focused on getting the economy that is good for Hoosiers. The SSI program is yet another tool that will quickly help us win new opportunities in key sectors, transforming our communities and creating job opportunities for generations to come.

Since launching the program in 2017, the IEDC has partnered with local communities to vet new sites in 47 counties, achieving a faster volume of local site reviews faster than any other state participating in the SSI program. Through the program, the state initially identified 230,000 acres across 1,798 sites, including 69 potential tech megaparks, to review for potential economic development opportunities. So far, Indiana, in partnership with local communities, has strategi-

cally reviewed 938 sites, identifying 328 sites that would be top contenders for nationally competitive projects.

"Of all the states engaging in a formal site readiness initiative, Indiana is leading the nation in the volume of new greenfield site identification" said Victor Leotta, principal of Leotta Location and Design and the creator of the SSI program. "Leotta Location and Design has implemented the SSI program in 20 states across the U.S. since 2016. Indiana far and away has been the most aggressive in identifying every remaining acre of competitive land for good job-producing projects.'

These 328 greenfield sites were identified for a variety of economic development land uses, including heavy industrial, light industrial, agribusiness, distribution centers, business and tech/medical parks, and utility-scale solar. Ranging from approximately 30-3,000 acres each, the Indiana sites can quickly accommodate significant new investment and expansions and enable companies to move quickly as the sites have already been vetted for readiness by evaluating key criteria such as land use, zoning and utility access. Additionally, sites allow for industries to have easy access to Indiana's growing workforce.

"As the global economy continues to evolve and transition, we're seeing unprecedented demand for greenfield sites from leaders in advanced manufacturing and innovation and technology sectors," said Ann Lathrop, chief strategy officer at the IEDC. "Indiana is successfully marketing itself to global leaders in these future-focused sectors, with recent wins in areas like electric vehicles and energy, semiconductors and advanced manufacturing. The SSI program ensures that we stay competitive nationally - even as more and more sites are taken off the market with new investments - and land the transformative projects we continue to attract."

Indiana will continue to work in partnership with the remaining 45 counties to vet additional greenfield sites, accelerating new economic development opportunities across the

This Week's Senior **Golf Results**

Weather has been warming up and so have our senior golfers. This week's results are in and this round was as close as they come with the four-man team of Steve House, Les Clardy, Bill Boone and Mike Dozier shooting 8-under-par to take first place in weekly play. Steve Priest, Greg Simpson and John Welliever were only ONE shot back at 7-under-par! Priest and Frank Phelps

won proxies on Nos. 14 and 6 respectively. And the Long Drive by an 80-year-old or older honor went to House.

Harry Leon Wilson "Golf is a good walk spoiled," but these men show just how wrong that statement is and inspire others to want to get on the cart and enjoy a few rounds.















Consumer Alert: Products Recalled In April

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in April. This is the time to take advantage of opportunities available for those who purchased the recalled items.

"The weather is heating up, and that means more time for fun outdoor activities," Rokita said. "Make sure your kids" toys are working correctly and safely. Hoosier parents shouldn't have to deal with faulty items. If you have one of the recalled products, stop using it immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer.'

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products

were recalled in April: Basket with Balls

Toys from Monti Kids •Lelinta Multi-Purpose Kids Helmets from Lucky Global

 Youth In-Line Skates from Rollerblade USA •BLAVINGAD Fishing Games from IKEA

•Children's Fishing Rods from Lil Anglers Children's Robes

from Goumi Children's Nightgowns from Arshiner

Children's Bathrobes from FunnyPaja

 Children's Robes from Bagno Milano

 NewCosplay Children's Sleepwear from Taizhou Jiawang Trading

 NewCosplay Children's Sleepwear from Changshu Lingshang Trading

•Alugator Ride 3.0 Hoe and Alugator Ride SE Avalanche Shovels from Mammut Sports Group

•Cordless Multi-Surface Wet Dry Vacuums

from BISSELL Audiovisual Carts

from Luxor Workspaces •Flo Battery Back-Ups for Flo Smart Water Monitors from Moen

 DynaDrive Fresh Water Well Pumps from **Davey Water Products**

•DeWALT, Stanley and Craftsman Fiberglass Sledgehammers from Stanley Black & Decker

If you believe you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it, and check its recall notice.

Then, follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

Latest Updates From Sen. Spencer Deery



DEERY **Guest Column**

BMV Kiosk Opening at West Lafayette Meijer

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV)

announced

this week that it has installed a BMV Connect kiosk in the West Lafayette Meijer located at 2636 U.S. 52.

The new kiosk is part of a plan announced in December as the BMV's West Lafayette branch was set to close.

This plan included moving the Lafayette branch to a larger location at 2200 Elmwood Ave., Suite A6.

After the announcement of the West Lafayette branch closure, I began working with BMV, first to see if the branch could be saved, and then to try and make the transition as smooth as possible.

While the kiosk doesn't replace the loss of a full BMV branch, it will still be a helpful asset to the community. I am grateful to the BMV for following through on that promise. Hoosiers can conduct more than a dozen types of transactions at the new kiosk, including registering a new vehicle, renewing a vehicle registration and renewing a driver's license.

As the home of Purdue University, West Lafayette has a large international community with a need for easy access to a full BMV branch. Last November, on the day before I took the oath of office, I started meeting with the BMV

to brainstorm ways to make sure the BMV met the unique needs of our community. You can read more about the agreement we reached here.

Providing Tax Relief The 2023 legislative session ended last week, and as your state senator, I was happy to support legislation to provide tax relief for Hoosiers.

The new state budget speeds up planned income-tax cuts, dropping Indiana's tax rate to 2.9% by 2027. This cut could save Hoosiers over \$100 million next year and over \$1 billion in the next five years.

To help senior citizens in Indiana, I supported a new law to expand eligibility for the property-tax deduction and property-tax credit for senior-citizen homeowners. This will allow the income limit for these benefits to grow every year based on the cost-of-living increase for Social Security to help seniors who initially qualify not lose eligibility as their retirement income grows.

I also supported a law to reduce property-tax bills for outbuildings and improvements on a person's property, such as decks, patios, gazebos and pools. These structures will be subject to a lower property-tax cap next year, and many taxpayers will be able to apply the homestead deduction to these structures.

Perhaps most important in the long run, Senate Enrolled Act 3 establishes a State and Local Tax Review Task Force to study all aspects of Indiana's tax system - property taxes included. While this review will take time, I believe it will allow us to come up with long-term, big-picture ways to make Indiana's tax system work better, instead of making piecemeal changes every few years.

Indiana's solid fiscal position has been made possible thanks to years of hard work from Statehouse Republicans. We will continue to provide strong fiscal leadership, which will benefit Hoosiers now and years to come.

Grants for Veteran Services

Nonprofit organizations serving Indiana's veterans can apply for Grants for Veterans' Services from the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs.

Applicants must serve veterans in the following

•Working to eliminate homelessness and providing safe living conditions;

 Assisting veterans in moving from public housing assistance programs to home ownership or stable, long-term rental status;

 Assisting veterans in finding and using federal and state resources;

Providing therapeutic

Providing job training and job search assistance;

•Preventing veteran suicide.

The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. on Monday, May

-Spencer Deery is a State Senator that represents Fountain, Parke, Vermillion, Warren and parts of Montgomery and Tippecanoe counties.

Indiana's My Healthy Baby Program Now Available Statewide

Leaders from the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) and Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) today celebrated the completion of the rollout of My Healthy Baby, the state's obstetrical navigator program that is designed to improve health outcomes for both mother and baby. The program is an initiative of Governor Eric J. Holcomb.

"We remain committed to ensuring that every mother and every baby has the opportunity to achieve their best health outcome, and I'm so proud of the work our teams have done to bring this to every county across the state," Gov. Holcomb said.

"Thanks to our partners in every corner of the state, we are meeting Hoosiers where they are and helping our youngest residents celebrate the first of many birthdays."

Launched in January 2020, My Healthy Baby is a partnership between IDOH, FSSA and the Indiana Department of Child Services that connects pregnant women who

are enrolled in Medicaid with free home visiting services and support in their communities during their pregnancy and throughout their baby's first year of life. Since its inception, the program has referred more than 12,000 women to local support through programs such as Nurse-Family Partnership

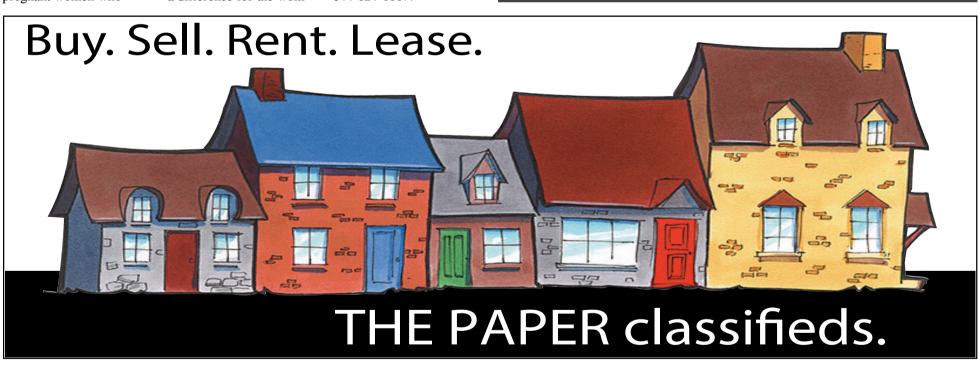
and Healthy Families. "Improving the health of women and children takes a village, and My Healthy Baby allows us to leverage partnerships at the state and local levels to achieve those goals," said State Health Commissioner Kris Box, M.D., FACOG. "Bringing this program to our 92nd county is a proud moment for Indiana because it means we are meeting pregnant women where they live, with the resources they need to have healthier pregnancies and support them through that critical first year of their baby's life. I am incredibly grateful to our legislators for funding this program and to all the home visiting providers across the state who make a difference for the women who participate."

Rusyniak noted that the program provides essential connections that make it easier to navigate needs such as nutrition, childcare and issues such as treatment for substance use disorder.

"At the heart of My Healthy Baby is prevention, because having someone you trust come beside you before, during and after your delivery not only allows them to address immediate risks and concerns, but to prevent future problems," Rusyniak said. "Alongside My Healthy Baby, we launched the Indiana Pregnancy Promise Program in Medicaid to make sure that our home visiting navigators have the tools and managed care partners to help moms get into recovery and stay in recovery. In our first year, 275 women participated successfully.'

Eligible women can be referred to My Healthy Baby by a provider or can refer themselves by visiting www.myhealthybabyindiana.com or calling 844-624-6667.

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Waynetown Baptist Church

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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.faithbaptistcville.com.

NEW MARKET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Church News for Saturday, April 15, 2023

The Sanctuary as well as the Drive-in Parking Lot are open for Worship held at 10 a.m. Tony Thomas will speak on "The Type of Man God Changes". His text is from Acts 9:1-9.

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 May 7. The worship service and Sunday school are open to everyone.

NEW MARKET FIRST BAPTIST

New Market First Baptist Church will be open this Sunday with fellowship with Holy Grounds starting at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts. Sunday School classes begin at 9:00 a.m with classes for all ages. At 10:00 a.m. Pastor Todd will bring our message. Our monthly business meeting will follow the service. We are a small church trying to grow. and help others find Jesus and put Him in your life. Come and see what we offer. We are located at 206 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

WOODLAND HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH 168 N Woodland Heights Drive

468 N Woodland Heights Drive Crawfordsville IN 47933-9689 Telephone Number: 765-362-5284 Fax Number: 765-362-6641

Lead Minister: Tim Lueking Worship Minister: Wayne Wilkinson Youth Minister: Bryson Feese

Worship Service Times for Sunday:

Traditional service at 8:15a.m. & Contemporary service at 10:30a.m. All Sunday School classes at 9:30a.m., Children's classes for birth to 5th grade at 10:30a.m. All services will be streamed live on our live whcc.us platform, Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter.

Person of Interest

"Jesus Christ: The Author of Truth" - John 8:31-32

NEW MARKET UNITED METHODIST CHURCHReverend William "Bill" Pike Office: 765-866-0703 email: bill.pike@

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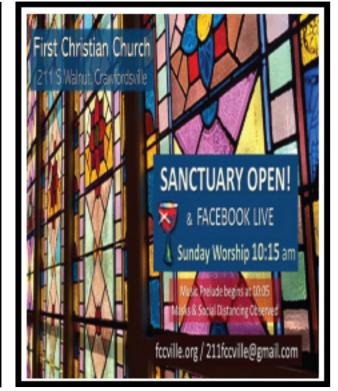
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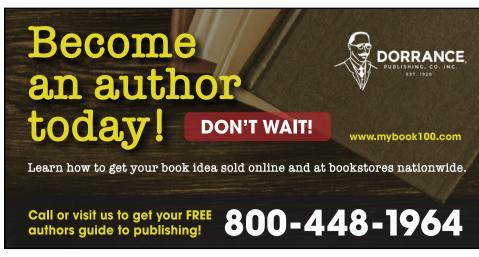
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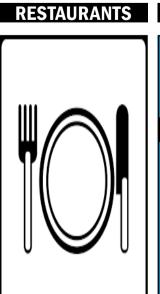
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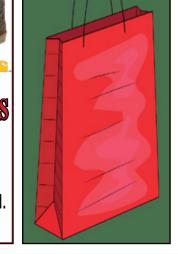
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Readers' Choice 2023 Results ACLU Of Indiana Issues Statement On HEA 1608

HB 1608, a bill that would ban conversation about LGBTQ families in schools and outs transgender students, today was signed into law by Governor Holcomb.

HB 1608 bans conversation about "human sexuality," an undefined term and would broadly censor discussions about sexual orientation and gender identity in pre-K through third grade.

HB 1608 would also force teachers to out students who request to be referred to by a different name or pronoun, by sending a note home to parents. Studies show that youth who are transgender face a real risk of rejection by the adults who are supposed to care for them when they disclose their gender identity.

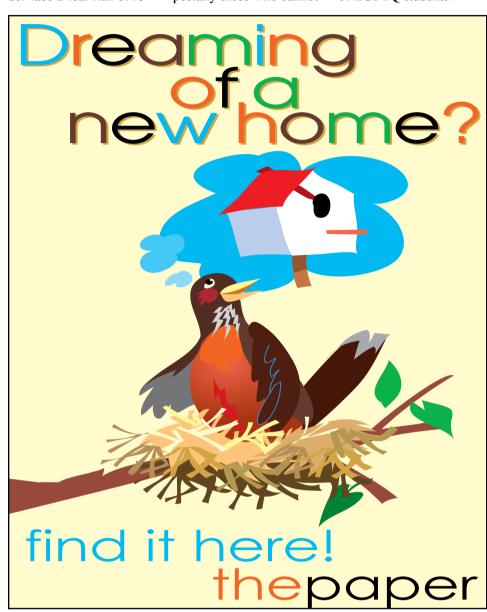
ACLU of Indiana advocacy and public policy director, Katie Blair, issued this statement:

"The Indiana legislators behind HB 1608, and the Slate of Hate, have had one goal all along, to use our laws to control what youth can and cannot read, what they can and cannot learn, and-most troublingly— who they can and cannot be.

"Not every child can be their true selves at home without risking their physical or emotional well-being. For trans youth, especially those who cannot

be safe at home, school may be one of the few places to be themselves. Trans youth thrive when they are affirmed in their gender identity, which includes being called by a name and pronouns that reflect who they are.

"LGBTQ students exist at all ages and in all grade levels and their stories belong in Indiana schools. Our schools should protect all students—including LGBTQ students—so they can learn and thrive in a safe environment. ACLU of Indiana attorneys are assessing this law and will do everything in our power to protect the rights of LGBTQ students."







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officials to another, Montgomery County Commissioners, city officials and the Montgomery County Drainage Board are attempting to find a solution by seeking monies from any resource.

The Shelly Ditch Watershed covers more than 750 acres. It is divided into 976 parcels of land. Montgomery County **Surveyor Tom Cummins** wants to pass the total bill of \$2,876,341.27, not including land acquisition and engineering costs, onto the taxpayers inside the Shelly Ditch Watershed area. That means an estimated \$3 million will be assessed to those living inside the city limits along the William Shelly Ditch 706#.

The Montgomery County Drainage Board is Montgomery County's **Elected Official Surveyor** Tom Cummins, Chairman David Rhoads, Vice Chairman John Frey, Secretary Matt Mitchell and members Lance Sennett and Doug Mills. All board members live outside the city limits and will "NOT" be assessed for the Shelly Ditch projects.

Cummins wants to begin reconstruction in August without further research to seek options for other grants or state / federal funding and place the total amount of reconstruction squarely on the taxpayer.

Montgomery County Commissioners will meet at the Government Center on Monday at 8 a.m. The amount of monies to set aside for Shelly Ditch is on the agenda.

The Montgomery County Drainage Board will meet at the Government center on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. The primary item on the agenda will be the William Shelly Ditch 706#

Members of the First Baptist Church have expressed concerns and have sought information regarding the Shelly Ditch project. In addition, many have expressed concern about the upcoming assessment.

I, too, have heard rumors about who will pay the bill for such an extensive reconstruction project. The numbers quoted in the board minutes were \$2.4 million, plus unforeseen land acquisition and engineering expenditures. However, after meeting with County Administrator Klein, the price went from \$2.4 million to \$2.8 million overnight.

My first inquiry was to obtain the minutes and review them. I wanted to give my church members as much information as possible to put their minds at ease. The minutes for the last three months, January, February and March, were shared upon request. Believing the remainder would be posted on the county's website. Nothing has been pub-

lished since March 2022. Not one printed word about the workings of the Montgomery County Drainage Board. Nor was there a listing of its board members, nor any contact information or phone or email address. Absent as well were any meetings listed on the Montgomery County government calendar. Transparency promotes accountability and provides information for the citizens.

Was this an oversight or a purposeful intention to hide the workings from the public of a continuous subject? Having questions seeking answers, an appointment was set to meet with Vice Chairman John Frey. He agreed to meet but failed to keep the meeting.

The community is well aware of the need to replace this drainage ditch. On Traction Road, residents have fought for 40 years to get the county to fix the flooding issues. So this inquiry is reasonable; who and how will we pay for such a project?

As a resident, I have become an unofficial advocate for those who feel uncomfortable asking tough questions or knowing who will give straight and honest answers in city government.

Delaying this project another six to eight months will not affect the 20-plus years we have waited. Reviewing the project and seeking additional options to acquire funding is in the best interest of local taxpayers. Question; do our county politicians have our best interest in mind when managing our tax dollars?

The community has kicked this can around the drain for the past 20-plus years. Grant monies, nor the state government's 80 / 20 applications, will be accepted after work has begun. Despite what others may say — doesn't it make sense to delay the project by six to eight months and exhaust every possibility of finding grants to offset the tax assessment? Is the question, do our elected officials have the people's best

interests in mind? Having spent 30-plus years working with the Materials & Test Division with INDOT, my neighbors know I understand the planning, construction and execution of such projects. I'm sure some will view my inquiries as insignificant, but neither my neighbors nor my husband and I can afford such expenses. The absence of the board's minutes for the past 13 months is a fundamental question of the transparency of the Montgomery County Drainage Board.

-DeAntha Wright-Thornburg worked for the Indiana Department of Transportation for more than 30 years and is also a freelance iournalist.

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and patients need more options when it comes to long-term care, and this bill provides exactly that. I believe this bill is a solution that utilizes the natural talents and generosity of doctors across the country. AMAC encourages legislators to co-sponsor this important legislation."

Despite the Affordable Care Act's efforts, a significant number of citizens are without a primary care physician. At the same time, the ballooning costs of Medicaid are exacerbating state and federal budgets. Over 7

million potential patients will be able to benefit from the HEALTH Act. The concept for the HEALTH Act was originally conceived by AMAC founder Dan committed to promoting seek better options for

If enacted, Congressindividuals receive longterm quality healthcare while saving the government billions of dollars.

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more common types of lumps found in the foot: Ganglionic Cysts This soft, fluid-filled

sac is a non-cancerous bump that experts believe may arise from single or repetitive trauma. A ganglionic cyst can be caused by a leaking of jelly-like fluid from the "capsule" surrounding a joint or tendon and may be located on the top of the foot, near an ankle joint or even on the side of the foot. While the lump itself is often the only symptom experienced, you may feel tingling or burning if it's touching a nerve, or a dull ache if it's pressing against a tendon or joint. Often, ganglionic cysts cause irritation, making it difficult to wear shoes. Such cysts generally will not go away on their own and may return, even after being drained. Surgical removal by a foot and ankle surgeon can help prevent recurrence. However, if the cyst is not causing pain and doesn't interfere with walking, your surgeon may simply monitor it over time.

Plantar Fibromas Plantar fibromas are benign, fibrous, hard nodules found within the ligament of the foot and are especially common in the arch area on the bottom of the foot. These bumps tend to be less than an inch in diameter but can get larger over time. They can cause pain when shoes push against them or when you're walking or standing barefoot. Steroid injections, physical therapy or orthotic devices may help relieve associated discomfort but will not make the fibroma disappear. While surgical removal is an option if pain persists

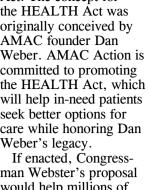
following nonsurgical approaches, it's important to know that recurrence can occur post-surgery, as can complications, such as a flattening of the arch or the development of hammertoes.

Haglund's Deformity Haglund's deformity, sometimes called a "pump bump," is a bony enlargement on the back of the heel. When it rubs against shoes -- from high-heeled pumps to running shoes -- the soft tissue near the Achilles tendon can become irritated. This often leads to painful bursitis, an inflammation of the fluid-filled sac between the tendon and bone. While certain foot structures are more prone to Haglund's deformity, you can treat the condition and help prevent recurrence with appropriate footwear, arch supports, orthotic devices and stretching exercises. Physical therapy, icing and NSAIDs can also reduce inflammation.

Sometimes, Dr. Coyer notes, a bump is suspected of being cancerous. In this case, your foot and ankle surgeon will perform a biopsy and if it is indeed cancer, will perform surgery to remove the mass, working in tandem with an oncologist for cancer treatment.

For more information on foot bumps or to find a foot and ankle surgeon near you, visit FootHealthFacts.org, the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeon's patient education website.

"Remember, the sooner we're able to properly evaluate your bump, the sooner you can have peace of mind and move forward with treatment," says Dr. Coyer.



Weber. AMAC Action is the HEALTH Act, which will help in-need patients care while honoring Dan Weber's legacy. man Webster's proposal would help millions of

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cess. Instead, it is designed to be an absolutely fun and very positive way for our readers to cast a good light on their favorites. And oh, how you have responded!

We annually see ballots that number in the hundreds of thousands – so many in fact that we had to find a way to automatic the counting process.

This year, rather than unveil all the winners at one time like we have in the past, we are revealing several categories a day.

Today's categories can

be found inside and a quick list is also provided here.

When the final winners. runner-ups and honorable mentions are revealed, we will compile all of them into one keepsake edition that will stay posted on our website for the entire year.

Lastly, we encourage you to pay attention to the many businesses who are saying thank you with their ads. Without those supporters, local news and specifically your daily edition, wouldn't be here.

The Indiana Destination **Development Corporation Kicks Off In Indiana Week**

Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) is celebrating "IN Indiana Week" in conjunction with National Travel and Tourism Week (NTTW) from May 7 to 13, 2023.

Established in 1983, NTTW is an annual tradition to celebrate the U.S. travel and tourism industry and its essential role in stimulating economic growth, cultivating vibrant communities, creating quality job opportunities, inspiring new businesses and elevating the quality of life for Americans every day. Indiana's tourism industry has a significant impact on the state's economy. According to a Rockport Analytics study, out of each dollar spent within the tourism industry, \$0.65 stays in Indiana. Indiana tourism genera5es approximately \$1.4 billion in state and local taxes, saving Hoosier households an average of \$526 in taxes. Indiana's tourism industry also supports nearly 180,000 full-time jobs.

Throughout IN Indiana Week, the IDDC is partnering with several organizations, including the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, to do outreach in key markets and encourage tourism in the Hoosier state.

"National Travel and Tourism Week is a wonderful time for us to celebrate Hoosier tourism, show our visitors how great Indiana is and what we have to offer when they get here," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "Through the efforts of our tourism industry workers across the state, Indiana has been consistently improving its reputation when it comes to being a destination for travel and tourism.

IN Indiana Week Agen-

•Sunday, May 7: The Department of Natural Resources is offering free admission to all Indiana

State Parks. It is also a free fishing day.

Monday, May 8: IDDC staff visits Chicago, Illinois at Grant Park Congress Plaza with Indy 500 pace car, "Life is Sweeter IN Indiana" ice cream and promotional items for Indiana tourism.

•Tuesday, May 9: Check in to any location on the Indiana Culinary Trails Passport during IN Indiana week to be entered to win a gift card to Triple XXX Family Restaurant in West Lafayette.

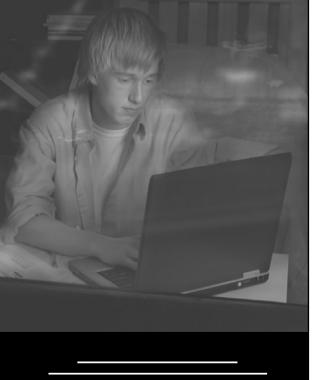
•Wednesday, May 10: IDDC staff visits St. Louis, Missouri at Old Post Office Plaza with Indy 500 pace car, "Life is Sweeter IN Indiana" ice cream and promotional items for Indiana tourism.

•Thursday, May 11: Check in to any location on the Indiana Arts and Culture Passport during IN Indiana Week to be entered to win a VIP 4 Pack Free Entry and Drink Token to the Lincoln Amphitheatre in Lincoln City.

•Friday, May 12: IDDC staff visits Louisville, Kentucky at Fourth Street Live! with Indy 500 pace car, "Life is Sweeter IN Indiana" ice cream and promotional items for Indiana tourism.

•Saturday, May 13: Check in to any location on the Indiana State Nature Passport during IN Indiana Week to be entered to win an Indiana State Parks Inns gift card.

"IN Indiana Week is a great opportunity for us to extend our efforts in promoting and telling Indiana's authentic story further than we have before," said IDDC Secretary and CEO Elaine Bedel. "We hope to invite as many people as possible to visit and experience all of the great things Indiana is home to. From our rich culture and beautiful parks, to our delicious food and unique things to do, Indiana is excited to welcome our visitors with our iconic Midwest Hoosier hospitality.'



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Notice of Public Hearing May 6, 2023

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation Administration Building 1000 Fairview Avenue, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 On May 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., the Board of School Trustees of Crawfordsville Community School Corporation will meet to discuss a proposed

Superintendent contract. A summary of the proposed contract is as follows:

• Contract Term: July 1, 2023 and concluding on June 30, 2027. The erm is automatically extended one (1) school year on July 1, 2024, and then each successive July 1 thereafter, unless a party gives the other written notice on or before the preceding May 31 that the party does not agree to the automatic

 Base Annual Salary: \$150,000 beginning in year one (2023-24) of the contract and increasing by an amount equal to the percentage or flat amount increase, if any, granted by the Board to certified staff under their collective pargaining agreement if the Superintendent's evaluation reflects a rating of

Health Insurance: Medical and hospitalization insurance will provided to Superintendent in accordance with the group medical and hospitalization insurance provided to other administrators within the school corporation. The current contribution is \$27,198.

Life Insurance: The school corporation provides a life insurance policy for the Superintendent at an annual cost of \$1,190.40.

• Long-Term Disability Insurance: Long-term disability benefits are

provided under the same terms and conditions as all other certified staff members at an annual cost of \$466. Annuity: The school corporation provides both 403(b) and 401(a)

annuity plans for all employees. The Superintendent does receive a matching contribution into a 401(a) plan in the same amount as all other certified employee at an annual cost of \$792. The school corporation shall match up to a \$7,500 nnual contribution into a 403(b) plan.

Mileage Reimbursement and Travel Allowance: The school corporation reimburses the Superintendent for mileage associated with school business trips outside of a 75-mile radius of the school district in accordance with the Corporation's standard mileage rate. The school corporation also provides a travel allowance of \$500 per month in lieu of providing a corporation-owned

Teachers Retirement Fund: The Board makes 100% of the statutorily

certified employees. Professional Development: The school corporation pays all reaso expenses for the Superintendent to attend conferences, seminars, and other

professional development opportunities in the best interest of the district. Nonrenewal of the contract at the end of the contract term or extension of the contract may be effectuated in accordance with Indiana Law The Superintendent's contract may be terminated in one of the

following ways: for cause, mutual agreement, or resignation/retirement. The complete proposed contract of the Superintendent will be available on the website of the Crawfordsville Community School Corporation. The Board will consider input from the public hearing and consider the proposed contract at the board meeting on May 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Meredith Nicholson Elementary School.