

➔ TODAY'S VERSE
Nahum 1:7 The Lord is good,
a strong hold in the day of
trouble; and He knoweth
them that trust in Him.



➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY
People who call our community their own.
Abigale Pittman, a local Massage
Therapist and Rieki Master, took
time out of her day to offer a smile
for one of our staff today!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Strawberry Festival Info:
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and get there early for a good
seat for their FREE 8:00pm Straw-
berry Festival performance.

2 If you are interested in older
cars, we've got you covered.
The Ben Hur Car Club will
again be hosting their Strawberry
Festival Car Show on Sunday from
8:00am till 4:00pm. Over 150
classic cars and trucks are expect-
ed for this popular yearly event.
Registration is on Pike Street at
the corner with Washington Street
(US231) from 8:00am till noon
and the fee is \$15.00. We're also
asking for a voluntary donation of
2 cans of food per entry to go to
our local F.I.S.H. food pantry. The
vehicle display areas will be on
Pike Street from Washington Street
to Green Street and on Green
Street from St. John's Episcopal
Church north to Main Street and
all parking lots in between. The
first 100 entries will receive dash
plaques and judged awards will be
presented to the "Top 40" entries
at 3:00pm along with the "Best
of Show Award". Other features
include a 50/50 drawing along
with music by DJs Wes and Diana
Shelton. For more information,
you can contact Steve Zachary at
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3 The Indiana Department of
Transportation announces
State Road 234 will close for
a box culvert replacement project
near Ladoga on or after Tuesday,
June 6, weather permitting. The
road will be closed between
County Road S. 800 E. and Co.
Rd. S. 750 E. through the end
of July, weather permitting. The
official detour follows U.S. 231 to
S.R. 236 to S.R. 75. This contract
was awarded to Conexo, Inc. for
\$1.1 million. It also involves ad-
ditional culvert work on S.R. 234,
approximately 3.54 miles west of
S.R. 75 in Hendricks County and
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S.R. 75 in Montgomery County. The
entire contract is expected to be
completed in June of 2024.

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Boomer Bits

Ask Rusty – How Will Working Affect My First Year's Benefits?

Dear Rusty: I retired from working in January of this year and have since claimed Social Security. I didn't work at all in February or March, but I began a part time job in April. I'm very confused about how Social Security counts earnings for the first year. I don't know if I need to keep each month's earnings under \$1,770 or if they average it. Some of the literature I've found says each month must remain under \$1,770 or NO benefit will be paid that month. Two people at the Social Security office told me that they'll just dock me \$1 for every \$2 I am over that, even in my first year. I also cannot find anything about when they count your income. Is it when it's earned or when it's paid? If I go over in a month because there are three pay periods, can they withhold the benefit for that month? I'm just so confused!
Signed: Part Time Worker

Dear Part Time Worker:
The Social Security earnings test during your first year



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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collecting benefits before full retirement age is, indeed, somewhat confusing. The reason is because there are two methods which Social Security may use during your first calendar year collecting early benefits, and they will use the one which results in the least financial impact to you. To elaborate:

If you claim benefits mid-year before your full retirement age, for the remainder of that first year (starting in the month benefits begin and ending in December) you'll be subject to a monthly earnings limit (\$1,770 for 2023). If you exceed the monthly limit in any remaining month of that first calendar year, you won't be entitled to benefits for that month, so Social Security would (eventually)

take back that month's benefit. That is, unless using the annual limit (\$21,240 for 2023) instead will result in a smaller penalty. If your total earnings for your first year collecting are over the annual limit (e.g., \$21,240 for 2023), the penalty would be \$1 for every \$2 over the annual limit and, if that is less than the penalty from using the monthly limit, they will assess the smaller penalty. In other words, Social Security will use the method which is most beneficial to you when assessing a penalty for exceeding the earnings limit during your first calendar year collecting benefits. And just for clarity, the earnings limits are much higher and the penalty

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Senator Marsha Blackburn Opines On Inflation, The Southern Border And Reckless Government Spending

By John Grimaldi

Senator Marsha Blackburn [R-TN] says if President Biden thinks he has inflation under control he has another think coming. In a recent interview on the Better For America podcast she told host Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens, as one of her constituents put it: "if people in D.C. think we've only got 5% or 6% or 7% inflation, they need to go to the grocery store with her and they need to go shop for clothes for the kids with her. They would see very quickly that you're talking about escalation rates of 20, 25, 30% in some products. I had a county commissioner out in the east part of the state say, look, I drive 30 miles a day to work, I can't fill up the gas tank and the grocery cart in the same week."

But Senator Blackburn went on to say that it is not just inflation that is "hurting communities; the southern border, the open border and the gangs coming into our state are driving up crime. Look at what is

happening with fentanyl and the fentanyl poisonings that are taking place. One pill of that fentanyl can kill you and our kids. We're losing a lot of Americans to fentanyl poisoning. We lost 4,000 Tennesseans last year to fentanyl. It's all coming across the southern border. Every town is a border town. Every state is a border state... our governor in Tennessee decided last week to send troops to the southern border to help Texas defend the border and to keep some of these drugs and gangs and sex traffickers and human traffickers out of our country and out of our state."

The Senator went on to opine that it would be great if we could go back to a time when there was a measure of bipartisan cooperation in Congress but these days we can't count on it. She noted that the legislative branch of government has the responsibility of oversight. "We cannot try anybody. We cannot indict anybody. We cannot prosecute anybody. That

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How Urologists Detect Bladder Cancer With Blue Light Cystoscopy

(StatePoint) Like many bladder cancer survivors, Karen S. often reflects on her personal experience with the disease, and the support she received throughout her healthcare journey.

Karen was diagnosed with bladder cancer in 2010 at age 54, after experiencing symptoms for two years. As an oncology nurse for more than 40 years, she was well aware of the many forms of cancer. Nevertheless, she assumed her frequent urinary tract infections and discomfort were gynecological in nature and never expected her doctors to discover a tumor or to be diagnosed with bladder cancer.

After receiving a variety of medical treatments, Karen still had persistent disease. She transferred to a National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center where her bladder cancer specialist informed her about a technology called Blue Light Cystoscopy (BLC) that would

allow her doctor to see tumors that white light alone may miss.

"BLC was a quick and easy procedure that gave my doctor the ability to identify tumors early on, allowing for earlier and less aggressive treatment," says Karen.

Each year, about 81,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with bladder cancer, according to the National Cancer Institute. Symptoms in both men and women can mimic common urinary tract infections, like they did for Karen. For men, however, the more common symptom is blood in the urine. Whatever the symptoms, it is important to see a doctor.

According to Karen, people with bladder cancer, or those who suspect they may have bladder cancer, should ask their doctor questions and seek a second opinion. Once diagnosed, they should explore support

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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Three-quarters of U.S. teens and adults don't get enough vitamin D in their diets.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



➔ OBITUARIES

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The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **GEOFFREY ROBINSON** for subscribing!



➔ 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 a family!

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Not everything that is faced can be changed. But nothing can be changed until it is faced."
-James Baldwin

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

When a toddler reaches the "why?" stage, it's like opening a bottle of champagne—once it's uncorked, there's no going back.

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Carnegie Museum Story To Stage Theatre Workshops

The Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County is thrilled to announce University of Indianapolis Theater Professor James League will lead three theater workshops for kids on Sunday June 25, 2023. During each workshop, participants will create a play from an existing story through theatrical games and exercises. The workshops are free, but with limited spots available, advanced registration is required.

Children 3 to 12 are invited to participate in the appropriate age group. Workshop times are 1:30-2:15 pm for ages 3-4; 2:30-3:30 pm for ages 5-7; and 3:30-4:30 pm for ages 8-12. Caregivers are required to stay with their child in the ages 3-4 workshop, may stay with their child in the ages 5-7 workshop, and do not stay

with their child in the 8-12 workshop. More information and registration links are available at <https://www.cdpl.lib.in.us/services/carnegie/> and on the Crawfordsville District Public Library event calendar.

Featured stories will be announced to participants ahead of time so that they can familiarize themselves with the characters, setting, and plot prior to the workshop. The program is free and is funded in part by a grant from the Montgomery County Community Foundation.

The workshops will be held in Community Rooms A, B, and C, at the Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St., Crawfordsville, IN 47933. For additional information, please contact the Carnegie Museum at 765-362-4618.

Meeting Notes

AGENDA
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS COMMISSION
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CDPL's Pride Month Display

The Crawfordsville District Public Library launched its Summer Reading Program on May 30. This year's theme, All Together Now, focuses on kindness, friendship, and unity in our community. As a way to celebrate, a Pride Month display is available on the second floor of the library in the adult non-fiction section.

Learn about the beginnings of the LGBTQ equality movement with books like *The Stonewall Reader* (306.76 Sto), edited by The New York Public Library, or *The Stonewall Generation* (306.76 Sto) edited by Jane Fleishman. Both anthologies include essays and interviews from people who were living during the turbulent time of social change, fighting for their right to be heard and have the freedom to be who they inherently are.

To broaden your perspective of other people's life experiences, grab a biography and learn about someone's personal story. *We Are Not Broken* (306.76 Joh), a memoir by George M. Johnson, talks about growing up Black and non-binary and being raised by his devoted grandmother along with

three brothers in New York City. Read a book of essays by former Purdue Professor and now visiting professor at Yale, Roxane Gay. *Bad Feminist* (814.6 Gay) and *Difficult Women* (FIC Gay) are highly recommended titles.

The display also features movies and fictional works about, and by, members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Whether you like mysteries, historical fiction, or romance, there are books for everyone. *One Last Stop* (FIC McQui), a romance from Casey McQuiston, has a unique meet-cute on the subway in NYC. We also offer classics like *Brideshead Revisited* (FIC Wau) by Evelyn Waugh. Or consider grabbing a mystery from Rita Mae Brown. The display showcases highly-rated new-release DVDs. One example is *Spoiler Alert* (DVD FIC Spo) starring Jim Parsons from *Big Bang Theory* and based on Michael Ausiello's best-selling memoir *Spoiler Alert: The Hero Dies*. You may also check out *Are You Proud* (DVD 306.7609 Are), a documentary on the history of LGBT rights.

One of the fastest-growing publishing areas is

graphic novels. Some new series to read included in our display are *Sasaki and Miyano* (GN FIC Har) by Sho Harusono and *Blue Flag* (GN FIC Kai) by Kaito -- two Japanese manga series filled with friendship, romance, and drama. If non-fiction graphic novels are more interesting to you, try *Fun Home: a family tragicomic* (GN 921 Bechdel, A.), by Alison Bechdel. On a curiosity note, *The Bechdel Test for Women in Movies* is named after this author. It is a simple test to evaluate female interaction in movies according to the following criteria: (1) it has to have at least two women in it, who (2) talk to each other, about (3) something besides a man. Some movies that have passed the test include *Ant-Man and the Wasp* (2023), *Jurassic World Dominion* (2022), both iterations of *Frozen* (2013 and 2019), and *Cinderella* (1950).

In addition to resources and materials at the library, the Crawfordsville community has a group that offers assistance and embodies the summer reading theme of unity. *Humans United for Equality*, HUE, is a local group

whose aim is to create "a place for individuals who believe that diversity and equality make our community stronger and our lives richer. [They] strive to promote unity, love, understanding, tolerance, and acceptance." HUE began in 2016 by Deborah Kochert and friends. They focus on connecting the people of our community with the resources they need to thrive and succeed. You can check out their website for more information and to inquire about volunteering: <https://www.huemoco.org/>

Stop by the library to take a look at our Pride Month display and peruse all our offerings as we seek to grow in kindness, respect, and understanding - All Together Now. The Crawfordsville District Public Library is open; Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM-9:00 PM; Friday and Saturday 9:00-5:00 PM; and Sunday, 1:00-5:00 PM. You can also use your library card to find more items for checkout on the Libby and Hoopla apps 24/7.

-Ivette de Assis-Wilson is the Head of the Reference and Local History Department at CDPL.

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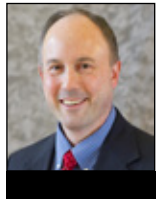
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A Voice That Deserves And Needs To Be Heard



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.
Column

I'm noticing that a fair number of Americans, including your columnists, think it's clever to "identify" themselves in various

ways to get some cheap laughs at the expense of others. I'm thinking of comments like Mr. Timmons' from the 31 May edition of The Paper of Montgomery County: "I was an aging fat guy with a heart condition. Now, I choose to identify as a younger, slimmer version of myself with a healthy heart!"

Well, I decided to give "identifying" a try too. I'm a white cis-gender male with decades of experience in the medical field so I'm going to use that experience to try to identify as a 16-year-old trans girl and envision what her life has been and must be like.

I started feeling like a stranger in my own body in third grade. Since I was born with male anatomy I have always been called a boy, but the social expectations of "boy behavior" never seemed to fit how I felt inside. It was confusing and I didn't know who to talk to about it, so I just tried to ignore it. I was able to live the lie until my hormones started raging in seventh grade.

I started to have voice changes and hair growing where it hadn't before. My uneasy feelings got more intense each day - I didn't know what was wrong with me. The physical changes my body was undergoing were not syncing up with what was going on inside my head. Other kids told me puberty was messing with their heads too, but this was different. I was totally confused and needed someone to talk to.

I decided I was going to talk to my parents, but my dad was making more and more comments about people "choosing lifestyles" like being gay or intentionally changing their "sex." He would scream, "there's boys and girls, period!" I love my dad, but I was too embarrassed and afraid to approach him with how I was feeling. I was sure my mom wouldn't understand since she wasn't born a male.

I suffered in silence and became sad and depressed. I didn't fit my classmates' definition of "normal" and they started to make fun of me and exclude me. Like any teenager, I was in desperate need of friendship.

They posted disgusting things about me on social media that made me more depressed. It seemed like no one cared about me. I started researching how to kill myself that would be the least upsetting to my family.

My Social Studies teacher must have sensed I was in deep trouble. He asked me to stay after class one day to figure out what was bothering me. I wouldn't tell him then, but I knew he was truly worried about me. I finally broke down and told him how I was feeling; I almost puked - it was the hardest thing I have ever done. I was at the end of my rope - I had to finally trust someone. It took two months, but he finally figured out a way to help me tell my parents.

My dad was pissed! He went to the school and screamed at my teacher for "grooming" me and "indoctrinating" me with "crazy" ideas. He demanded that the school fire my teacher. My mom was not happy either, but decided to take me to see my pediatrician. She spent a long time talking to me and my mom - it was the first time I felt someone really cared about what was going on inside me. My mom was unconvinced.

The doctor helped me understand our brains are very complicated, and while most people's inner feelings about their gender match their sex assigned at birth, some don't. Some don't even feel male or female which I still have trouble understanding. The doctor said I needed more expert care and referred me to a clinic that specializes in helping kids sort out what's making them feel so bad.

I could tell the doctors and therapists at the clinic had a lot of education and experience to help kids like me. They spent a ton of time talking to me and doing tests to make sure I met the definition for what I eventually learned was gender dysphoria. I wanted them to help me feel better right away, but they said they had to take their time to confirm what was going on. I was crushed that my dad would not accept me - it took six months for him to even come to a clinic visit after he found out I had almost hung myself a couple of times.

All the tests showed I didn't have any medical problems that would explain my feelings. The doctors sat down with us and carefully went over my diagnosis and the options for helping me feel better. They thought the best option would be

taking medicine to block puberty while I was getting more counseling to sort out my gender. I had read about people getting surgeries to change their anatomy but the doctors told me no. They stressed that's a major decision that should wait until I'm at least a young adult and that hardly any kids my age need surgery.

I've been on puberty blockers for six months. It was an agonizing decision for my parents to agree that I could take them. I don't like some of the side effects, but I can't describe how much better I feel! I've come so far and feel so much better and hopeful for my future. I still have some normal teenage sadness, but I'm finally starting to feel better inside. I think this will give my brain a chance to rest while I continue to figure out who I am.

People continue to berate me for "choosing" to be transgender and that I'm making up the whole thing for attention. Why, in God's name, would anyone choose the hell my parents and I have been through for so many years? Friends I've made at the clinic all have similar stories to tell and they can't understand why total strangers who don't know their personal situations are making things so difficult for them and their families.

I don't understand why legislatures across the country are passing laws to take away our freedom to get the care we need to help us feel better. They say it's to "protect children"; from what?! I'm getting more worried and anxious every day. Our lawmakers say I have to stop taking my medicine by the end of the year. It looks like we're going to have to move to another state so I can continue the care that's helped me so much.

Legislators always talk about wanting to improve the mental health of teens; don't they know that trans kids are at super-high risk for suicide? I'm really afraid that denying care to us will cause some of my friends at the clinic to kill themselves. I worry every day that I'll be forced to be someone I'm not - why are people so afraid of people like me? I wish with all my heart that they would just accept me for who I am.

John Roberts, MD
Crawfordsville

-Dr. John Roberts is a retired member of the Franciscan Physician Network specializing in Family Medicine.

American Heart Association Celebrates 99 Years Of Work Dedicated To Heart Disease And Stroke

June 10 commemorates the anniversary of the founding of the American Heart Association, the nation's oldest and largest voluntary organization dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke. Leading up to the Association's June 2024 centennial, Indianapolis is celebrating the organization's 99 years of work as the organization looks to build its next century of equitable health for all.

Since 1924, the American Heart Association, devoted to world of healthier lives for all, has saved and improved lives, pioneered scientific discovery and advocated for healthy public policies in communities across the country. These bold moves have helped transform the nation's health and significantly reduce heart disease and stroke death rates.

"We pledge to continue our relentless work to eliminate heart disease and stroke, optimize brain health and ensure equitable health in every community across the country," said Dr. Sandeep Dube, president of the American Heart Association's Indianapolis board of directors. "We remain steadfast on our journey to transform heart and brain health and to ensure all people have the opportunity to live longer, healthier lives."

The American Heart Association was founded

by six cardiologists, but the distinguished achievements of the organization for the past century are the result of more than \$5 billion invested in scientific research and the passion of more than 40 million volunteers, supporters and employees.

"As we close out our first 100 years and begin the next, our work remains as important as ever. We are just getting started on the next chapter of our relentless work to end heart disease and stroke," said Dube. "We know that we can't achieve our monumental goals alone and are grateful to the greater Indianapolis community for the passion and commitment they give to support the mission of the American Heart Association."

The signature events of the Indianapolis American Heart Association have named event chairs that will drive the Association into the next century. These chairpersons have demonstrated the bold leadership needed to catapult the American Heart Association's next 100 years of relentless work and transformative innovation. The 2023-2024 Indianapolis chairpersons are:

- Dr. Atul Chugh, managing partner of Indiana Heart Physicians as Heart Walk chair
- Bill Browne, CEO at

RATIO Design as Heart & Stroke Ball chair

The American Heart Association's centennial is a celebration of the lifesaving achievements and shared vision for a bold second century that will exponentially advance heart and brain health. The Association will continue to lead breakthroughs in science and technology, improve health care and advocate for federal, state and local policies drive healthier lifestyles.

Reaching for bold goals is made possible because of like-minded individuals and organizations who share in the vision of better health for central Indiana. Seven companies have pledged support of donations of time, talent and funds as Second Century campaign donors. The leading organizations include:

- AMGEN
- DEEM
- Hendricks Regional Health
- Indiana University Health
- Roche
- Shea-Kiewit
- TRIMEDX

To learn more about accomplishments in the first 100 years of the American Heart Association or how to participate in the Second Century campaign, visit heart.org/FoundersDay or contact Jessica.l.scanlon@heart.org for more information.

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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.

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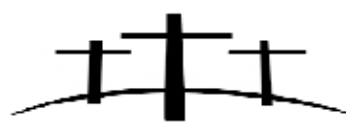
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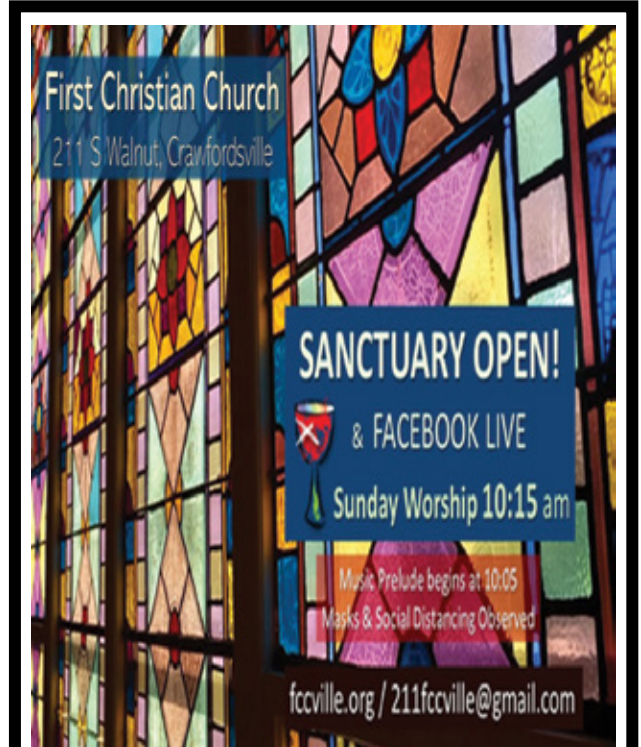
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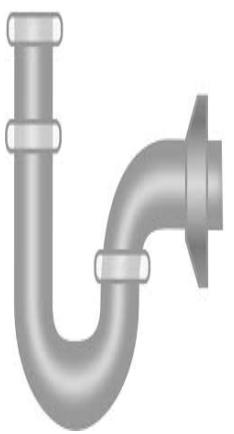
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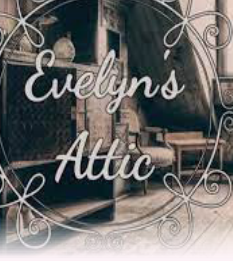
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Ivy Tech Community College Sets Tuition And Fees For Two Years

Two-thirds of students will see overall cost reduction.

The Ivy Tech Community College (College) State Board of Trustees passed the College's tuition and fees for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 academic years. The end result will be lower tuition and fees for about two-thirds of the College's students, and Ivy Tech remains the lowest tuition in the State of Indiana with the lowest overall cost of attendance.

"The College takes its commitment to student affordability seriously, and we look for ways to reduce overall college costs for students in a transparent and equitable way," President Sue Ellspermann said. "Our Ivy + Tuition and Textbooks model saves students money by providing summer flex scholarships and leveraging our purchasing power to reduce textbook costs."

Ivy Tech uses a banded tuition structure, which means students enrolling in 12 or more credit hours pay the same tuition regardless of the number of credits in which they enroll. This structure encourages students to graduate faster, improve their academic performance, and reduce the overall cost of their education.

Banded tuition and mandatory fees for 2023-2024 will go from \$2,318.25 per semester to \$2,455.76 for 2023-2024 and \$2,577.11 for 2024-2025.

Ivy Tech is changing the structure of two fees to be incorporated into the tuition rate for 2023-24; those include a \$75 per semester mandatory technology fee and a \$20 per credit hour distance education fee for select modalities including classes taught through IvyOnline. Students will no longer be charged separate fees for these.

This fee structure will

improve transparency in costs and provide equity in how tuition and fees are applied across student populations. This will create savings for many students as this fee had historically been charged to all students rather than being proportional to the number of credits in which a student was enrolled. The \$20 per credit hour distance education fee for select modalities including classes taught through IvyOnline is also eliminated. This fee was charged to 75 percent of students in the past academic year.

Ivy Tech has found many innovative ways to save students on the overall cost of college; some examples include frozen tuition and free textbooks for the past two academic years. For the 2023-2024 academic year, students will pay \$17 per-credit hour for all textbooks and that cost will be reduced to \$16.50 in the following year. This model will save Ivy Tech students

more than \$17 million dollars annually in textbook costs.

Additionally, federal and state financial aid has been increasing, so students with the most financial need will still have free community college in Indiana. The federal Pell Grant provides students with up to \$3,698 per semester (\$7,395 per year), which is more than the proposed Ivy Tech tuition and fees. Additionally, the State of Indiana has generous financial aid programs for students, including the Frank O'Bannon award, which provides students at Ivy Tech with up to \$2,350 per semester (\$4,700 per year), the 21st Century Scholars Award, which covers full tuition and fees, the Adult Student Grant, and the Workforce Ready Grant. These programs combined with Ivy Tech's commitment to affordability help four out of every five Ivy Tech students complete with no debt.

Finding Solutions For Child Care



SPENCER DEERY
Guest Column

As in many areas, Parke County leaders have identified access to affordable, high-quality child care

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INDOT Update For Senate District 23

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announced restrictions on State Road 26 would begin as early as Monday, June 19.

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The General Assembly also allocated \$10 million for the Regional Mental Health Facility Grants, which will work in tandem with a new law that will allow courts and law enforcement officers to refer arrestees to mental health services.

The new state budget also provides \$60 million to programming to help improve outcomes in our juvenile justice programs.

As your state senator, I will continue to support law enforcement and improvements to our justice system, which foster safe communities.

Enrollment Open for ESA Scholarship

The Indiana General Assembly created the Indiana Education Scholarship Account (ESA) Program so Hoosier students with disabilities can access the educational environment that best meets their learning needs.

Enrollment is open through Sept. 1.

Applications Open for Operation Back to School Indiana Veteran families experiencing financial hardship can apply for funding to manage back-to-school expenses through the Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs Military Family Relief Fund.

Eligible families can receive \$500 per dependent child and full-time college student living in their household.

Applications close on Aug. 31.

- Spencer Deery is an Indiana State Senator serving District 23 which includes Fountain, Parke, Vermillion, Warren and portions of Montgomery and Tippecanoe counties.

Senators Braun, Gillibrand, Colleagues Introduce Bipartisan Promising Pathway Act To Help Patients With ALS And Other Life-Threatening Diseases Get Treatments

The bipartisan bill will help patients with ALS and other life-threatening diseases like DIPG get access to life-saving treatments.

Senators Mike Braun, Kirsten Gillibrand, Lisa Murkowski, Kevin Cramer and Roger Wicker are introducing the Promising Pathway Act, a bill to help Americans with ALS and other life-threatening diseases such as DIPG get early access to promising treatments.

Americans diagnosed with ALS are typically given 3 years to live. ALS has no cure, but there are promising treatments. Promising Pathway Act allows ALS patients to receive early access to treatments under a provisional approval while research continues for full FDA approval.

The bill will also help patients with other life-threatening such as Diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG).

Treatments eligible for provisional approval under PPA must have substantial evidence of safety and early evidence of positive therapeutic outcomes.

Promising Pathway Act would also open up the door to provisional approval for treating other terminal diseases with limited to no current treatment options.

"Americans with life-threatening and terminal diseases like ALS don't have time to waste on a bureaucratic journey through red tape, only to be denied access," says Senator Braun. "I'm proud that the Promising Pathway Act is now a bipartisan solution to help these Americans get access to life-saving treatments." - Sen. Braun

"Patients with life-threatening illnesses can't wait for years for the FDA to approve new drugs. They need treatment as soon as possible, and this bill would help make sure they get it. The Promising Pathway Act would open a provisional FDA approval pathway for drugs and therapies that treat conditions where the disease progresses rapidly and few to no treatment options exist while continuing to ensure that these new therapies are safe and effective."—Sen. Gillibrand

"Red tape bureaucracy delays access to treatment for ALS patients, and those with conditions don't have time to wait. The FDA's complex approval process for drugs and therapies only adds to the stress of patients and families weighing various treatment options. Removing barriers and establishing a rolling, priority pathway for the approval of lifesaving treatments is the least we can do."—Sen. Cramer

"I AM ALS appreciates the bipartisan efforts of Senators Braun and Gillibrand with the Promising Pathway Act. We look forward to working with the Senators along with the FDA, clinical experts, and our own community to ensure that people facing rare, rapidly progressing, fatal diseases like ALS always have access to quality treatments pathways." - Andrea Goodman, I AM ALS CEO

"While the FDA is the gold standard for drug review and approval, the agency can exercise greater flexibility when making decisions for patients facing aggressive terminal diseases like ALS. Given that most people diagnosed with ALS will be dead in three years, patients and their families do not have time to wait for promising therapies through the long trial approval process. The Promising Pathways Act gives patients the opportunity to make decisions critical to their health, where few opportunities currently exist."—Steve Gleason, Founder of both Team Gleason and Answer ALS and is a living with ALS

"We support Congressional efforts to expedite access to healthcare innovation for vulnerable patients with serious diseases. In our discussions with FDA regarding Barth syndrome, an ultra-rare life-limiting disease, FDA has acknowledged the need for new approval pathways where traditional efficacy studies are not feasible or ethically possible. The Promising Pathways Act is a vital initiative to bridge this gap for those affected."—Reenie McCarthy, CEO of Stealth BioTherapeutics

"The Promising Pathways Act is a bipartisan solution to delivering high-quality and lower cost drugs to American families. By creating a more streamlined approval pathway for drugs that treat rare diseases, drug developers will be able to more effectively deliver life-saving cures to millions of patients in need of care. This legislation is key to creating a Personal Option that puts people in control of their health care."—Charlie Katebi, Senior Policy Analyst, Americans for Prosperity

"The Promising Pathway Act represents more than just an accelerated and ethical drug pathway. For children fighting terminal cancers, the Promising Pathway Act represents the first hope we may have at giving them life. PPA accelerates cures, refocuses therapies on the correct patients and creates an incentive for companies to invest in rare diseases in

ways that we've never had before."—Keith Desseriech, the Cure Starts Now

"We thank Senator Braun and the bipartisan group of cosponsors for their efforts to compassionately remove red tape for those with rapidly progressing terminal illnesses. The Promising Pathway Act is a sensible way to give patients and their families access to additional treatments, innovative drugs or biologics, and hope for the future. There's a compelling and demonstrated need for expedited access to treatments, and allowing this through the PPA is the right thing to do."—Robin Walker, senior federal affairs director for the Foundation for Government Accountability (FGA)

"The Polen Family wholeheartedly support the Promising Pathway Act and commend Corey for his tireless efforts in shaping this vital legislation. The PPA is a significant step forward in empowering individuals providing opportunities to fight for their lives and to secure access to safe, promising therapies. We are proud to #StandForCorey in championing this important cause."—The Polen Family

"The Promising Pathway Act offers a transformative solution to the critical challenges faced in accelerating the search for a cure for brain cancer and other deadly diseases. With three decades of experience working closely with brain cancer patients, I have witnessed the hurdles posed by the lengthy and costly journey from lab to patient, as well as the complexities of accessing potentially beneficial drugs that may contribute to breakthrough treatments."—Al Musella of the Musella Foundation

"The Promising Pathway Act empowers the entire healthcare ecosystem to work more closely together to ensure smart and timely review of important new therapies and reinforces the adoption of innovative pre and post-marketing 21st century regulatory science."—Peter Pitts

"We believe this potential pathway may provide timely access for patients grappling with rare, life-threatening diseases by striking a delicate balance between the need for urgency and a strong commitment to ensuring the safety and effectiveness of treatments."—Meredith Manning, PharmEssentia President, The Americas

"The Promising Pathway Act has the potential to transform the search for cures for deadly diseases by addressing critical challenges to development and patient access. By further

streamlining the approval process for rare disease treatments, the Promising Pathway Act empowers drug developers to more efficiently deliver treatments to patients in desperate need. It stands to revolutionize healthcare and provide hope for patients with life-threatening diseases that currently lack suitable treatment options."—Anish Bhatnagar, M.D., Chief Executive Officer of Soleno Therapeutics.

The Promising Pathway Act has enormous support among patient communities.

The Promising Pathway Act creates a provisional approval pathway for promising treatments for diseases like ALS that progress rapidly, have few or no treatment options, and result in death.

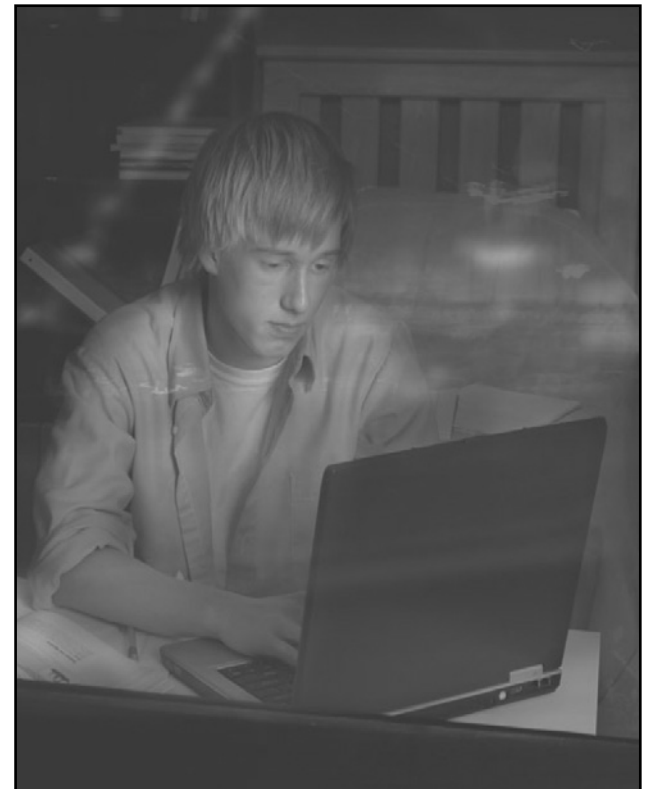
BACKGROUND:

Promising Pathway Act (PPA): this bill would expedite beneficial outcomes for patients by requiring the FDA to establish a rolling, real-time, priority review pathway for drugs intended to treat, prevent, or diagnose serious or life-threatening diseases or conditions.

Under this pathway, FDA would grant time-limited, provisional approval to drugs that demonstrate substantial evidence of safety, and relevant, early evidence of efficacy. Drug sponsors would be allowed to incorporate scientifically-substantiated surrogate endpoints and real-world data to demonstrate the efficacy of the drugs under review. The period of provisional approval is time-limited and effective for a two-year period.

Drug sponsors may request provisional approval status renewal for subsequent two-year periods (up to a total of eight years) and can apply for full approval at any time. PPA would require patient registries for all provisionally approved drugs to track patient usage until the drug is fully approved.

The FDA would review the drug and renew provisional approval status based on real world data collected in the patient registries—which track patient usage of provisionally approved drugs—until the drug receives full approval or provisional approval expires. Under this provisional approval pathway, those with rapidly-progressing terminal illnesses would have access to drugs that provide their only hope for treatment, and real-world data collected from these patients would be incorporated into the drug approval process.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ORDINANCE 2023-4

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of the Town of New Richmond, Montgomery County, Indiana that there will be a public hearing on Ordinance 2023-4 Establishing Park Rules and Amending Ordinance 2013-8 at their regular meeting place at:
New Richmond Fire Station, 215 South Prairie Street, at 6:00 p.m. on the 20th day of June, 2023
This ordinance has fines as stated below:
Vandalism \$500.00 plus damages per occurrence.
1st Offence - \$0
2nd Offence - \$100
3rd Offence - \$200
4th Offence - \$400
Residents appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. You can also send your comments in a written statement to:
Town of New Richmond, PO Box 210, New Richmond, IN 47967
or drop it off at the New Richmond Town Hall drop box at:
110 S Wabash St., New Richmond, IN.
Dated: June 10, 2023
Alaatha Foust
New Richmond Clerk- Treasurer

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of the Town of New Richmond, Montgomery County, Indiana that the proper legal officers will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at:
New Richmond Fire Station, 215 South Prairie Street, at 6:00 p.m. on the 20th day of June, 2023
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Fund Name: General Fund Amount Requested
Major Budget Classification:
30000: Other Charges & Services \$5,000
Total for General Fund \$5,000
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.
Dated: June 10, 2023
Alaatha Foust
New Richmond Clerk- Treasurer

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Young, Colleagues Introduce Bill To Strengthen U.S. Technology Competitiveness

Today, U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Michael Bennet (D-Colo.), and Mark Warner (D-Va.) introduced the Global Technology Leadership Act. This bipartisan legislation would establish an Office of Global Competition Analysis to assess how the United States fares in key emerging technologies – such as artificial intelligence (AI) – relative to other countries to inform U.S. policy and strengthen American competitiveness.

“This legislation will better synchronize our national security community to ensure America wins the technological race against the Chinese Communist Party. There is no single federal agency evaluating American leadership in critical technologies like artificial intelligence and quantum computing, despite their significance to our national security and economic prosperity. Our bill will help fill this gap,” said Senator Young.

“We cannot afford to lose our competitive edge in strategic technologies like semiconductors, quantum computing, and artificial intelligence to competitors like China. To defend our economic and national security and protect U.S. leadership in critical emerging technologies, we need to be able to take into account both classified and commercial information to fully assess where we stand. With that information, Congress can make smart decisions about where to invest and how to strengthen our competitiveness,” said Senator Bennet.

“Over the last few years the U.S. has made significant investments in key sectors like semiconductor manufacturing. But as the U.S. works to out-innovate our global competitors, it’s crucial that we have a meaningful way to track how our progress stacks up against near-peers like China. I’m proud to join this bipartisan effort to create a centralized hub that’s responsible for keeping tabs on these developments, which are critical to our economic and national security,” said Senator Warner.

The bipartisan Global Technology Leadership Act would establish an Office of Global Competition Analysis to bolster competitiveness by analyzing how the United States fares

in critical technologies relative to other countries, informing policymakers and strengthening U.S. leadership in strategic innovation.

The Office of Global Competition Analysis would assess U.S. technology competitiveness based on a fusion of intelligence and commercial data, which today are too often siloed in intelligence and civilian agencies, respectively. This has often left the United States blind to its relative capacity in critical technologies compared to other nations, like in the cases of 5G and semiconductors. Analysis that interrogates the entire U.S. ecosystem, including private sector dynamics, is critical to understanding threats and opportunities in strategic emerging technology, such as AI.

“The United States has a strong history of organizing to lead through challenging periods. To address post-World War II security concerns, the U.S. Government created the National Security Council. To address post-Cold War economic challenges, the U.S. Government created the National Economic Council. Today, the United States faces a new era of global technology competition and to remain the world’s leading technological power, we need to organize our government for this new competition. The United States must meet this challenge by creating an office to conduct critical technology analysis and provide the President and Congress with recommendations to act,” said Ylli Bajraktari, President and CEO of the SCSA Action Program and the Special Competitive Studies Project, and the former Executive Director, National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence.

“Effective monitoring of the global and domestic science and technology landscape is critical to our long term economic competitiveness. To my knowledge, no part of the U.S. government currently possesses a scalable approach for doing so. Sustained investment in data-backed analysis is critical to our national interest and continued global leadership in emerging technologies,” said Dewey Murdick, Center for Security and Emerging Technology, Georgetown University.

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less during the year you attain full retirement age (FRA).

Something else to be aware of: if you know in advance you will exceed the annual limit it would be best to inform Social Security in order to avoid an Overpayment Notice next year. If you don’t, Social Security won’t know about your 2023 earnings until you file your 2023 income taxes, so you’ll get your 2023 monthly payments as usual. But when the IRS informs Social Security of your 2023 earnings later next year, Social Security will ask you to detail your monthly work earnings for 2023. If you have exceeded the limits, they will determine an overpayment

amount and will ask you to either pay back what is owed in a lump sum or will withhold your benefits for enough months to recover what you owe for exceeding the 2023 earnings limit. Then, after you reach full retirement age (FRA), you’ll get time credit for all months in which benefits were withheld, thus slightly increasing your monthly payment after your FRA.

Finally, it is when your income is earned that counts, not when it is paid. So, for example, if you worked in January 2023 and were paid for that work in February 2023, that is considered January income which wouldn’t count toward the February earnings limit.

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groups and do research on bladder cancer, including learning about the latest treatments and technologies available.

“It’s especially important for me to inform others about the benefits of BLC, since many people may not be aware of this option. BLC may help others diagnosed with bladder cancer the way it helped me,” says Karen.

A cystoscopy is a medical procedure where a urology healthcare professional uses a thin, tube-like telescope called a cystoscope to look directly into the bladder for a close examination of the lining. This procedure is used to help find the cause of symptoms and to treat and monitor the condition. Historically, the only type of cystoscopy available used white light. BLC, however, uses both white and blue light to offer significantly

improved detection of suspicious areas compared to white light alone and has been proven to increase the detection of non-muscle invasive bladder cancer.

Today, Karen is cancer free and continues to support those affected by bladder cancer, including patients, caregivers and their loved ones, by hosting support groups and working with the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network. These resources can be found by visiting <https://bcn.org/>.

People experiencing symptoms of bladder cancer and those who have been recently diagnosed should ask their urologist about BLC, because it’s not available everywhere. To search for a location where BLC is offered near you, visit <https://rebrand.ly/BLC-Locator>.

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is not our role. And so it’s up to us to highlight these issues. The House is continuing to do investigations. And, of course, they’re required to give that information to DOJ. But we know this DOJ is most likely not going to do anything with the information. So we’ll have to wait until we have Republicans in control and then we’ll be able to hold some people accountable.”

Asked if President Biden is going to wake up, exercise fiscal responsibility and stop overspending, Senator Blackburn said she has her concerns. “I give the House, Speaker Kevin McCarthy and Leader Steve Scalise credit for pulling together some concessions from the Biden White House when it comes to the debt ceiling deal.” But, she added, “I do have a lot of concerns about that deal, about its lack of enforcement capabilities. I wanted to see more done with cuts and keeping caps on those cuts. This administration does not want to do anything that would curb spending. When you look at our nation’s debt, if you go from George Washington all the way through to George W Bush, our nation acquired \$10.6 trillion. So then George W Bush hands the keys to the Oval Office to

Barack Obama. Obama and Biden were in charge for eight years. They doubled that debt and you end up at about \$22 trillion. President Trump comes in, he adds to it. COVID happens. We end up adding a couple more trillion dollars to it. Trump hands the keys to Joe Biden, and in two years, Biden has added \$6 trillion to our nation’s debt. That is where we stand right now. I’m one of those Republicans that does not want to give this administration the ability to burden future generations with untold amounts of debt. When you are sitting under that much debt, which amounts to about \$95,000 per citizen, what you are doing is capping opportunity for future generations. I think it’s immoral to pass on this much debt. I want to see some cuts. I want to see some reforming in the way our government works, using technology and making certain that we’re achieving efficiencies.”

In conclusion, the Senator pointed out that what’s needed is pro-growth strategies, keeping in mind that government doesn’t create jobs. “It is the private sector’s goal and responsibility to create those jobs. Government creates the environment in which jobs growth can take place.”

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