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➤ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.



➤ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own. Win these tickets, courtesy of the Flower Lover's Garden Club and The Paper of Montgomery County by sending The Paper a selfie that will be the Smile of the Day. Send a selfie to news@thepaper24-7.com with at least your first name by Sunday June 25. Looking forward to seeing your smile!

➤ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Governor Eric J. Holcomb, in his 2020 State of the State Address, charged the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) with planting 1 million trees during the next five years. Blaine Erwin (left) and Ted Maslanka, Clif Bar volunteers, plant at Greene-Sullivan State Forest April 25. Thanks to the efforts of the DNR Division of Forestry and its partners, that once-lofty goal is well within sight. This spring, 253,400 seedlings were planted on DNR properties, bringing the four-year planting total to 964,900.

2 The first summer event at Waveland Town Park is slated for this Friday, June 16th from 5:30pm-dark. A cruise-in will feature classic cars, bikes, fire trucks and other vehicles. All vehicles are welcome with check-in at 5pm. In addition, a vendor market will be open to shop for local items, goodies, and last-minute Father's Day gifts. Waveland Strong will also have food and concessions for sale, with proceeds going to the Brown Lucky Leaf 4H Club.

3 The Indiana Department of Transportation announces U.S. 231 will be restricted on or after Tuesday, July 11 for bridge maintenance near Crawfordsville. It will be restricted to one lane between E. 400 S. and E. 450 S. through the end of July, weather permitting.

Boomer Bits

Ask Rusty - Will Work Earnings Affect My Social Security At Age 80?

Dear Rusty: I am 80 years old, and I receive monthly Social Security benefits, but I'm thinking about returning to work. At this age, am I limited in how much income I generate without affecting my benefit? If so, how much can I earn without affecting it? Signed: Spry Octogenarian.



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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Dear Spry Octogenarian: Since you have already reached your full retirement age (FRA) for Social Security's purposes, you can earn as much income from working as you like without your monthly Social Security payment being affected. Social Security's earnings test applies only to those who collect benefits before reaching their full retirement age, which is somewhere between age 66 and 67, depending on year of birth.

However, although the earnings test will not apply to you, it's important to know that Social Security benefits are subject to income tax if your annual combined income from all sources (also known as your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" or "MAGI") exceeds certain thresholds.

Your income tax filing status is an influencing factor - if you file as a single and your MAGI is more than \$25,000, or if you file as "married/jointly" and your MAGI is more than \$32,000, then 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your overall taxable income. And if your MAGI as a single filer is more than \$34,000 or, as a married filer more than \$44,000, then up to 85% of the SS benefits you receive during the tax year becomes part of your overall taxable income at your standard IRS income tax rate. Thus, returning to work may result in Social Security benefits unexpectedly becoming taxable income.

For complete clarity, your "MAGI" is your regular Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) on

your income tax return, plus 50% of the Social Security benefits you received during the tax year, plus any other non-taxable income (except Roth IRA withdrawals) you may have had.

So, while your earnings from working at age 80 (and beyond) will not affect your monthly Social Security benefit payment, you may - depending on your total income or "MAGI" - find that your Social Security benefits will become taxable if your combined income from all sources exceeds the above thresholds. And if your benefits will become taxable, you may wish to consider having income taxes withheld from your monthly Social Security payments, which you can do by submitting IRS form W-4V to your local Social Security field office.

Congressman Rich McCormick M.D. Opines On The Biden Presidency

By John Grimaldi

Congressman Rich McCormick [R-GA] was a Marine pilot, an Emergency Room doctor and now he is a "Republican warrior in Congress." In a recent appearance on the AMAC Better For America podcast, he discussed a wide range of political issues with host Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens, including government spending, health care issues, President Biden's open Mexican border and the state of Social Security.

The Fiscal Responsibility Act that President Biden signed into law is intended to avert a debt default and set government spending limits for two years. McCormick was one of 71 members of Congress who voted against the spending bill and he told Weber that whatever savings are to be had under this new law, it doesn't stop the president from using an executive order to override the legislation's limitations, which are based on just 11% of the

budget. The president," still continues to have privileges that are out of check. So, any meager savings we might have can be overridden by an executive order and that was my red line" when it came time to vote on it.

Noting that health care is a big-buck share of the budget, Representative McCormick went on to praise the introduction of the Helping Everyone Access Long Term Healthcare [the HEALTH Act]. It offers a solution that would help provide healthcare services for low-income individuals and families and help Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIP) save on costs. The legislation would let doctors and other healthcare workers offer free care services for the needy in exchange for a charitable tax deduction. McCormick explained that some doctors don't accept Medicaid because it doesn't pay its bills.

The HEALTH Act "allows doctors to see people who are

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Prioritizing Your Health Now That The Public Health Emergency Is Over

(StatePoint) With the national COVID-19 Public Health Emergency officially over, medical experts say it's time to address the health challenges that may have been neglected during -- or created by -- the pandemic.

"Making time for you and your family's preventive medical care and investing in your mental health is essential right now," says Jack Resneck Jr, MD, president of the American Medical Association (AMA). "As you settle into old routines or find new ones, you may be feeling overwhelmed, anxious, afraid or depressed. Give yourself permission to express these emotions, while taking steps to get needed care."

For better health and wellness, the AMA offers these tips:

1. Stay connected: According to the U.S. Surgeon General, the health consequences of iso-

lation include a 29% increased risk of heart disease, a 32% increased risk of stroke, and a 50% increased risk of developing dementia for older adults. Spending time with loved ones, friends or community groups can quickly have a positive impact on mental and physical health.

2. Practice self-care: Getting regular exercise, practicing gratitude and getting enough sleep are all forms of self-care that can improve mental health. Check out the National Institute of Mental Health's resources, which include ideas for better understanding what causes your symptoms and what coping techniques might help you manage your mental health.

3. Know the signs: Feelings of hopelessness or irritability, loss of interest in hobbies and activities, and decreased

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➤ HONEST HOOSIER

On this weekend 40 years ago, Linda and Tim Timmons were married at the 1983 Strawberry Festival - were you there?



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➤ 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 HEALTH TIP

You can't spread poison ivy, oak or sumac to another person once you have washed with warm soap and water.

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.



➤ TODAY'S QUOTE

"If I had a flower for every time I thought of you, I could walk through my garden forever."
-Alfred Tennyson

➤ TODAY'S JOKE

What did one boat say to the other boat?
Up for a little row-mance?

➤ OBITUARIES

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Updates From Sen. Deery



SPENCER DEERY
Guest Column

Enjoying Indiana's Natural Beauty
June is Great Outdoors Month, and West Central Indiana is home to many areas that showcase the natural beauty of our state.

I recently joined Justin Harneson from NICHES Land Trust and local farmer Dan DeSutter for a conversation on regenerative farming and a tour of a Fountain County property being restored and protected by NICHES.

NICHES helps protect natural habitats across the region so Hoosiers can enjoy them for decades to come.

Finding ways to preserve Indiana's natural beauty and making it easier for more Hoosiers to spend time outdoors are causes worthy of the General Assembly's attention.

In this last session, we made a significant investment into the state fund that helps local communities protect Indiana soil and water and to control invasive species. We also unanimously passed Senate Enrolled Act 151, which gave foster families free access to Indiana State Parks.

Studying Important Issues

As a part-time legislature, my colleagues and I have the opportunity to conduct in-depth studies on complicated issues by participating in summer study committees.

This year, these committees will focus on issues like mental health among veterans, crime trends, traffic fatalities, artificial intelligence and more.

Work will also continue on topics from the 2023 legislative session including studying the state's high health care costs, reviewing Medicaid costs, services and possible changes in existing services, and continuing to plan for Indiana's major road and bridge needs.

Perhaps most importantly, the State and Local Tax Review Task Force will take a comprehensive look at Indiana's tax

system. While Indiana has consistently ranked among the best tax climates in the country, this new task force will look for ways to reduce or eliminate certain taxes so Hoosiers can keep more of their hard-earned money. Personally, I am most concerned about property taxes and our need to do more to reduce that burden for senior citizens and other Hoosiers on fixed incomes.

INDOT Update for Senate District 23

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) recently rescheduled lane restrictions along State Road 26 in Pine Village.

INDOT will now restrict lanes on the highway starting as soon as Monday, July 10, for a road rehabilitation project.

Work on this project is expected to last through the end of September.

Indiana DNR Releases New Smartphone App

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently announced it has released a new, upgraded smartphone app for iPhone and Android users.

The app is also formatted for use on iPads and Galaxy Tabs.

The updated app includes information and maps for DNR properties like state parks, forests, fish & wildlife areas and more.

Details on how to download the app can be found at on.in.gov/dnr-apps.

Free Summer Meals Available for Indiana Students

This summer, Indiana students age 18 and younger have access to free, nutritious meals and snacks at more than 1,000 locations across the state through the 2023 Summer Food Service Program.

Locations range from parks and community centers to schools, churches and mobile sites. These, as well as meal services times, may vary throughout Indiana.

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

Experts Seek To Mitigate Negative Effects Of Dry Weather On Cattle Feeding, Outline Solutions

An impending drought caused by lower-than-average rainfall in the spring and summer seasons could result in inadequate forage yield for cattle in parts of Indiana.

A timely publication from Purdue University Extension, Agronomy and Animal Sciences titled "When Forages Are in Short Supply Because of Drought" outlines key management and feeding practices available for producers to reduce the negative consequences of low forage supplies. The publication is free and can be downloaded from the Purdue Extension website.

The authors - Keith Johnson, professor of agronomy and Extension forage specialist; Ron Lemenager, professor of animal sciences and Extension beef systems specialist - offer a methodical analysis of the factors driving drought and a checklist to navigate the various impacts on herd health, including nitrate poisoning.

By discussing 18 vital producer tools in the article - such as providing supplemental feeding,



Photo courtesy of Keith Johnson

Cattle graze during drought in 2012.

known as creep feeding, to calves to obtain near normal weaning weights - the authors seek to help ensure cow production.

Lemenager says, "We had a warm spell in February across much of the state and forages broke dormancy, and then it turned cool again, which set the growth curve back until early May."

He details his experiences speaking with producers across the state, saying: "Many have experienced drier than normal weather. Coupled with usual or above average summer-time temperatures, many are concerned about the possibility of lingering droughtlike conditions."

I'm hearing stories of first-cutting hay yields being anywhere from 30% to 90% of normal."

The Extension specialists highly recommend that producers scout their pastures to see what forage is truly available for grazing. They share that the cool-season grasses have set seed heads, and from the road there appears to be adequate growth, but the leaf material available for grazing may be inadequate to support normal animal performance.

Lemenager adds, "Producers need to avoid overgrazing, which will negatively affect plant regrowth and total tonnage of forage for the

remainder of this grazing season."

Offering feed insights, Johnson explains, "Unfortunately, there are no cheap, easy fixes for beef producers who have both short pastures and limited hay supplies. Good management means beef producers should develop and implement a strategy that specifies what to do with pastured animals and where winter feed supplies will come from, long before the last blade of grass or bale of hay disappears."

Minton elaborates, "Taking the approach of just feeding them some form of concentrated feedstuff may be an unwise approach provided continued elevated feed prices even in the presence of a strong cattle market. Know what it will cost to produce a pound of gain or to maintain body weight before filling the feed bucket."

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Discover Madison, And Other Wonderful Indiana Spots

By Nikki Kelly

Indiana Capital Chronicle

I have taken my fair share of shots at the "IN Indiana" slogan and the recently unveiled but underwhelming road signs that encourage visitors to discover Indiana.

But I got a reminder this past weekend that we Hoosiers need to keep discovering our own state.

Born a Buckeye, I moved to Indiana in 1996 and quickly fell in love with Fort Wayne. I moved to Indianapolis a few years later and am now a full-fledged Hoosier. (You can't get rid of me.) I have traversed all over Indiana — for stories, family excursions and girls' trips.

But somehow, I had never discovered Madison or Clifty Falls State Park.

If Hallmark is looking to shoot on location, you

can't beat this picturesque town of about 12,000.

My sister and I first met for lunch at the Downtown, a delightful little café with great sandwiches and homemade sides. Then we spent hours walking up and down the tidy sidewalks. Dozens of cute shops line the main drag, calling you in with old-school window displays.

It's almost like you are in another time, with independent appliance and books stores alongside home décor, clothing, antiques, ice cream, candies and coffee shops. The coolest toy store I have ever seen — McWhiggins Wonder Emporium — takes up one corner. I'm sure there is a nearby big box store but no way I'm going there with all these locally owned businesses with wonderful wares.

Adding to the ambiance, a number of them have shop cats who purr and love to be petted. (But don't touch Dash's head at Ditto's!)

Houses a few blocks over have so much character and are all well-maintained. A farmer's market around a beautiful fountain completed the day.

You can also run, walk or bike along the river; take a cruise, visit a winery or head to Clifty Falls State Park for serenity and nature. We stayed at the Inn, which overlooks the river. What a great place to have a glass of wine, read a book or meditate.

Discovering Madison after 27 years in the state made me think of other great places to visit or things to do in Indiana.

Here are my five favorites — and I would love to

hear yours:

The Parke County Bridge Festival runs October 13-22 this year. Everyone knows about the crafts, art, antiques and flea markets in Bridgeton, Rockville and Mansfield. And I enjoy those along with yummy fair food. But I encourage everyone to pick a bridge route and drive it, discovering the namesake of the festival. The Blue Route is my favorite.

French Lick is pricey but worth a weekend splurge for a special occasion. I have done the tours of both West Baden and French Lick, learning some wonderful historical facts. West Baden's dome is stunning and almost feels like you have been transported. The restoration of both hotels is something for Orange

County to be proud of, and I am always amazed at Hoosiers I meet who haven't been there.

Indiana is home to some wonderful Amish communities that are great to visit, especially Shipshewana and Middlebury in northern Indiana. Buggy tours, auctions, hand-crafted Amish products, wonderful food and more awaits your visit.

Don't miss out on Indiana's caves. I have been lucky enough to do several in southern Indiana and have a few favorites. Indiana Caverns in Corydon has a fair amount of stairs but is the 7th largest cave in the U.S. and the payoff is a small boat ride at the end with knowledgeable guides. Marengo Cave in Marengo also isn't to be missed, complete with the Penny Ceiling.

The Fort Wayne Children's Zoo remains a special place in my heart. When I lived in the city, I would go there regularly with friends and always enjoyed it. Don't let the word "children's" make you think it's a small petting zoo. It has distinct sections, including an African Journey and Australian Adventure. I also happen to know if you accidentally stay past closing they are really nice about it.

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Bill Sponsored By Baird To Help Property Owners Assess Their Flood Risk Is Now Law

Property owners will have more options on floodplain mapping data to use when applying for building permits thanks to a new law sponsored by State Rep. Beau Baird (R-Greencastle).

Previously, local floodplain administrators were required to consult the Indiana Department of Natural Resources' floodplain maps when reviewing applications for building permits. Starting July 1, Hoosiers applying for these permits will have the option to use the state's maps or have their own survey done. Baird said this law is necessary because the DNR's floodplain maps, adopted during last year's legislative session, resulted in many landowners being newly listed in floodplains despite not appearing in a flood-

plain under the previously used Federal Emergency Management maps.

"The adoption of the state's floodplain maps resulted in a lot of confusion for some Hoosier landowners," Baird said. "Some have seen their property values drop after being listed in a floodplain when they weren't previously. Others got the needed permitting to build homes, only to have the state tell them later that they built in a floodplain and must tear it down. Until we can conduct hearings on how best to proceed with floodplain mapping and give the public an opportunity to weigh in, we need to give property owners options when applying for building permits."

Baird, who is co-chair of the Drainage Task Force, expects this issue to be one

of the bigger topics they address this year. The task force will conduct meetings, with the opportunity for public input, and report final recommendations by December.

Senate Enrolled Act 242, which earned bipartisan support, also allows landowners to request the DNR review its floodplain mapping at no cost and receive a response within 120 days. Additionally, county and local officials charged with vetting building permit applications must be certified on floodplain mapping by June 30, 2025, and landowners, if aware, must disclose if any of their property is in a floodplain when selling to a prospective buyer.

To learn more about new state laws, visit in.gov/newsroom/2023-bill-watch/.

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The following is a listing of church services and various programs that organizations around Montgomery County have sent The Paper. If you would like to have your church information included in this free listing, simply e-mail it to news@thepaper24-7.com by Monday for the Wednesday Print Edition.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday's schedule will include Sunday School at 9:30 and morning worship at 10:30 followed by a pitch-in dinner. After dinner there will be a special service in which Pastor Roe will step aside and Bro. Keith Harris will become the pastor. Meetings will continue with the Danfords Monday through Thursday at 7 each evening.

The public is invited to all the services anytime but especially during our revival with the Danfords. The location is 5113 S 200 W, Crawfordsville. Or just five miles south of Crawfordsville on State Highway 47. For more information call 866-1273 or visit www.faithbaptistville.com.

NEW MARKET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Sanctuary as well as the Drive-in Parking Lot are open for Worship held at 10:00 am. Tony Thomas will speak on "The Traits of a Godly Father". His text is from Psalms 1.

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins at 9:00 am. COFFEE & DONUT FELLOWSHIP is at 8:30 am the first Sunday of each month. The next fellowship is July 2. The worship service and Sunday school are open to everyone.

NEW MARKET FIRST BAPTIST

FIRST BAPTIST OF NEW MARKET WILL CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY THIS SUNDAY DURING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M. HOLY GROUNDS WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M WITH COFFEE AND DONUTS. AT 9:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE OFFERED FOR ALL AGES. THEN AT 10:00 A.M. WE WILL WORSHIP IN SONG AND MESSAGE. WE WELCOME ALL TO JOIN US THIS SUNDAY/ WE ARE LOCATED AT 200 S. FIRST ST. IN NEW MARKET.

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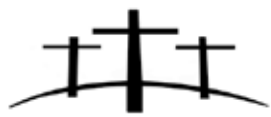
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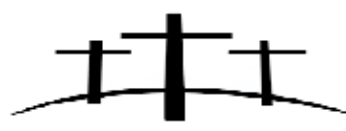
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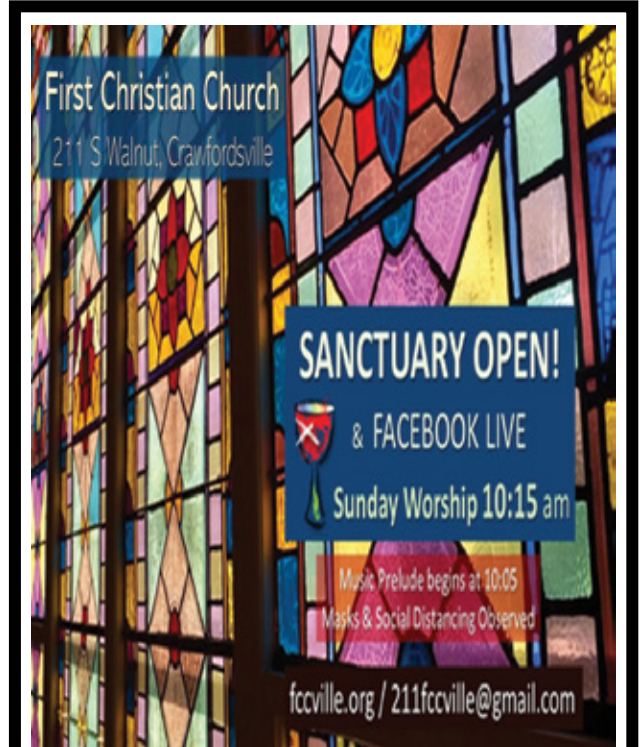
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basically impoverished, people who are on Medicaid, people who need help. It basically is a tax credit that lets us continue to see patients. What we want to do is serve patients and do what is right. But if you're doing it at a larger payer mix than you can afford, you have to limit the number of Medicaid patients." Doctor McCormick went on to address another health issue that has emerged since Joe Biden and his progressive lawmakers took office and opened the Mexican border allowing illicit drug traffickers to enter the country. "It is a very real problem and it's created at the southern border. There are a lot of nefarious people involved with drug trafficking at the southern border. A lot of bad guys come across the border with no accountability. We have a record number of terrorists who have been caught and have encouraged people to break the law, thanks to the Biden administration." McCormick said that the numbers of Americans -- mainly kids -- who've died due to drug overdoses thanks to this administration's come-one-come-all migrant policies is in the hundreds of thousands. But, he said, America has been overwhelmed by "societal problems, whether it be crime, gun violence, drug overdoses, suicide. Once again, you can make laws and rules.

[But] you cannot get rid of racism, for example, with a law. We keep on turning to the very institution that created the problem to begin with. And the more we do that, the more we're going to lose our way. I'm a conservative. I believe that we are the solution, that the Constitution was created to empower us. We are unique in that way. That's what has made America wildly successful. And the more we turn to the government to solve our problems, the worse our problems get." McCormick said that President Biden didn't make things any better when he relied on a "dishonest" argument in his State of the Union address. "The president said that Republicans want to cut Social Security. But the Social Security law was a bipartisan endeavor and so to say Republicans want to cut Social Security is a deliberate lie. We want to save it, but we will have to make some hard decisions. When Social Security was initially instituted, it had an age limit based on age expectancy to see that time. Since then, our age expectancy has gone dramatically up, but the law remains the same. So we have to have a conversation about that. I don't think we can continue with what we have right now. That's obvious. It will become insolvent. I'm open to any solution that's going to save Social Security."

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energy or appetite can all be signs of depression. If you are experiencing signs of a mental health condition, speak to your primary care physician or a psychiatrist. Be aware of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, a national hotline available 24/7. Anyone experiencing a suicidal, substance use or mental health crisis can call or text 988 to speak to trained crisis counselors. 4. Get screened: It's estimated that since April 2020, 3.9 million breast cancer, 3.8 million colorectal cancer and 1.6 million prostate cancer diagnoses may have been missed due to pandemic-related care disruptions. If you're due for preventive care, tests or screenings, make an appointment. 5. Don't wait: An estimated 41% of adults with one or more chronic health conditions reported delaying or forgoing health care since the pandemic started. Additionally, one in three of those adults reported that doing so worsened one or more of their health conditions or limited their ability to work or perform other daily activities. Whether you have a chronic health condition or not, don't wait until something is wrong before seeing a doctor. If something does feel off, schedule an appointment as soon as possible. 6. Get vaccinated: Ado-

lescents and adult immunizations sharply declined during the pandemic and an estimated 26 million recommended vaccinations were missed in 2020 as compared to 2019. Make sure your family is up-to-date on vaccines, including the annual influenza vaccine and the bivalent COVID-19 vaccine for everyone 6 months and older. Your doctor can let you know if you're due for a COVID booster. If you have questions, consult your physician and trusted resources, including getvaccineanswers.org. 7. Know your numbers: Track health data such as height, weight, body mass index and blood pressure in order to share trends with your doctor and take action if needed. Visit ManageYourBP.org to understand what your blood pressure numbers mean and how to get your blood pressure under control. High blood pressure, also known as hypertension, affects millions of Americans and can increase heart attack and stroke risk. For more tips and information, visit <http://www.ama-assn.org>. "It's vitally important to prioritize mental and physical health. Contact your health care professional to schedule the care you need to keep you and your family healthy," says Dr. Resneck.

Registration Open for INAgLaw's Workshop - Estate & Succession Planning for the Family Farm

Registration is now open for the 10th annual Indiana Agricultural Law Foundation's Estate & Succession Planning for the Family Farm workshop. The program will be held via webcast and will be free of charge for all attendees. Family farmers and attorneys are encouraged to join on Thursday, July 20, from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Eastern Time. "It's essential that families work together to create their succession plans before they're needed," said Mark Thornburg, INFB executive director of legal affairs. "This program is designed to encourage family members to begin the conversation of transitioning the farm to the next generation, which requires a great deal of planning and communication." The 2023 session topics and speakers include: •Estate Planning 101. Presented by John Colin, attorney, Simpson Colin LLC. •Four Ways to Lose the Family Farm. Presented by Dan Gordon, partner, Gordon & Associates, P.C. •Bringing the Next Gen-


eration into the Farming Operation. Presented by Matt Folz, partner, Dobbs & Folz, LLC. •Health Plans for the Family Farm. Presented by Steve Allen, manager, Indiana Farm Bureau Health Plans. "The session topics provide practical information regarding the tools of estate planning as well as current developments in the field," explained Thornburg. "A unique aspect of the programming is an emphasis on facilitating communication and understanding family dynamics." The virtual workshop is open to anyone interested in understanding the importance of estate and succession planning to their business. Participants will walk away with valuable tips for getting started. Attendees also will have time to ask questions after each presentation. Registration for the event is required. Attendees may register at www.infb.org/events or www.INAgLaw.org through Tuesday, July 18. The program is approved for 3.3 CLE credits for attending attorneys.

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