SATURDA July 22, 2023

TODAY'S VERSE

John 14:19 "Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live." (ESV)



FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own. Shyanne, the manager at our local Goodwill, offered a winning smile to one of our roving photographers while accepting the Readers' Choice 2023 award. Thank you for your smile!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

Kiwanis is in the process of purchasing a bike for a young man here in Crawfordsville. They are raising money through a GoFundMe page and are asking that you post this in your respective papers. https://gofund.me/ b2d12490

Montgomery County Sheriff, Ryan Needham, has pledged his endorsement to Suzanne Crouch for Governor. "Lt. Governor Crouch has always taken the time to listen to our local needs and has been willing to work with my office on issues. Her knowledge and passion for serving is certainly a benefit to Montgomery County, as well as all Hoosiers. She understands what local Hoosiers need and has made it a priority to help them. She has been an ally for all Indiana law enforcement, and I support Suzanne Crouch to become Indiana's next Governor," said Needham. Ryan Needham is in his second term as Montgomery County Sheriff.

On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will pass over 💛 a large stretch of the United States, beginning in Texas, cross



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Boomer Bits Ask Rusty – My State Pension Eliminated My Social Security Survivor Benefit

Dear Rusty: My husband of 21 years died in January 2022 at the age of 70. We were both retired at the time of his death, and they immediately stopped his Social Security payments. After many calls to Social Security asking why I was not receiving his benefits, I was finally told since I have my own pension from the State of Ohio that I would receive none of my husband's Social Security. I cannot see why my OH retirement has anything to do with my husband's Social Security. I do get a small payment from SS based on my past earnings before I worked for the State of Ohio. Is there any chance of fighting this since we were married when they took money from his earnings for SS? If I wanted to write to an elected official to see if these rules could be changed, who would I write to or call? Signed: Upset Widow

Dear Upset Widow: Unfortunately, your entitlement to a Social Security survivor benefit from your husband is affected by a provision known as the



Social Security Matters

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Government Pension Offset, or "GPO," which affects any surviving spouse with a federal, state, or local government pension earned without contributing to the Social Security program. Ohio is one of 26 states which have opted not to participate in Social Security, thus exempting state employees from paying Social Security taxes on their earnings. The OH state pension which resulted from your state employment means that any Social Security benefits earned outside of your state employment are reduced. The GPO reduction to your survivor benefit is severe – a reduction by 2/3rds of the amount of your Ohio state pension, which can - and often does - completely eliminate any SS survivor benefit you might

otherwise be entitled to. For clarity, the monthly SS payment your husband was receiving at his death stops automatically. At that point, your eligibility for additional SS benefits from your husband was assessed and, because of the GPO, Social Security offset your potential survivor benefit from your husband by 2/3rds of your Ohio state pension, which apparently eliminated your survivor benefit. As unfair as this may seem to you, note that the same thing happens to any surviving spouse who also has their own earned SS retirement benefit - their personal SS retirement benefit offsets their SS survivor benefit, so a spouse with a regular SS retirement

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The Daily Almanac



High/Low Temperatures HIGH: 82 °F **LOW:** 60 °F

Today is... Hammock Day • Lion's Share Day • Summer Leisure Day



On This Day in History • 2003 Raid in Mosul. A raid on a compound near Mosul, Iraq by United States Army 101st Airborne Division ended with the deaths of killing Saddam Hussein's sons Uday and Qusay and Qusay's 14-year old son.

• 1933 American aviator Wiley Post becomes the first person to fly solo around the Earth. Post landed on Floyd Bennett Field in New York 7 days after he departed alone from the same airfield in a Lockheed Vega aircraft known as Winnie Mae. • 1894 World's first competitive motor race. The Paris-Rouen, Le Petit Journal Competition for Horseless Carriages was the world's first city to city motoring competition. Staring in Paris and ending in Rouen, the race was organized by

ing Indiana and exiting through Maine. Caldwell says special eclipse glasses are needed to view this event safely. These glasses are about a million times more powerful than regular sunglasses. When buying online, people should make sure their eclipse glasses are safe to use by looking for ISO (International Organization for Standardization) and CE certification. Caldwell encourages people to order eclipse glasses sooner rather than later. In the months leading up to an eclipse, more people will order, and glasses will become less available.

That Qualify For Coverage Outside Of **The Annual Enrollment Period**

Covered: Understanding Life Events

Helping Indiana Residents Stay

Maintaining health care coverage outside of the annual open enrollment period is top of mind this year as the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) is winding down. "In addition to those looking for coverage solutions if no longer eligible for coverage through a government program, it is a good time to remind individuals that there are other qualifying life events that may make you eligible for certain coverage throughout the year.

Here are a few to consider:

•Losing health care coverage. including job-based, individual, and student plans;

•Losing coverage through a parent's plan when turning age 26

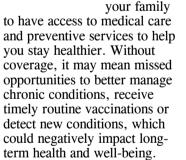
•Getting married or divorced: having a baby or adopting a child; or a death in the family;

•Moving or relocating outside of your zip code and/or state; or

•Change in income. It is important to know if these or other life changes potentially impact your

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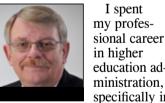
health coverage, which may allow you and



If the most important thing is to stay covered, the next is not to panic. You have options.

•If you are working and eligible for a health care plan through your employer, contact your human resources department or benefits administrator to enroll in your employer coverage.

Vacations **For The** 'Retired'



MARK FRANKE **Guest Column**

education administration, specifically in the enrollment and finance areas. What that meant was summer was my

I spent

busiest time

with students to enroll, orient and bill, and then there was the fiscal year closing accounting work. Other than a few days over the course of the summer when I got by without wearing a tie, summer was a salt mine.

My wife was an elementary school teacher back when our children were still at home and

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the newspaper Le Petit Journal.

Births On This Day

• 1992 Selena Gomez American actress, singer • 1946 Danny Glover American actor

Deaths On This Day

- **1934** John Dillinger American bank robber, murderer
- 1916 James Whitcomb Riley American poet

HONEST HOOSIER

Being proud to be an American doesn't mean you look down on others. It means you lift up this country. Why do so many try to make that into something bad?



TODAY'S EDITION

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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Road Work Ahead

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces State Road 32 will close on or after Thursday, July 20 for culvert work near Alamo. It will be closed approximately 0.75 miles west of S.R. 25 through the end of October, weather permitting. The official detour follows S.R. 341 to U.S. 136 to S.R. 25 to S.R. 32.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"There is always light. If only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it." -Amanda Gorman

🗢 TODAY'S JOKE

What do you get when you milk an Alaskan cow? Milk shakes.



🗢 TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

It's important for women to know if there is breast cancer on their father's side of the family as well as



their mother's. 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.thepa-





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Photos courtesy of Wabash College

Summer Camp Connects Wabash **Education To Careers In Sports**

Motorsports attorney. Communications vice president of an NFL team. Collegiate athletic director. TV play-byplay announcer of an NBA team. Professional soccer team head coach.

While participating Liberal Arts at Play, high school students from around the country discovered all of those fun and engaging careers in sports - and lots more — are possible with a liberal arts education.

In its first year, Liberal Arts at Play: Sports, Society, and Careers at Wabash College drew 80 applicants. The 24 students invited to participate came from Indiana, Arizona, California, Michigan, and Texas.

The week-long residential summer camp was funded by the "Indiana Youth Programs on Campus Initiative" from Lilly Endowment Inc., and created specifically for driven young men, ages 15 to 16, interested in a career in sports.

Liberal Arts at Play (LAAP) combined Wabash's liberal arts curriculum with high-impact teaching practices to develop the skills in young men that lead to remarkable success at all levels of amateur and professional sports. These life skills include the ability to speak and write effectively, listen carefully, and think critically.

"One of the big goals for the program was to connect with high school students early and get them excited and exposed the pathways college that it can take them," said LAAP program director Tyler Wade '12, who is also the director of pre-college programs at Wabash.

"Our college-going rate as a state has continued to decrease over the years, and we want to see those numbers change," he said. "We want to see more students, including new majority students (underrepresented minority students, first-generation college students, and students who qualify for federal Pell Grants), pursuing higher education."

"The Liberal Arts at Play program is a great opportunity, and one I wish I had when I was younger," added Chase Justus, Wabash's youth programming and outreach coordinator. "I don't think I set foot on a college campus until my junior year. By that point, I was behind. Being able to explore campus earlier and learn more about the different career paths you can take with a degree will make a big difference for high school students." Camp participants spent the week engaging with Wabash faculty and staff who led sessions utilizing current issues

and topics in sports as a vehicle to introduce subjects like economics, rhetoric, and psychology — core to the liberal arts. Guests included alumni and friends of the College who work in sports. They connected their liberal arts experiences to their current work and engaged campers with discussions, case studies, and various media productions.

Guests included Chris Carr '82, director of performance psychology for the Green Bay Packers, Steve Campbell '92, vice president of communications and external affairs for the Indianapolis Colts, and Ron Rychlak '80, distinguished professor of law and faculty athletics representative at the University of Mississippi.

"My biggest takeaway from the week was learning that there are so many opportunities in sports that I would have never thought of before," said Jaeden Pollack, a junior from San Francisco, California. "That's something I am seriously considering now after going through the program."

Camp participants also had the opportunity to participate in two days of immersion trips around Indianapolis, which included visits to the NCAA Headquarters, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the Indianapolis Colts Team Facility,

and IUPUI's Carroll Stadium for an Indy Eleven soccer game. Connecting with peers

through fun hands-on learning experiences off-campus was one of Cohen McClamroch's favorite parts of LAAP.

"It was a good time," said McClamroch, a high school sophomore from Crawfordsville. "I really enjoyed being able to meet a lot of new people and make friends from around the country who are interested in pursuing different careers in sports like me."

JP Driscoll, a sophomore from Cedar Lake, Indiana, and the younger brother of Brett Driscoll '24, said he'd recommend the LAAP program to other high school students who want to jump start their college and career searches.

"Wabash and a liberal arts education can prepare you for anything you want to do in your life," Driscoll said. "Join Liberal Arts at Play. It will help you learn a lot about yourself and all the different careers in sports."

Based on the feedback from students and their parents as well as the College's partners who connected with participants throughout the week, Wade said he believes the first year of Liberal Arts at Play was a success and is eager for next summer.









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Meeting Notes — Montgomery County Board Of Commissioners Meeting Monday, July 24 At 8AM

Agenda Memo Montgomery County **Board Of Commissioners** Meeting Monday, JULY 24, 8 AM 1580 Constitution Row Room E109 Call to Order: Board President John E. Frey Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer Consent Agenda Approval of Claims: Accounts Payable Payroll Minutes: June 26, 2023 & July 10, 2023

Affirm USI Authorization to Proceed Form - 2023-02 CCMG Application and Contract Document Preparation -Highway Department

CCMG application assistance from USI consultants for the amount of \$22,000. This is will include cost estimates, develop spreadsheet for quantities, individual estimates for each segment, contract documents, and detailed plans.

Affirm Purchase of Trucks - Highway Department

Enterprise- highway is seeking permission to utilize the enterprise program and obtain 3-RAM 3500 trucks for the amount of \$54,490 per year. This includes all aftermarket equipment needed. This is part of the replacement plan and has been budgeted. Attached are the already signed quotes from Enterprise.

Authorization to Join Lafayette Region for READI 2.0

The State Legislature has created the READi grant program to encourage neighboring communities across the state to work collaboratively to develop a bold vision for their future that will attract, develop and retain talent in Indiana.

To achieve this vision, the State required regions to develop development plans that outlined strategies focused on improving the quality of place, life and opportunity within their communities. To help regions achieve their goals in their development up to \$50 million per region.

Montgomery County joined the 180 Alliance regional group for REA-Di. Other members of the group were Boone County, Hendricks County, Morgan County, Johnson County and Putnam County. The County received a READi grant for the construction of the extension of Purple Heart Parkway from 231 to Ladoga Road.

During the 2023 State legislative process, additional funds were approved for a second round of READi grant funding known as READi 2.0. The State has instructed the donut counties around Indianapolis to belong to the central Indiana regional group for READi 2.0. This means that the 180 Alliance group will no longer exist. The County will need to choose a new regional group. The options include joining the regional groups centered in Lafayette or Terre Haute. Another option is to join the central Indiana regional group. A final option is to create a new regional group with Putnam County and

Greencastle. Based on conversations with the City of Crawfordsville, the City of Greencastle and Putnam County, we are recommending that we join the regional group centered in Lafayette. It is the closest region to

Montgomery County. In order to join the regional group centered in Lafayette, the County must submit letter of intent by July 31, 2023.

Redaction Services & Support Agreement - Recorder's Office

The Recorder's Office is seeking approval of a contract with CSI-Computer Systems, Inc. to provide

redaction services for public documents in the Recorder's Office. The service is an automated process that blocks specific information in a scanned document such as social security numbers from being viewable The proposed contract term is from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027. The cost of this service for newly recorded scanned documents is \$3,375.

CSI also provides this service for documents previously scanned with a cost based on volume:

\$.065/page for a volume of less than 500,000 pages, \$.055/ page between 500,000 and 749,999 pages, \$.045/ page between 750,000 and 999,999 pages and \$.035/ page for 1,000,000 or more pages.

The contract will be paid from the Recorder's Office budget. New Business

2023 Community Crossings Grant Application Financial Commitment

CCMG financial commitment letter state we are responsible for of our 25% plus any that goes over. The engineered estimate has our match at \$351,900. Because of the estimate being high we did cut 2 roads from the application, 200 E between 150 S & 300 S, and 300 S between Ladoga road & 200 E. The roads that we are applying for on the application are

•Concord Road between Crawfordsville City limits and 400 N

•150 S between Ladoga Road & Nucor Rd •700 N between US 231

& 100 W

•600 S between State Road 47 & New Market City Limits

•600 S between New Market City limits & US 231

•MOU with IMPA for **Guardrail Installation** The Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) has requested that the County install a guardrail in the right of way on the west side of County Road 250 East across from the end of Comfort Drive to protect their solar farm located on the west side of County Road 250 East. IMPA has stated that they will reimburse the County for the cost to install the guardrail. The Memorandum of Understanding

for the installation of the guardrail and reimbursement for the cost of installation. Award Guardrail

Quotes

Quotes will be presented at the meeting. Notice to Bidders -

Bridge 182 Notice to bidderslooking for permission to advertise notice to bidders for construction of bridge 182 over big raccoon creek on county road 750 E. The proposed construction consists of constructing a precast flat top structure with precast footers, headwalls, and wing walls. Also includes guardrail, roadway approach work, site grading, and demolition of existing structure according to plans and specifications. Bids are due to commissioner's office August 25th by 3:00 pm. The bids will be opened September 11th at the commissioners meeting.

Opioid Settlement Plan Presentation

The Commissioners assigned Drug Free Montgomery County to develop and administer a plan to utilize the funding from the settlement of Opioid lawsuits. Representatives from Drug Free Montgomery County will present the proposed plan. The meeting packet includes information regarding the proposed plan.

Ordinances Final Reading Ordinance 2023-9: 2024 Local Coordinating Council Grant Fund

The Probation Department has received a \$15,740 grant to support the Juvenile Cognitive Behavioral Program.

First Reading Ordinance 2023-10: Creating the Local Public Health Services Fund

The Indiana Legislature has passed Senate Enrolled Act 4 (2023) and House Enrolled Act 1001 (2023) and signed into law as P.L. 164-2023 to ensure every Hoosier has access to the core public health services that allow them to achieve their optimal health and well-being. The new legislation provides new enhanced funding for local departments of health at the option of local county government. On June 26, 2023, the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners resolved to opt into the funding program. Public Law 164-2023 requires the County to establish a separate fund known as the "local public health services fund" to receive local board of health funding under this program. The proposed ordinance establishes the Local Public Health Services Fund to receive, use, and account for funds received from the State of Indiana by the County for the Montgomery County Health Department as administered by its Board of Health, as a participating member of the legislation. First Reading Ordi-

nance 2023-11: Amending Internal Controls to Adopt Suspension and Debarment Policy

The Ordinance amends the County's Internal Controls Policy to adopt and implement a Suspension and Debarment policy. Federal law requires local governments to comply with certain regulations regarding the contracting of business with third party contractors and subcontractors who are subject to federal suspension and debarment from performing work on projects funded by certain federal and/or state funds. The County follows these regulations but the requirements of the regulations are not contained in the County's internal control policy. The Suspension and Debarment policy will ensure that the County only contracts with contractors and consultants that are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from entering into a contract with the County by any federal or state agency.

First Reading Ordinance 2023-12: Adopting a Federal Funds Purchasing Policy In order for the County to accept funding from the Federal Government, the County must adopt a purchasing policy regarding the procurement of goods, materials and services in accordance with Title 2, Part 200 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The Ordinance adds a new section to the County Code to establish a purchasing policy to comply with these Federal Regulations.

First Reading Ordinance 2023-13: Adopting Internal Control Policy Regarding Federal Grants and Cost Principles

The ordinance adds a Cost Principles Policy to the County's Internal Controls Policy.

When the County is a recipient of federal award, the County is responsible for administering the federal funds according to federal, state, and local laws, as well as according to the federal award itself. Federal law requires the County to adhere to certain accounting principles to ensure that the federal government pays for costs associated with the administration of the awards. The accounting principles that the County is required to comply with are contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, 2 C.F.R Part 200, Subpart E "Cost Principles".

First Reading Ordinance 2023-14: Amending the Clothing Allowance Policy

The County has adopted a clothing allowance policy that outlines the process to provide a clothing allowance or uniform for employees. The Ordinance amends the employee eligibility section to include the Probation Department, Emergency Management/ Homeland Security or any other Department. The Ordinance also removes the requirement that employees purchase clothing or uniforms prior to receiving a clothing allowance.

Resolutions Other Business

plans, the state awarded



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

THE SANCTUARY AS WELL AS THE DRIVE-IN PARKING LOT ARE OPEN FOR WORSHIP HELD AT 10:00 AM. TONY THOMAS WILL SPEAK ON "WHAT IS GENUINE WORSHIP". HIS TEXT IS FROM ACTS 20:7-12. SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9:00 AM. COFFEE & DONUT FELLOWSHIP IS AT 8:30 AM THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. THE NEXT FELLOW-SHIP IS AUGUST 6.

THE WORSHIP SERVICE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE.

NEW MARKET FIRST BAPTIST

FIRST BAPTIST OF NEW MARKET WILL WORSHIP GOD THIS SUNDAY AT 10:00 A.M. HOLY GROUNDS WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M WITH COFFEE AND HOME MADE TREATS. 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.

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



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. The Joy of Faith in Motion "The Parable of the Pure and the Perishing" James 3:13-18

Tim Luekin

NEW MARKET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Reverend William "Bill" Pike Office: 765-866-0703 email: bill.pike@ inumc.org. Please come join our small town church for a friendly church service using hymnals and the rituals of church that you grew up with

101 East Main Street, P.O. Box 326, New Market, IN 47965. Office Phone: 765-866-0703 www.newmarketumc.org Facebook.com New Market United Methodist Church Indiana Open Hearts--Open Minds--Open Doors Sunday School 9:30 and Worship Service 10:45



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Southside Church of Christ

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> Sundays: Worship at 10:30 am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 pm



One Way Pentecostal **Apostolic Church**

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Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7 pm

Saturday evening (speaking spanish service) at 7 pm





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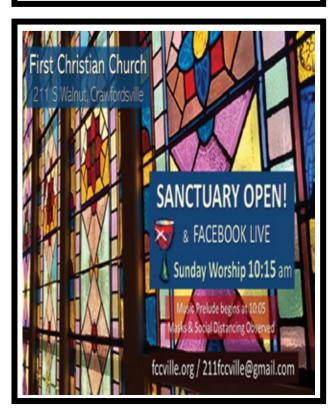
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Sunday School 9:00 AM

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Wednesday Bible Study 4 pm

Thursday Bible Study 6:30 pm - 8 pm

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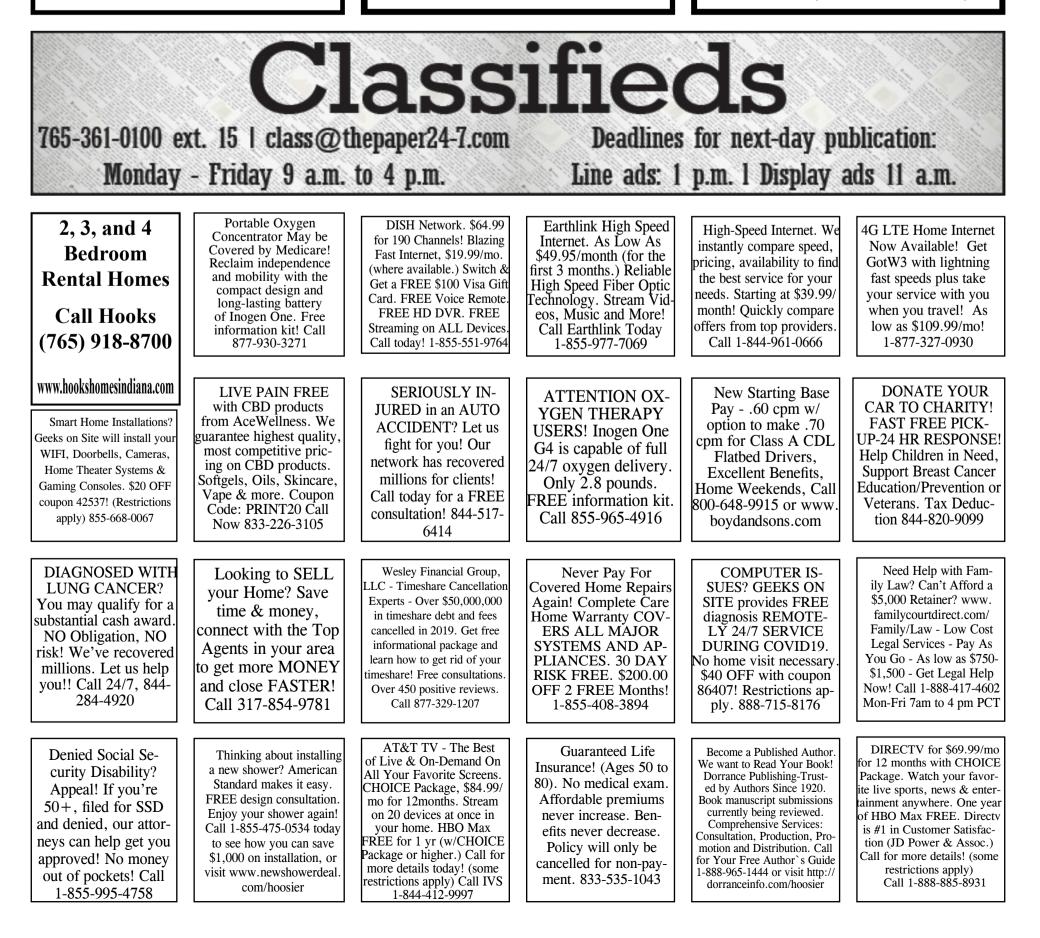
Woodland Heights Christian Church 468 N Woodland Heights Drive, Crawfordsville

"Know Jesus and Make Him Known"

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 pm

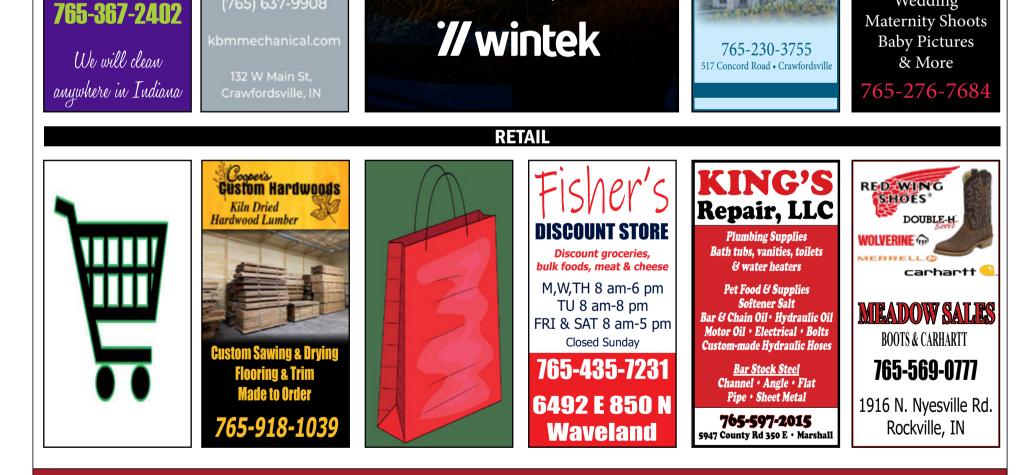
Wednesday 6:30 Bible Study

11 a.m. Worship









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URUSTY From Page A1

benefit higher than their deceased spouse's benefit gets no surviving spouse benefit.

FYI, the State of Ohio has an obligation to make clear that by not paying into Social Security your future SS spousal/survivor benefits are affected. Without knowing how that was presented to you during your OH state employment, here's a quote from Ohio's Public Émployee Retirement System (OPERS) website: "If you are eligible for Social Security benefits and are receiving a retirement benefit from OPERS, your Social Security benefits may be affected by the **Government Pension** Offset or the Windfall Elimination Provision. The Government Pension Offset may also affect you if you are eligible for Social Security benefits through your spouse. The Windfall Elimination

Provision may affect you if you qualify for Social Security benefits due to your own work history."

In any case, you are certainly not alone in your feelings about how your Social Security benefits have been affected by the GPO. This provision was enacted in 1983 and has been challenged in just about every Congressional session since that time, without success. In fact, there is a legislative bill active in the current Congress - H.R. 82 - The Social Security Fairness Act - which was introduced on the House floor in January and "referred to committee" for consideration. Like all preceding WEP/ GPO reform bills, this one sits idle in Committee. If you wish to add your voice to those who oppose the GPO, you should contact your Congressional Representative to solicit action on H.R. 82.

•If you are under age 26 and do not have health insurance through work or school, you can extend coverage through your parent's or guardian's plan as long as you continue to pay the plan premiums.

•If you are not eligible for an employer insurance plan, [STATE] has affordable coverage options available to individuals and families looking for new plans. You may be

From Page A1 eligible for health care plans through the Health-

care.gov marketplace. Health coverage decisions can be made simpler – and there are resources to help. Whether you choose to do your own research and enrollment, or engage outside services, finding what you are eligible for and what you can afford can help you find health coverage and ensures access to care now.

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summer was her downtime, down to the extent that she went into school for only a few hours each day to prepare for the upcoming year. What she wanted to do was go "on vacation," a term I learned to dread.

First, there was the failure to communicate to her the fact that summer was my busiest time of year. As a division executive I had to enforce a rule that limited summer vacations for the rank-and-file staff. We tried our best to let each administrative department give every staffer a week off but that didn't always work. I could not in good conscience take a vacation in summer while preventing all those hard-working people from doing the same.

From Page A1 the Bible runs a distant second in this race. It is instructive to recall that my wife was an elementary school principal; she is used to getting her way by fiat. It comes as no surprise that we have done

substantial travel in these latter years. I write this as we are on the coast of Lake Michigan where our daughter and her family spend the summer. A good time is being had by all, except for me of course, as I worry about the grass

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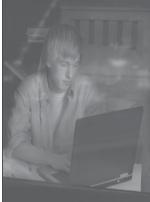


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Leadership is simply a matter of leading by example. Caesar's wife must be above suspicion.

So my wife and children took most of their summer vacations with my parents, who loved to travel. Thank God for them, backstopping my moral deficiency as a parent — a deficiency not absolved by blaming the job.

Now I am retired and no longer can blame the job or my boss or the enrollment calendar. The truth of the matter is that I still don't get the idea of summer vacation. It just doesn't seem right.

Here's the root of the problem: My wife spent her professional career in elementary education as a teacher and principal. Those folks are manacled to a calendar and a bell; everything is scripted for nine months. It is easy to understand why a teacher looks forward to the freedom of summer, even those like my wife who worked throughout the summer driven by her professionalism.

Meanwhile my professional career was blighted by regular travel with airports and hotels and highway driving.

Do you see the problem? My wife's idea of a rewarding retirement is to travel extensively since she did not have that opportunity to do so in her career. My goal in retirement is to never leave my property. I want to dwell safely under my own vine and fig tree, as Old Testament Israel did during the reign of King Solomon.

And so we have the Bible up against my wife's plans for our retirement. Divinely inspired or not, back home growing beyond normal cutting length and the missed meetings of my not-forprofit boards. So I am stewing in angst while the rest of the family is having what sounds like fun in the other room.

I guess you can officially retire, which means simply that you no longer draw a paycheck, without really retiring mentally. It's been ten years since I was offered the opportunity to retire by my erstwhile employer of nearly 40 years. I have yet to adapt. I have increased my involvement with my church and other charitable organizations to the point that I "go to work" nearly every day.

After those 40 years of wearing a suit and carrying a briefcase, I now wear old clothes and carry a tool bag and a paintbrush. Being a volunteer maintenance man at my church's school is rewarding beyond anything I could have anticipated. First, I leave each day having finished a project or two. That almost never happened back in the day. Second, I can't describe the reward of going into a classroom and fixing something a young child broke and being hugged by the students as I leave. That never happened at the college level, but probably that was a good thing.

Enough of that. Here I am wasting time on the shore of Lake Michigan and there is a school gymnasium that needs painting and teachers need work done in their rooms before school starts up again in early August.

And what is that all about? First day of school on August 16? But that's the topic for a future rant.

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