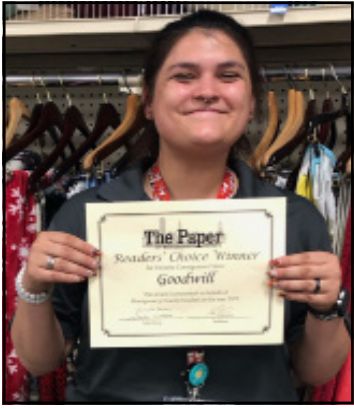


➔ TODAY'S VERSE

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.



➔ 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:

1 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>

2 Cziczko says air quality has gotten better in some locations and worse in others. Areas downwind from wildfire smoke experience a significant drop in air quality. Small particles released from burning material can cause negative health impacts, especially in immunocompromised individuals. Low air quality can also damage crops and other plants within the environment. At the same time, air quality has gotten better in other locations due to initiatives like the Clean Air Act and the widespread installation of catalytic converters on cars. These factors have led to a decrease in harmful emissions and an increase in the quality of the air. During an air quality alert, residents should reduce the amount of time spent outdoors and minimize the use of items that increase pollution, such as cars, mowers and other vehicles. Cziczko says masks can be beneficial if they are of a high enough quality to filter extremely small particles.

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

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Ask Rusty – When Should My Wife Claim Her Social Security Benefits?

Dear Rusty: My wife turns 65 in November of 2023. She was born on 11/21/1958. I am a year younger with an 8/1/1959 birthdate. I know my wife is not at full retirement age, but the difference in her SS payment is not much and collecting 3 years of the lower amount far exceeds her waiting until age 68. My question is: because half of my SS is more than her SS, if she retires this year, will she still get 50% of my SS when I retire? Signed: Planning Our Future



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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plus 10 months, which you will reach in June 2026.

Your wife will get a "spousal boost" to her personal SS benefit if her FRA entitlement is less than 50% of your FRA entitlement but, if she claims before reaching her FRA, her monthly payment when you claim will be less than 50% of your FRA entitlement (taking her own benefit early affects her total payment amount as your spouse). If, instead, your wife waits until her own FRA to claim her SS retirement benefit, her payment when you later claim will be increased to equal 50% of your FRA entitlement.

I assume your reference to your wife "waiting until age 68" refers to her age when you

claim at your FRA, but there is no reason for your wife to wait past her own FRA to claim benefits because her spousal benefit will not be more if she waits longer. So, the question is whether your wife should claim this year and get a reduced payment when you later claim or, instead, wait until her FRA to claim her own benefit and get her maximum benefit later. And that depends on 1) whether your wife is working, and 2) what her life expectancy is:

1. If your wife is working and claims early SS benefits, she will be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much she can earn before some benefits are

➔ See RUSTY Page A8

Paula Scanlon Has A New Take On The Old Song About 'Boys And Girls Together'

By John Grimaldi

For the most part in the United States it is against the law for a man to expose himself in front of a woman. But what about male-at-birth transgender athletes who sign up to join the girls' teams at their schools; are they allowed to go naked among their female teammates? Paula Scanlan made headlines when she told the Daily Mail that when she was on the University of Pennsylvania women's track team, she and her teammates would hide in bathroom stalls to avoid changing in front of a six foot transgender swimmer who joined the team. His name was Will Thomas at birth but he changed it to Lia Thomas when "she" transitioned. Paula joined Association of Mature American Citizens CEO, Rebecca Weber, recently on AMAC's Better For America podcast.

"It was a very challenging situation for everyone involved, and the university did not do a very good job of preempting

the situation," according to Paula. She pointed out that at first the women's swim team was told that they might provide Lia with a separate locker room or that he/she might even continue to change in the men's locker room. But in the end they allowed Lia to use the women's locker room.

"They should have had the discretion to understand that it was going to be a controversial experience for everyone on the team. But it wasn't until media stories started coming in that the athletic department came and spoke to us, and in those meetings they advised us not to talk to the press. They told us that Lia being on the team was non-negotiable and that they would provide counseling services for anyone that objected to Lia being on the team. So it was a very scary situation because they were telling us, essentially, that if we thought a man being on our team was wrong, we needed psychologi-

➔ See JOHN Page A8

Know The Early Warning Signs Of COPD

(StatePoint) Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a long-term lung disease that makes it hard to breathe. A leading cause of disability and death in the United States, more than 12.5 million people have been diagnosed, and millions more may have the disease without even knowing it. While there is no cure, knowing COPD's early warning signs can lead to earlier treatment and may prevent its progression.

The American Lung Association, funded with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is sharing the following insights to help Americans recognize the warning signs of COPD and take action:

Early Warning Signs of COPD

Not everyone has the same COPD symptoms, but some of the more common early warning signs and symptoms may include shortness of breath, a cough that may bring up mucus

➔ See COPD Page A8

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

210 days down, 155 left and then 2023'll be a memory.



➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

One or two sugary drinks a day can increase your risk of developing diabetes by 25 percent. 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.



➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Tails And Tunes

Tonight, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County is hosting the Tails and Tunes live concert event on Green Street, just in front of Backstep Brewery. The live concert will feature the Dapper Dan band. Pizza will be provided by Wildfire 348. Tickets are \$15.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"It's continuously humbling to work hard, you know? As long as you've got a good work ethic and a sense of humor, I don't think anybody can become too much of an egoist under those circumstances."
-Rachel Ray

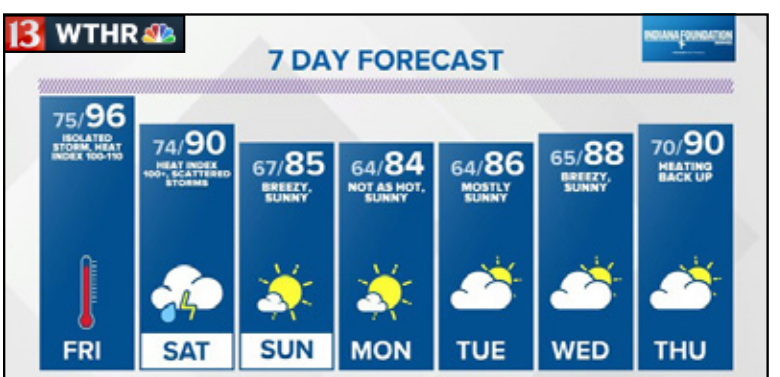
➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Where do sheep go on summer vacation?
The baa-hamas!

➔ OBITUARIES

Marilyn J. Sullivan

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



OBITUARIES

Marilyn J. Sullivan

November 14, 1939, Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Marilyn J. Sullivan, 83, of Shelbyville, passed away Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at Community Hospital East.



Born November 14, 1939 in New Castle, Indiana, she was the daughter of Horace "Pete" Shepherd and Ellen (Hernly) Shepherd. She married Raymond H. "Ray" Sullivan on August 26, 1961 and he survives.

Other survivors include a daughter Shannon Hudson (husband Doug) of Crawfordsville; one grandson- Tyler Hudson of Peru, Indiana; 2 step granddaughters, and 5 step great granddaughters. She was preceded in death by her parents, and one sister Peggy Lamb.

Mrs. Sullivan had lived in this area since 1974, after moving from Bloomington/Normal, Illinois. She graduated from New Castle High School, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the PSI IOTA XI Sorority, was a Girl Scout Registrar, a former president of the Shelby County Council on Aging, and a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

Marilyn was an avid reader. She enjoyed traveling, and loved watching the Hallmark Channel.

She enjoyed Bible Study and attending church functions, and was a huge Statler Brothers fan. She loved playing board games and spending time with her family and grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 2:00 pm on Monday, July 31, 2023 at South Mound Cemetery, 505 Bundy Ave., New Castle, with Rev. Bruce Banister officiating.

Friends may call locally on Monday morning, July 31, 2023 from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon, at the Glenn E. George & Son Funeral Home 437 Amos Road.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Shelbyville/Shelby County Animal Shelter, or the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, in care of the funeral home.

Online condolences may be shared at glennegeorge-anson.com.

Meeting Notes

Union Township Trustee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 1
5:30 P.M.

Union Township
Trustee's Office - 1311
Darlington Avenue Craw-
fordsville

I. CALL TO ORDER -
President Dennis Hohlbein
II. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

A. May 24, 2023

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Brush Truck-Quote
for Brush guard and
Nozzles

B. Booster reel and hose

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. YSB REINdear Proj-
ect request

B. DLGF Budget work-
shop virtual meeting is

August 11 at 11:30

C. Public hearing for
2024 budget is tentatively
set for 9/13 at 5:30

D. 2024 Budget adop-
tion meeting is tentatively
set for 9/27 at 5:30

V. OTHER BUSINESS
(For Information Only -
No Board Action Neces-
sary)

A. Account Balance
Sheet (as of June 30, 2023)

B. Linda Chesterson has
rescinded her resignation

VI. NEXT MEETING

VII. PUBLIC COM-
MENT

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

(Agenda Subject to
Change)

**Mr. And Mrs.
Cooksey**



Mr. and Mrs. Rex (Dianne) Cooksey recently celebrated their 43rd anniversary. They were married July 26, 1980 at Whitesville Christian Church in Whitesville, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Cooksey reside in Crawfordsville have two children, Amber Cooksey and Josh (Shelly) Cooksey. They also have three grandchildren, Addie, Belle and Harper.

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Drug Free Montgomery County Coalition Celebrates Promising Strategies For Substance Abuse Issues

Reducing the issue of substance use in our community is not simple and there is not just one strategy that will make the kind of progress we want and need. The Coalition has employed a number of strategies to have an impact on substance use issues in our community.

The Coalition is making great progress through its Mini-grant program that supports the agencies and organizations that are doing the front line work: the probation department, health department and local agencies. They are providing education and prevention services, treatment and intervention programs and support to local law enforcement/criminal justice all with the financial support of the Montgomery County Drug Free Coalition. On 7-26-23 the Drug Free Montgomery County Coalition presented checks to six local agencies, totaling more than \$31,000. All of these funds granted will have a tremendous impact in helping our community and its residents be healthier and substance use free.

The following were the mini-grants awarded:
 Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau - \$2,500.00 for National Night Out. National Night Out is an annual event that the YSB puts on for the community of Montgomery County. It is estimated that this project will reach about 1,000 people. The purpose of National Night Out is to help bring awareness to the whole community on how they can take their community back from criminals by simply being involved and aware. It is hoped that an increased public presence will help deter criminal activity including crimes related to legal or illegal drugs. This event will include a dinner for all attendees, music and entertainment

are being provided. Local organizations and businesses are going to provide games, prizes, and information about their programs. This event helps bring families out for a fun evening in the community where they can learn about resources to reduce the impact of risk factors they might be facing.

Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau - \$2,000.00 for positive youth programming. The money from this grant will go towards our Youth as Resources program and our Inspire Girls Group mentoring program. Both of these programs provide positive youth programming that keeps our youth engaged in positive activities and offers programming that helps them overcome risk factors like poverty, lack of support and guidance of a caring adult, and negative peer groups. Funding would be used to provide supplies such as food for the meetings, materials for lessons, and for field trips (such as college visits).

Integrative Wellness - \$825.00 for CADAC Credentialing and ACES Facilitator Training. InWell is looking to expand their capacity to tackle the substance use population by having one of their peer recovery specialists get credentialed in CADAC. This is Certified Alcohol and Drug Addiction Consultant and it will allow them to provide assessments and counseling for substance use. They are also requesting funding to put their Director of Recovery and Addictions through the ACES and Trauma in Substance Use facilitator training. Then they plan to host 2-4 trainings a year in various settings.

Integrative Wellness - \$1,000.00 for their Recovery event. The funds requested will help promote the event.

The recovery event falls under target areas of their comprehensive community plan including: stigma reduction, education, prevention, spreading awareness of the resources available to individuals needing treatment and supporting substance use disorder.

Integrative Wellness - \$199.00 for Xylazine Test Strips. InWell is requesting these funds to purchase Xylazine test strips. According to overdoes lifeline this drug has been causing people to overdose and it is not a new drug to the illicit drug market. Xylazine is a drug that is not yet approved for human consumption as there has not yet been enough studies done on it. It essentially attacks the nervous system and can easily result in death. These funds will purchase Xylazine test strips and will be given to their clients in active addiction.

Montgomery County Health Department - \$3,000 for safe sharps collection and disposal. This program is to promote safe needle disposal for the community. It will be utilized to safely dispose used needles in the community and help to prevent and protect individuals from contracting diseases from improperly disposed needles. It will help reduce the amount of used needles being disposed improperly in the community and educate individuals on the proper way to dispose of needles, while providing easy access to do so.

North Montgomery High School SADD Program - \$1,750. SADD's unique approach involves young people delivering education and prevention messages to their peers through school and community wide activities and or campaigns. SADD Plans to use these funds to purchase SADD items for

their five various projects that bring awareness to the dangers of alcohol and drug use particularly in youth for the 2023-2024 school year.

Recovery Coalition - \$4,800.00 for the Recovery Rec Center. The Recovery Rec center provides many different programs for those in Recovery and even those who have no known substance use issues. They provide various support groups, and meetings as well as free events for the community. These funds will be used to help with Recovery Rec center expenses. As well, the Recovery Rec center is a warming shelter during the winter months for this experiencing homelessness. Due to this they have items such as clothes, blankets, and toiletries for those experiencing homelessness and they would like to use part of these funds to build a community closet shed at the Rec center.

Montgomery County Probation Department - \$3,000 for Juvenile Cognitive Behavioral Programs. Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) is an evidence-based program that provides intervention in a group setting to address common thinking errors of juveniles and young adults in the criminal justice system. Change journals are evidenced-based interactive journaling, a structured and experiential writing process that motivates and guides participants toward positive life change.

Montgomery County Probation Department - \$3,000.00 for Emergency/Transitional Housing. These funds will be used to purchase a hotel room, help pay rent, or on occasion help with utility bills if the offender is at risk of losing housing due to an outstanding bill, or if the house is unsafe without utility.

Montgomery County Probation Department - \$1,500.00 for Veterans Treatment Court Incentives. Veterans Court is a problem-solving court that utilizes non-adversarial approach to reach and treat justice-involved veterans. It provides them with the support they need during their time with the justice system and offers help with mental health services. One of the evidence-based components of problem-solving court is to reward positive behavior modification through the use of incentives. These funds will be used to help purchase the incentives such as small tokens, gas and food gift cards, payments for drug screen fees, and or medication and treatment costs.

Montgomery County Probation Department - \$2,500.00 for Drug and Alcohol Education and Intervention Program for Court Ordered Clients. The main goal for the use of these funds would be to provide financial assistance with the cost of substance use educational program, specifically the Prime for Life program. This will be for probationers who need the assistance and it would lessen the burden on those clients and help them to feel less overwhelmed. It is believed that there is a strong relationship between substance use and criminal behavior. Therefore providing assistance will allow more individuals to be able to take these drug and alcohol educational classes and hopefully reduce the usage.

Montgomery County Probation Department - \$3,500.00 for Drug Court Incentives for Positive Reinforcement. Drug Court is a program to supervise those who were involved in the criminal justice system and or had substance abuse issues. The goal of this program

is to help the offender learn how to maintain sobriety from drugs and alcohol in a supervised program. Research has shown that punishment alone does not change offending behavior. But punishment and other techniques such as positive reinforcement is the most way of changing behaviors. The funding from this will assist in giving positive reinforcement to the offender. That may be through tokens, gas cards, helping with payments for drug screens, medication, or other treatment costs. This program not only punishes the offender for bad behavior but it praises them for good behavior.

Montgomery County Probation Department - \$2,240.00 for Juvenile and Young Adult Drug Screen Initiative. These funds have been requested because the severity of drug use in the Montgomery County is alarming. Not only is Montgomery County dealing with gateway drugs, but also they are watching youth become addicted to Methamphetamine, Heroin, and synthetic drugs. Fund are being sought to reduce the drug testing costs for youth and young adults (up to age twenty-one) of Montgomery County and their families while utilizing drug testing as a supervision tool.

For further information, you can contact the Drug Free Montgomery County Coalition through the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau. Contact Karen Branch at 765-362-0694 ext 105 or by email at admin@mcysb.org. You may also visit the web site at www.mcysb.org or https://drugfreemoco.org/ The Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau and their program, Drug Free Montgomery County Coalition are both United Way in Montgomery County partner agencies.



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FAITH

INCLUDE YOUR INFORMATION The Paper of Montgomery County is asking churches to send us church news by noon on Thursday. Information can be e-mailed to: news@thepaper24-7.com

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

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

NEW MARKET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE SANCTUARY AS WELL AS THE DRIVE-IN PARKING LOT ARE OPEN FOR WORSHIP HELD AT 10:00 AM. TONY THOMAS WILL SPEAK ON "HOW TO HAVE A REVIVAL?". HIS TEXT IS FROM ACTS 19:1-20.

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 AUGUST 6.

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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.

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

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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.

James: Warnings and Wisdom "Pressure Points and Perseverance" James 4:1-12

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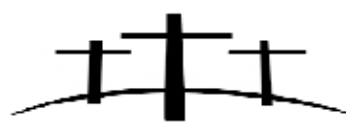
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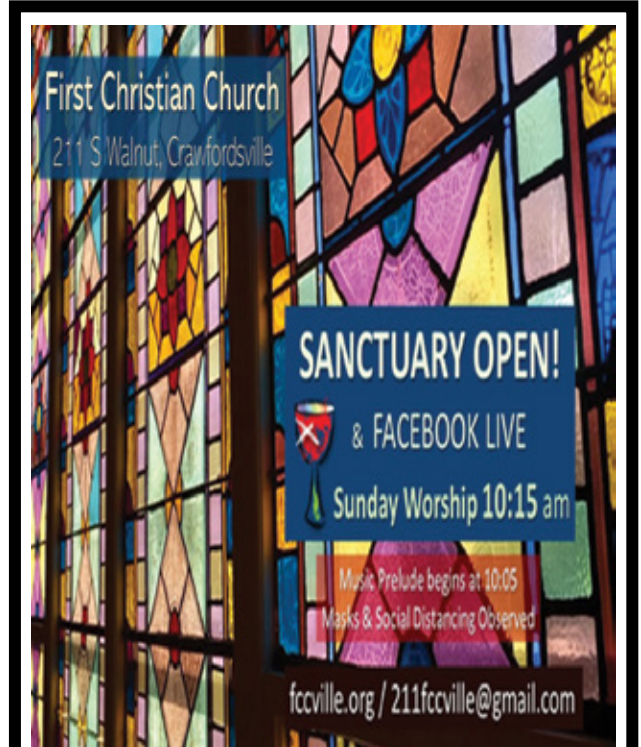
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Thursday Bible Study

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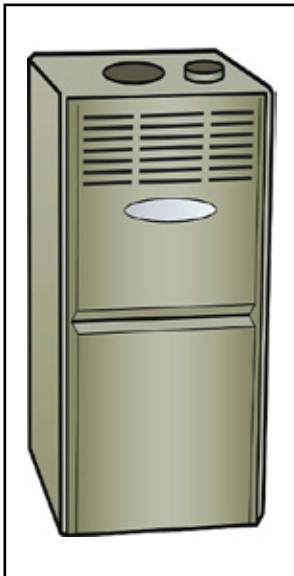
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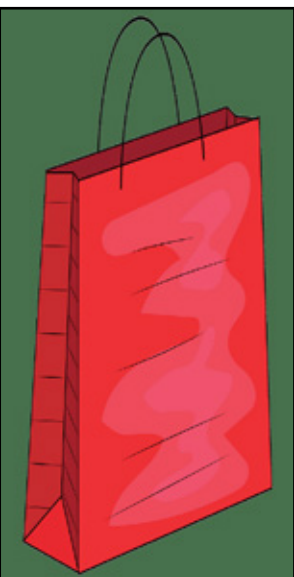
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Young, Colleagues Cheer Senate Passage Of Organ Donation Reform Bill

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Ben Cardin (D-Md.), and Bill Cassidy (R-La.) today cheered congressional passage of H.R. 2544, the House companion to S. 1668, the Securing the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act. The legislation will help break up the monopoly contract used to manage the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN). The bill, which passed the Senate by unanimous consent, now heads to the president's desk for signature after passing the House of Representatives earlier this week.

"This is an important day for thousands of Americans who are in need of life-saving transplants," said Young. "The Securing the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act includes necessary reforms that will help ensure accountability and transformation in the organ donation and transplant system. This bipartisan bill will save lives, and I look forward to it being swiftly signed into law."

"Today is a monumental day in the effort to improve the organ donation and transplantation system for Americans and their families who are counting on transplants to save their lives," Wyden said. "With congressional passage of our legislation, the Biden Administration will have the tools it has asked for to implement a comprehensive modernization of the OPTN contracting process. I look forward to continuing my work to improve this system so more Americans can receive lifesaving transplants."

"Today's bill passage is proof that bipartisanship still works in Washington," Grassley said. "I've been grateful to have support from my colleagues on both sides of the aisle since I first began investigating the organ industry in 2005. At long last, Congress has succeeded in untangling years of deadly errors in the organ industry to give patients a better shot at lifesaving care and root out corruption. Americans in need of organ donations, especially rural residents and people of color, will be greatly benefited by these changes."

"Last week, I held a hearing in the Senate Finance Health Care Subcommittee that highlighted the devastating failures of the current U.S. transplant system that impact thousands of patients. The message was clear: we urgently need oversight, reform, and transparency," said Cardin. "Passing the Securing the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act is another step towards improving the OPTN so more patients can access transplants safely and efficiently. As 17 people die each day under the current system, Congress will not accept mismanagement when lives are at stake."

"The management of the U.S. organ transplant system needs serious reform," said Dr. Cassidy. "Breaking up this monopoly will increase competition, save lives and improve the system. Glad to see our legislation pass Congress and look forward to it becoming law."

The legislation would remove barriers in OPTN contracting and give the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) statutory authority to improve management of the organ transplantation system in the U.S. As the current OPTN contract is set to expire, the new contract procurement process must begin this fall, making the proposed changes urgent and timely for HRSA to make meaningful reforms. Earlier this week, the House passed H.R. 2544 under suspension with a voice vote.

Last year, the Finance Committee revealed consistent mismanagement and underperformance by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), the organization that has held the contract since its inception decades ago. In March, HRSA launched an initiative to modernize the OPTN so it better serves patients and families.

Additional co-sponsors include Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Cory Booker (D-N.J.), Patty Murray (D-Wash.), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), J.D. Vance (R-Ohio), Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.).

Protecting Our Children



SPENCER DEERY
Guest Column

Nothing is more important than the safety and well-being of our children, especially at school. This is why

I was proud to support the following measures during the 2023 legislative session to help keep Hoosier students and schools safe.

- The new 2024-25 state budget appropriated \$49.2 million over the biennium – an \$11.2 million increase from the previous budget – to the Indiana Secured School Safety Grant (SSSG) program, which helps Indiana schools fund resources to improve their security.

- House Enrolled Act 1492 expands the SSSG program's qualified expenses to include threat detection equipment, safety-related training costs for staff and renovations to enhance school properties' physical safety.

- HEA 1492 also requires counties to establish a School Safety Commission, which consists of various law enforcement and school officials from each school district in the county.

- Another new law requires a school corporation to prioritize bullying victims' safety and increase communication regarding bullying incidents with the victims' and offenders' parents.

As students resume

school in the next couple of weeks, parents should feel confident sending their children to school to receive a secure, high-quality education. This is why, as your state senator, I will continue to support measures that help Indiana schools maintain a safe environment where students can learn and grow.

Remain Aware of School Buses

Indiana students will start school soon, which means you will be seeing school buses on the road again. It is important for all of us to remain aware and cautious of traveling and stopped school buses when we are driving.

Indiana Food Banks Receive \$2 Million

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture awarded Indiana's 11 food banks a historic \$2 million to help local food pantries, soup kitchens and other food distribution centers receive additional products from the food banks that serve their locations.

I was pleased to support this funding, which doubled previous appropriations, during the 2023 legislative session so Indiana food banks can better help Hoosiers in need.

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

Court Affirms Juveniles May Be Tried As Adults

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and his team prevailed this week in an Indiana Court of Appeals case over whether juveniles accused of serious crimes may be tried as adults — successfully arguing that violent offenders must be held accountable.

"In Indiana, we don't believe in coddling criminal defendants," Rokita said. "Our office handles more than 1,000 criminal appeals cases each year, and we will continue working tirelessly to keep dangerous offenders off the streets. Hoosiers deserve to feel safe in their homes and neighborhoods."

The case decided by the Court of Appeals this week

involved defendant Montez Ellington, now 17, who allegedly fired gunshots into a car at a gas station in 2021 — killing 15-year-old Chloe Carroll.

Rokita thanked his team for their excellent work on behalf of Hoosiers — specifically naming Deputy Attorney General Ellen Meilaender and her supervisor, Angela Sanchez, who oversees the Criminal Appeals Division.

"Adult criminal courts have jurisdiction to adjudicate criminal charges filed against juveniles who have been waived out of the juvenile court system," Rokita said. "Thanks in part to our team's strong efforts, the Indiana Court of Appeals has affirmed this important principle."

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Notice is hereby given the Taxpayers of Montgomery County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers of Montgomery County will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the 2023 Budget Order from the DLGF at the regular Council meeting on August 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Community Meeting Room, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

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1168	Local Health Maintenance	0610	Health Department	21925	Water Lab Supplies	\$10,000.00
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9188	DOC Grant	0235	Probation	33500	Seminars & Training	\$40.00
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The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken. This will be considered a work session for the Board of Commissioners in conjunction with the scheduled Council meeting.
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Denny and the Dreamers (l-r, TJ Bird, Trent Mosty, and Brett Frederickson) anxiously prepare for the Big Whopper Radio contest in Sh-Boom! Life Could Be a Dream running from August 4th – 25th at Myers Dinner Theatre in Hillsboro

Denny And The Dreamers Sing Their Hearts Out At MDT!

Myers Dinner Theatre is excited to continue their 2023 Main Stage season with the juke box musical, *Sh-Boom! Life Could Be a Dream*. This show, dedicated to the rock 'n' roll music of the 1950s, will open on Friday, August 4th, with seating for dinner at 6:00 p.m. ET and the meal at 6:30. This play, directed by Brett Mutter, will run through Saturday, August 26th.

Meet Denny and the Dreamers, a fledgling doo-wop singing group preparing to enter the Big Whopper Radio contest to realize their dreams of making it to the big time! Trouble comes in the form of Lois, who arrives to put some polish on the boys. Denny falls in love, Wally falls in line, Eugene falls apart, and along comes handsome heartthrob Duke to send the whole situation spinning. The '60s hits say it all: "Fools Fall in

Love," "Tears on my Pillow," "Runaround Sue," "Earth Angel," "Stay," "Unchained Melody," "Lonely Teardrops," and "The Glory of Love."

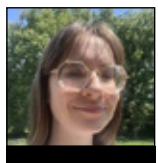
Winner of the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Best Musical Award, *Sh-Boom! Life Could Be a Dream* will leave you laughing, singing, and cheering—let's hear it for the boys! This musical will feature veterans on the MDT stage. Featured in this show are Trent Mosty (as Denny Varney), TJ Bird (Eugene Johnson), Brett Frederickson (Wally Patton), Cooper Fitch (Duke Henderson), and Love Ruddell (Lois Franklin / Mrs. Varney).

Grease opens Friday, August 4th and runs through Saturday, August 26th, with weekday matinee seating for meals at 11:30 a.m. ET, the meal at noon, and curtain at 1:30 p.m. Friday and

Saturday evening performances will have seating for meals at 6:00 p.m., and curtain at 2:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased by phone at 765-798-4902, ext. 2, from our Facebook page, or by visiting the MDT website at www.myersdt.com.

Performance dates vary, so consult the online calendar for show dates and times. Theatre prices are \$49.50 for dinner and theatre, \$37 for students (ages 4-18), and show-only for \$35. Prices do not include taxes, handling fees or gratuity for wait staff. Season tickets, group pricing, and bus parking are also available. Myers Dinner Theatre is located at 108 Water St Hillsboro and is handicap accessible.

Photography Books Use Pictures To Say A Lot



SUSANNA HOWARD
Fresh Off The Shelf

A picture is worth a thousand words.

This month, see what these photography books have to say. From daguerreotypes to digital cameras, enjoy snapshots of other's lives, and the moments which, in the blink of an eye, they decided to preserve forever.

The accessibility and immediacy of photography are important to its success as a medium, but there's more to taking a great picture than keeping your thumb off the lens. Both the amateur collection of Vivian Maier: Out of the Shadows (779.092 Mai) and the more professional work seen in Intimate Visions: The Photographs of Dorothy Norman (779.092 Nor) focus on average everyday life, but what makes them fascinating is how each artist composes a photo to tell a larger

story.

Our shelves are only so large. Books that don't fit on the normal shelves are stored in the north-east corner of the library, near the periodicals in our Oversize Collection area. Science, history, and culture are rendered larger than life in these beautiful books, but they're easy to overlook. If you love The Day in Its Color: Charles Cushman's Photographic Journey Through a Vanishing America (779.092 San) and Overview: A New Perspective of Earth (778.3 Gra), don't miss out on Gray Malin's Escape (779.092 Mal - oversized).

Photography is not just an art form, but an important tool. Sarah Parcak uses satellite imaging to map ancient landmarks in Archaeology from Space: How the Future Shapes Our Past (930.1 Par). Decades before the Vietnam War was televised, history was documented in pictures, as seen in the photojournalism of Margaret Bourke-White:

Photographer (779 Bou) and There Once Was a War: The Collected Color Photography of World War II (940.53 The).

All else aside, photography is fun. Cameras are so commonly available these days, anyone can give it a shot. You can take pictures of beautiful landscapes, sentimental moments, or Underwater Dogs like Seth Casteel (779.329 Cas). The Polar Bear Waltz and Other Moments of Epic Silliness: Classic Photographs from Outside's Magazine's "Parting Shot" (779 Pol) has some great examples of how the right angle and timing can turn the majestic completely ridiculous.

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50% of your FRA entitlement, waiting until her FRA to claim will result in getting her full personal amount first and then later her maximum entitlement (including her spousal boost). If she claims now, her later payment (which includes her spousal boost) will be less than half of your FRA amount. If your wife's life expectancy is at least average, waiting until her FRA to claim will likely yield the highest cumulative lifetime benefits.

But if your wife isn't working full time, by

claiming now (vs. at her FRA) she would get her reduced personal benefit for an extra 2 years. If you divide the amount your wife would collect over those two years by the difference between her current benefit amount and her maximum spousal amount (half of your FRA entitlement), you will see how long it would take for your wife to recover those 2 years of benefits. And if her life expectancy is less than that length of time, then claiming earlier is likely the right move.

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or phlegm, chest tightness, fatigue and reoccurring lung infections. People may think these symptoms are because of aging, smoking or being out of shape and become less active to avoid experiencing them. These signs and symptoms shouldn't be ignored. Speak with your healthcare provider if you experience any of these symptoms and discuss any activities you are avoiding due to breathing difficulties.

Risk Factors and Diagnosis

Anyone can develop COPD, but people aged 40 or older and those who smoke or used to smoke are at higher risk. Cigarette smoking is the leading cause of COPD, however 1 in 4 people with COPD never smoked cigarettes. Secondhand smoke, air pollution, workplace exposures to dust, fumes and chemicals, and a genetic condition called alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency (AATD) are also causes and risk factors for COPD.

People are often diagnosed at later stages of COPD when the disease has progressed because they delayed sharing their

early symptoms with their healthcare provider. Everyone with risk factors and those experiencing early warning signs should talk to their healthcare provider about any breathing issues. It's especially important for women to do so. Because COPD has been historically thought of as a "man's disease" or an "old person's disease," women are sometimes misdiagnosed or receive a delayed diagnosis. But overall, more women are affected by COPD than men and the death rate is higher in women. In addition, women tend to develop the disease at a younger age.

To diagnose COPD, the healthcare provider will evaluate symptoms, gather a complete health history, conduct a health exam and perform a pulmonary function test called spirometry. The results of the spirometry test can determine if you have COPD.

Lifestyle Changes

In addition to treatment, certain lifestyle changes may make a difference, as patients living with COPD know firsthand. After being diagnosed with stage

2 COPD in the wake of a COVID-19 infection, Bob F. partnered with his doctor and started monitoring his breathing at home and leaned into exercise. His hard work has paid off, with his last pulmonary function test showing that the disease has not progressed, and he is in better overall shape than before.

"Most of the advice you should follow is no different than what doctors tell us all. Eat right, exercise, sleep, drink plenty of water, manage your weight and don't smoke. If you do these things, you may slow the progression of your COPD," says Bob.

But you shouldn't wait until a COPD diagnosis to make these changes. Lifestyle changes like quitting smoking, avoiding secondhand smoke and reducing your exposure to air pollution may reduce your risk for developing COPD. If you are experiencing shortness of breath or other respiratory symptoms, do not delay talking to your healthcare provider about your symptoms or COPD risk factors. For more information about COPD, visit Lung.org/COPD.

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cal help."

Paula is a Taiwanese American and, as she noted, America "was built on the idea of free speech. My grandfather loved America and he saw that there were issues in Taiwan where there wasn't freedom of the press, there wasn't freedom of speech, and he wanted to mimic what we had in America. And if we are doing this here, we set the tone for every other country to also do the same. And it's kind of an American centric view, but it really is true. So many countries in the

world look to America for policy, for rules, for amendments in their constitutions as well. And so that's why this is very important. If we don't have free speech here in America, we can't guarantee that other countries will have free speech."

Paula concluded that it took her "a lot of time and reflection and prayer to get to the point where I was open to speaking out and understanding that this is what God wants me to do and where God wants me to be. Every single time I do an interview I remind myself of

who this is for. It's for the greater good. It's for the young girls that don't have voices. It's for the women that we don't know who are going to be affected by this yet. And it's really staying grounded and that this is not one individual person being upset about losing out on opportunities or losing in a race or whatever it might be. This is a thing that we have to stand up for everyone. And it's not about one individual person's experience. It's for the greater good of women in society."