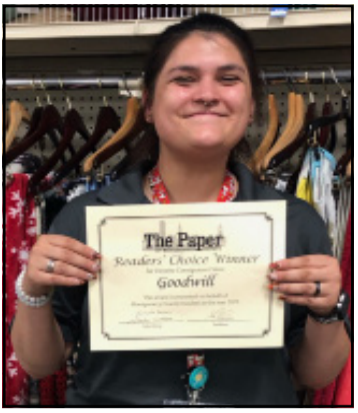


➔ TODAY'S VERSE
Ecclesiastes 3:1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.



➔ 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 Researchers at Purdue University are advancing the world of robotics and autonomy with their patent-pending method that improves on traditional machine vision and perception. The innovation sees texture and depth and perceives physical attributes of people and environments. Zubin Jacob, the Elmore Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering in the Elmore Family School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and research scientist Fanglin Bao have developed HADAR, or heat-assisted detection and ranging. HADAR combines thermal physics, infrared imaging and machine learning to pave the way to fully passive and physics-aware machine perception.

3 The 3rd annual Midwest Railroad Fair, presented by the Linden Depot Museum, is scheduled for Saturday Aug. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Linden Depot Museum. The fair is a tribute to railroads past, present, and future. Enjoy the exhibits, the vendors, the food, and explore the museum and model railroad attractions. Prepare to be delighted as you watch the 1837 steam engine replica with a full crew and passengers. The museum has unique exhibits including marble stairs from the Chicago Union Station, a stone sleeper dating back to 1827 and a telltale used to warn workmen on top of box cars of approaching low bridges or tunnels. This is just a small sample of the adventure awaiting you at the Linden Depot Museum. Everyone is invited to the fair and railroad nostalgia at its finest! The museum is located at 520 N. Main Street in Linden. For more information, go to <http://www.lindendepotmuseum.org/>

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Ask Rusty – I'm A Veteran. How Do I Get My Extra Social Security?

Dear Rusty: As a military veteran, I was told that the final amount of my Social Security should be a little higher as a reward for military service. If so, I have two questions: 1. How much is the boost? 2. How can I know that amount has been applied? Signed: Unsure



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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Dear Unsure: We receive questions about this fairly often from our military veterans. I want to first thank you for your service to our country and then assure you that, as a military veteran myself, I have thoroughly investigated this subject - the so-called "Special Extra Credit for Military Service," which is widely misunderstood. Although someone suggested that your Social Security benefit "is supposed to be a little higher" because you are a military veteran, allow me to share how this somewhat obscure rule actually works.

Any extra money for military veterans does not come in the form of a special "boost" to their Social Security benefit because of their military

service; instead, certain older veterans receive extra credit to their earnings for the years they served. Those extra earnings are applied only to those who served in specific years, as additional dollars added to their actual earnings record for their service-years. The amount added to the veteran's true service-year earnings varies a bit depending on which years you served. For example, if you served between 1957 - 1977, your actual earnings for each service-year would be increased by \$300 for each full quarter you had active duty pay to a maximum of \$1200 additional earnings per service-year. The credit is computed a bit differently for those who served between 1978 - 2001, but the

maximum annual earnings credit for those service years is the same - \$1,200. And, for clarity, those who served before 1957 get extra earnings credit under an entirely different formula, and those who served after 2001 receive no extra credits for their military service years.

So how might this affect your Social Security benefit? Well, when your benefit is claimed, Social Security reviews your lifetime earnings record, inflates each actual annual amount to equal today's dollar equivalent, and selects the highest earning 35 years from your lifetime record to calculate your "Primary Insurance

➔ See RUSTY Page A7

Michael Carmichael, Founder Of The Check A Vet Website, Says The VA Is Understating Veteran Suicides

By John Grimaldi

A recent study by America's Warrior Partnership found that veterans were committing suicide at an alarming rate of 44 a day, more than twice the Veterans Administration's estimate of 17 suicides a day. It's the reason retired Chief Warrant Officer Michael Carmichael, a 26-year vet, himself, founded the online initiative called Check A Vet. Carmichael joined Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens for a discussion of veteran suicides on Weber's Better For America podcast recently.

Rebecca asked Carmichael, why Check A Vet? As he put it, "I like to think that I had the faith and confidence in my commanders and the men that I was so humbly afforded the opportunity to lead. But as I got out, I really lost my sense of identity because I was no longer in that formation. I lost my sense of purpose because I was no longer in the meetings making decisions and shaping the future. By starting Check

A Vet I wanted to surround veterans with a team, a base of support at the grassroots that involves neighbors friends, family members, and coworkers. Two-thirds of your viewers are somebody with veterans in their lives. That's actually the targeted demographic of Check A Vet, to put these veterans on your team and also educate yourself on the subtle signs and symptoms; the risk and protective factors of veteran suicide."

Carmichael went on to explain that "if you Google how many veterans have ended their lives by suicide since 9/11, what you're going to find is the number of 30,177. Not only is that dated, it refers only to 9/11-era veterans. So, I looked and looked for a number that the VA had published. And after about 18 months of looking, I found the number buried in the appendix. The number itself isn't listed, but all of the years are listed. And when you add up the numbers in that spreadsheet, what you get is 127,560. Why isn't that in their executive

➔ See JOHN Page A7

Dispelling Common Misconceptions About Hospice Care

(StatePoint) Hospice is intended to provide comfort and support to patients at the end of their life so that they can experience their remaining time in the best ways possible. Experts say that unfortunately, misconceptions about hospice often lead people to make uninformed decisions at a critical, complex juncture in their lives.

"There is often an idea that hospice equates to giving up. But hospice is actually about taking control," says Paul Mastrapa, president and chief executive officer of Interim HealthCare Inc. "It's the job of the hospice team to understand what a patient's goals for end-of-life care are, and help them live that last trajectory of their life the way they want to."

To help patients, their caregivers and family members, and those in the healthcare industry better understand the services and benefits hospice provides, Interim HealthCare is dispelling some of the most common misconceptions:

Myth: Hospice means giving

➔ See HOSPICE Page A7

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:45 a.m.
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High/Low
Temperatures
HIGH: 90 °F
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- International Blues Music Day
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What Happened On This Day

- 1963 Partial Nuclear Test Ban Treaty is Signed. Also known as the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, the document was signed by the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, and the United States in Moscow. The treaty, which came as a response to the heightening tensions due to the frequent testing of nuclear weapons by the these 3 countries during the Cold War, banned the testing of nuclear weapons anywhere on land, over water or in space. Underground testing was still allowed under the treaty, until it was also banned in 1996 after the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty came into force.
- 1962 Nelson Mandela is Arrested. The South African anti-apartheid activist and adherent of nonviolence was arrested by the government at Rivonia, a suburb of Johannesburg.
- 1960 Burkina Faso gains its Independence. The landlocked West African country, known as Upper Volta until 1984, became a French protectorate in the late 19th century. In 1958, the Republic of Upper Volta was created as a self-governing French colony.

- Births On This Day**
- 1975 Jamie Oliver English chef, author
 - 1922 Christopher Lee English actor

- Deaths On This Day**
- 2011 Gil Scott-Heron American singer-songwriter, author
 - 1564 John Calvin French theologian, pastor

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

I never heard of Jason Aldean before all this stuff about his song.



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Not wearing a seatbelt because you think they're dangerous? Ask emergency personnel why nearly 100% of them wear theirs. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



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Touch A Truck

CDPL is hosting a Touch a Truck event on August 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This event will have a lot of different trucks and ear protection is recommended for little ones and those with sensitivity to loud constant noises. The event is to take place at the Crawfordsville District Public Library parking lot and Pike Street.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"If we worked on the assumption that what is accepted as true really is true, then there would be little hope for advance."
-Orville and Wilbur Wright

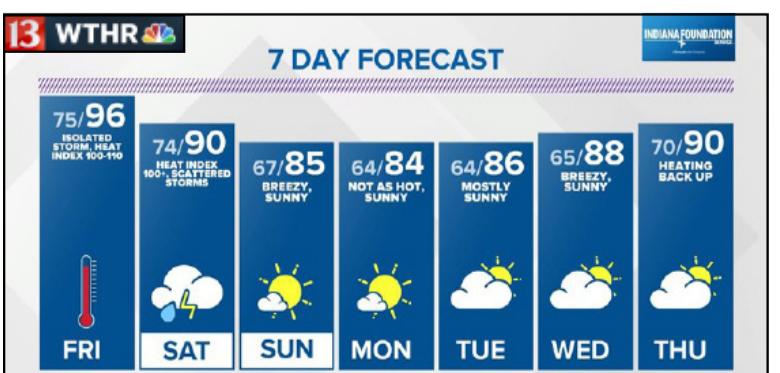
➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What's a spy do when she's cold? Goes undercover!

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Coffee And Color-Coded Ballots: Hoosier Elections Chief Includes Guatemala On His Travel Tour

By Leslie Bonilla Muniz
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Ten Hoosiers stood in Guatemala City, Guatemala on a Sunday in late June, watching streams of people socialize, drink coffee and listen to music. It was June 25: Election Day.

Led by Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales, who immigrated from Guatemala in 1999, the team had traveled to observe how the country puts on its elections — an “educational opportunity” that cost about \$20,000.

“I made it a goal at the start of my administration to lead a bipartisan delegation of county clerks to be International Election Observers,” Morales, a Republican, said in a news release at the time. “... I’m very passionate about putting Indiana on the international stage while providing Hoosiers a front row seat to see the world.”

What’s on the agenda — and the budget

Morales, three of his office’s staff members, four bipartisan county clerks and two nonpartisan technical compliance experts met with Guate-

mala’s deputy secretary of state and the U.S. ambassador to that country during their visit, June 23-26.

And they spoke with local election officials, poll workers and voters on Election Day as they traipsed about nearly a dozen polling locations.

Morales’ expenses were paid “from private funding,” according to office spokeswoman Lindsey Eaton, who was on the trip.

The expedition cost about \$22,300 for the other nine Hoosiers, including airfare, documentation, ground transportation, hotel accommodations, logistics and travel agency fees.

“The majority of the trip was funded from federal grants designated for educational activities,” Eaton wrote in an email. She emphasized that the grant dollars were used only on the nine delegation participants and “none” on Morales.

The office initially declined to provide cost information, eventually taking weeks to do so.

Taking notes

Guatemala is a young democracy, and is some-

times considered a fragile one. Its elections — including those in June — regularly come under scrutiny, as Al Jazeera details.

But members of the delegation said observing elections there still had value.

“Just because somebody is new at doing something doesn’t mean that they have nothing to show, or nothing to teach somebody that’s been doing elections for (a long time),” Starke County Clerk Bernadette Manuel, a Republican, told the Capital Chronicle.

“Just being outside of our borders is eye-opening, and the welcomeness that we received from the Guatemalan population was amazing,” Manuel added.

Chad Kinsella co-directs Ball State University’s Voting System Technical Oversight Program — which works closely with Morales’ office — was also on the delegation.

He and Manuel observed a wide array of differences: namely that, in the highly Catholic country, elections are held on Sunday, the day of rest.

“People were able to come because of that the significance of that day; typically, you don’t do anything,” noted Kinsella, a Catholic himself.

As voters waited, they munched on cookies and sipped coffee — the “best in the world,” Kinsella enthused — available by the polling locations. And they chatted as music played in the background.

One university polling location, Manuel recalled, hosted a live band, and afterward, a bell choir.

“It’s more upbeat,” Manuel said. “They’re not as uptight, you know, simply come in, business, leave. It’s more of a social event.”

Voters went to assigned tables at each location, handed over their identifications for administrators to match against election records, and proceeded to mark up five ballots color-coded for different elections. Each ballot went into its correspondingly colored slot, in a practice helpful to illiterate voters.

“I thought that was a good implementation that would be fairly easy for Indiana to make to help

safeguard our elections as well,” Manuel said.

Voters left with one dyed fingertip each to prevent double-voting.

Changes coming?

Don’t expect live bands at your local polling location anytime soon.

“I don’t think my commissioners would approve that very well,” Manuel said, laughing.

But she’s been thinking, since the trip, of ways to bring in music and make the voting experience more “welcoming” in her county. It just won’t include radio, as candidates often advertise over the airwaves, and could be electioneering if piped into the voting booths.

“I think if we — not really relaxed for rules, that’s not what I want to say at all — but relax (the atmosphere) a little bit and ... celebrate our right to be able to vote, I think would open the doors and not feel as stuffy or as as closed off,” Manuel said.

Six months into his tenure, Morales has already traveled to all of Indiana’s 92 counties. But he may lead more such trips abroad.

“I hope this is just the start of several more educational opportunities I can help guide,” he said in the June statement.

But it was likely a unique experience for Morales, who is a naturalized U.S. citizen from Guatemala.

Kinsella said the team repeatedly encountered everyday Guatemalans who knew of Morales, and even followed him on social media.

They checked — “And it was like, yeah, oh my gosh, she is following us on Twitter!” Kinsella recalled. “... They thought they were just being nice.”

Guatemalans next head to a runoff election this month between the two top presidential candidates, and federal officials are keeping watch.

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

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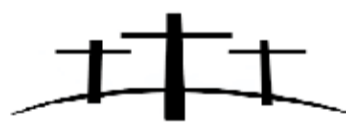
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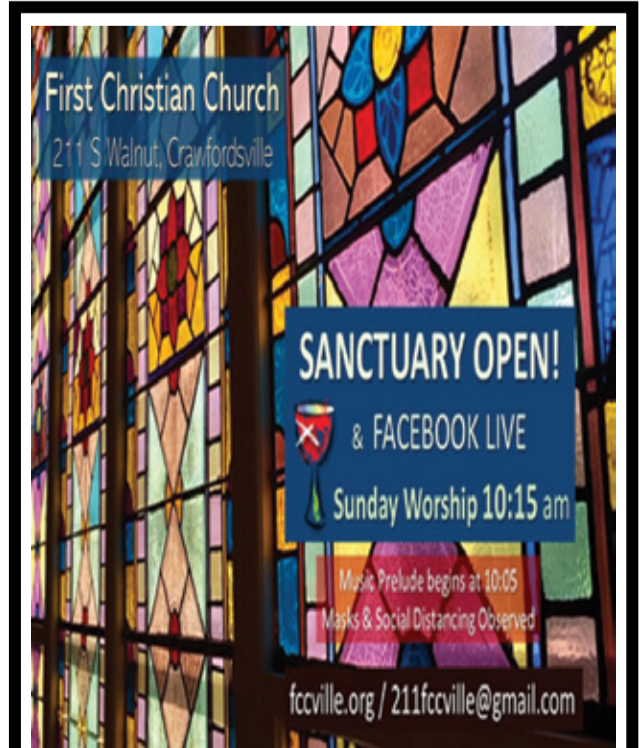
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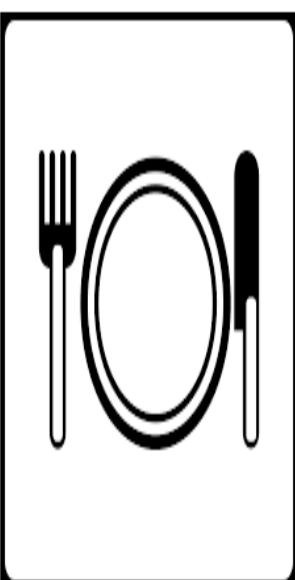
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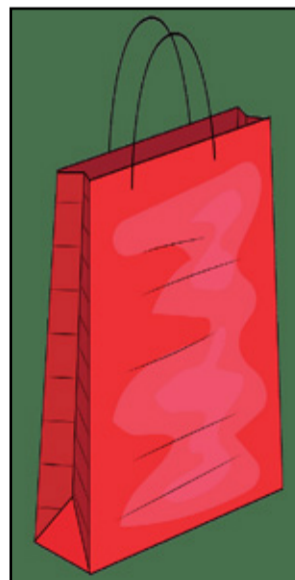
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Amount” or “PIA” (your PIA is the amount you are entitled to at full retirement age). If your military service-years are among the 35 years used to compute your PIA when you claim, then the “Special Extra Credit for Military Service” will result in a somewhat higher PIA (a slightly higher monthly SS benefit). If the highest earning 35 years in your lifetime record do not include your military-service-years, then those extra credits added to your earnings for your military-service-years will have no effect on your Social Security benefit (because using those service-years would result in a lower benefit). How Social Security applies those special extra credits to your service-year earnings also varies depending on when you served. Those who served before 1968 needed to show their DD-214 to get the extra credits, but those who served in between 1968 – 2001 were automatically given the extra credits based on their military

service records.

So, if your military service was between 1968 and 2001, your earnings during the years you served were automatically increased by SS to reflect your “special extra” earnings and - if those years are among the highest of the 35 years used to compute your SS benefit - you are now receiving the extra benefit amount you’re entitled to from those credits. If you have at least 35 years over your lifetime where you earned more than your pay while serving in the military, your current benefit is more than it would be if your military service years were included. If you have questions about your earnings during your military service years, you may wish to obtain a copy of your lifetime earnings history from Social Security to review those amounts (easiest way to get your lifetime earnings history is via your personal “my Social Security” account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount).

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summary? If I’m in charge of something, the first thing I’m going to do is to find my problem. Well, there are lots of issues with the VA’s number. Aside from it not being published, there was a study by the American Warrior Partnership [AWP], that found the VA’s numbers are actually underreported by a factor of 2.4 times greater than previously reported [by the Department of Veterans Affairs]. They contracted Duke University and the University of Alabama to collect the data and analyze it.

So by looking at small communities, counties, and states, collectively, they found that 2.4 was a conservative underreporting of that number. So we just went from 30,177 to 127,560, all the way up to 308,000.”

The major findings of the AWP report, known as Operation Deep Dive™, show that:

- States undercount FSM [former service member] deaths at a combined error rate of 25%
- There was a 37% greater suicide rate than reported by VA for years 2014-2018.

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up. Fact: The primary goal of hospice is delivering comfort, support and specialized medical care to those ready to forgo curative treatment. Research has shown that a person who spends time on hospice has a greater quality of life at the end of their life. And while the goal is not to prolong life, there are statistics that show that hospice gives patients more time compared to patients who had the same disease trajectory and didn’t receive hospice.

Myth: Hospice is only appropriate for the last few days of life.

Fact: Hospice can actually last for months, and entering hospice sooner rather than later translates to fewer hospitalizations, better symptom relief and greater comfort.

Myth: You must give up all your medications.

Fact: While the hospice care team will make recommendations about which medications are still beneficial to a patient at their stage of illness, patients and families get the final say.

Myth: Hospice is a place.

Fact: Hospice can entail in-patient care, but more typically, services are delivered wherever a patient calls home. The nurse, social worker, spiritual care provider, aide and other members of the hospice care team meet the patient where they are, be that in a residential home, an assisted living community or in another institutional setting.

Myth: Hospice is only for patients with specific diseases.

Fact: Anyone with a life-limiting chronic disease, from congestive

heart failure to pulmonary disease to Alzheimer’s, can choose hospice.

Myth: Hospice ends when the patient dies.

Fact: Hospice providers often offer support to those who have lost a loved one. In the case of Interim HealthCare, bereavement services are offered for 13 months.

Myth: Hospice work is draining.

Fact: When done right, hospice work can be extremely rewarding. Hospice care workers help patients and families find peace of mind, and reach a place of acceptance during a complicated and emotional time in their lives. Hospice workers believe in the mission of providing compassionate, patient-centric medical care and support to those at the end of their life, and they’re given a voice in the individualized care they provide.

The hospice market is the second-fastest growing healthcare segment nationwide, according to Bank of America research, which translates to a growing number of job opportunities. Hospice providers are currently recruiting candidates just starting out in their career and those looking to make a change. To learn more, visit careers.interimhealthcare.com.

For more information about hospice care services for yourself or a family member, visit <https://www.interimhealthcare.com/services/hospice/>.

“Although people don’t always feel comfortable talking about end-of-life care, having these conversations can ensure one’s final days are peaceful and fulfilling,” says Mastrapa.

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