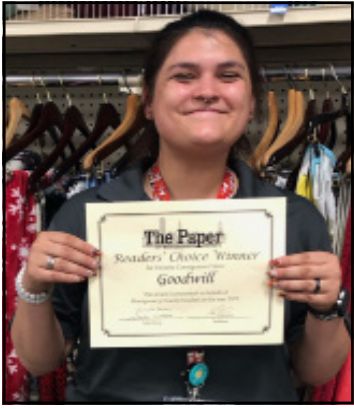


➔ TODAY'S VERSE

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
(NIV)



➔ 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 The Indiana Department of Transportation announces lane restrictions for State Road 32 from about a half mile east of I-65 to about a mile east of State Road 39 in Lebanon. Starting on or after Monday, September 28, crews will restrict the right lane in both directions of S.R. 32. Traffic control services will be onsite to allow traffic to pass without issues in the opposite lane. The purpose of this project is to collect pavement core samples for future road improvements. Work is expected to be complete by the beginning of October. All work is weather-permitting, and schedules are subject to change. Drivers should use caution, slow down, pay attention, and keep worker safety in mind while driving through the area.

2 The Montgomery County Relay for Life is dedicated to helping communities attack cancer. Through funds donated, time given, or awareness raised, communities are teaming up to make a difference. The annual event is scheduled for SATURDAY, from 12 pm - 8 pm in Crawfordsville. You can participate by forming a team, raising money and celebrating at the event while honoring survivors and remembering lives touched by purchasing a luminaria. Please help spread the word to help them grow the success of this event! Click the button to visit the website to register a team and for more information.

3 The 2nd annual MoCo Kids Color Fun Run is scheduled to be on Saturday. The fun run will be at the Leland Cornett Nature Park in New Ross. Enjoy Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the New Ross Christian Church followed by the lunch at the Walnut Township Fire Department starting at 11 a.m. with concessions nearby. Registration at 9 a.m. and the run is from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pre-registration is closed. Registration is \$13 per child and/or \$35 per family. COLORS GALORE! Art can be seen everywhere! YES! Artistic exploration can be exhibited in so many forms, including face painting, balloon creating, and color blasting a t-shirt! All proceeds go to Walnut Elementary PTO.

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Ask Rusty – Will Opening A Joint Account Affect My Disabled Father's "SSI?"

Dear Rusty: I live in Michigan and my senior disabled father lives in rural Kentucky. His income is part Social Security and part disability. I talked to a local credit union near his home and explained I would like to open a joint account. They said as long as he comes in with his ID it's possible. My question is - will adding money to our joint account affect his SSI and disability? Signed: Caring Daughter

Dear Caring Daughter: First, I need to clarify that there are two types of disability programs administered by the Social Security Administration – Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). The acronym "SSI" normally refers to "Supplemental Security Income" which is a benefit for disabled senior adults (and children) who have very little income and very few assets. "SSI" is not Social Security income; rather it is a general benefit program jointly administered by the Social Security Administration and the State in which your father lives. In contrast, Social Security Disability (SSDI) benefits are earned from working and are not affected by the recipient's assets, as are "SSI" benefits.



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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From what you've written, I assume that your father may have a small Social Security retirement benefit (because he has reached his full retirement age and SSDI isn't available after full retirement age), and he is also receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits. If this is the case, although your father's Social Security retirement benefit would not be affected by opening a joint account at the credit union, his Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefit likely will be. As co-owner of the joint account your assets would count towards your father's "SSI" asset limit, and your assets, as well as any "in kind" assistance you otherwise provide, would likely put your father over the SSI income/asset eligibility limit and result in his SSI benefits being terminated.

So, although the credit union may be willing to open a joint account for you and your father, I'm afraid that would

result in your father losing his SSI (Supplemental Security Income) benefits, leaving him with only his small Social Security retirement benefit. You may wish to review the SSI eligibility information at this link: www.ssa.gov/ssi/ eligibility or you could contact the Social Security Administration and ask to speak with someone experienced with Supplemental Security Income matters. For clarity, "SSI" assistance is jointly administered by the Social Security Administration and each State's Human Services department, and assistance available varies somewhat depending on the recipient's state of residence. Thus, since your father lives in Kentucky, you might also contact that state's human services agency to discuss your options for providing remote assistance to your father without jeopardizing his Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit: www.chfs.ky.gov/Pages/contact.aspx.

Manage Heart Health For Stronger Brain Health

(Family Features) The same risk factors that contribute to making heart disease the leading cause of death worldwide also impact the rising global prevalence of brain disease, including stroke, Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

The global death rate from Alzheimer's disease and other dementias is increasing even more than the rate of heart disease death, according to the American Heart Association's Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics 2022 Update.

Globally, more than 54 million people had Alzheimer's disease and other dementias in 2020, a 37% increase since 2010 and 144% increase over the past 30 years (1990-2020). Additionally, more than 1.89 million deaths were attributed to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias worldwide in 2020, compared to nearly

9 million deaths from heart disease.

"The global rate of brain disease is quickly outpacing heart disease," said Mitchell S.V. Elkind, M.D. M.S., FAHA, the past president of the American Heart Association (2020-21), a professor of neurology and epidemiology at Columbia University's Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons and attending neurologist at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center. "We are learning more about how some types of dementia are related to aging, and how some types are due to poor vascular health. It's becoming more evident that reducing vascular disease risk factors can make a real difference in helping people live longer, healthier lives, free of heart disease and

➔ See HEALTH 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,

➔ See CARE Page A7

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:28 a.m.
SET: 7:56 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 78 °F
Low: 55 °F



Today is....

- Batman Day
- Mayflower Day
- Jewish New Year

What Happened On This Day

- 1982 Members of a right-wing Lebanese militia massacre 1500-3000 people in two Beirut-area refugee camps. The killings took over three days in the Palestinian refugee camps of Sabra and Shatila and were led by the Lebanese Christian Phalangist militia.
- 1920 A bomb explodes on Wall Street, New York killing 38 people. The Wall Street Bombing, as the incident is known, was the deadliest such act on American soil to that date. It is still not known who was responsible for the bombing.
- 1908 General Motors Corporation is founded in Flint, Michigan by William C. Durant and Charles Stewart Mott. The company, also known as GM, was one of the world's largest manufacturers of cars and trucks. Most notably, the company manufactured Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Pontiac, and Hummer brand cars.
- Births On This Day**
- 1956 David Copperfield American magician
- 1925 B.B. King American singer-songwriter, guitarist, producer
- Deaths On This Day**
- 1980 Jean Piaget Swiss psychologist
- 1824 Louis XVIII of France

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

How can September be more than halfway over?



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Parents need to set the example - everyone in the family needs to wear bike helmets. 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.



➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Community Growers Orchard Tour TODAY!! The Community Growers of Montgomery County have planned a free tour of Howard Orchards this Saturday from 3pm-5pm. Join us as owner Craig Howard takes us around his orchard and shares with us how to care for fruit trees including apple, pear, and peach trees to help ensure a successful harvest! The Community Growers seek to educate the public about soil health, local food, and sustainability and connect the Montgomery County community. The Community Growers also provide free site visit services if you or someone you know is interested in starting or improving your garden. Visits can be scheduled by calling 765-362-0405 or emailing programs@montgomery-coswcd.com.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."
-C.S. Lewis

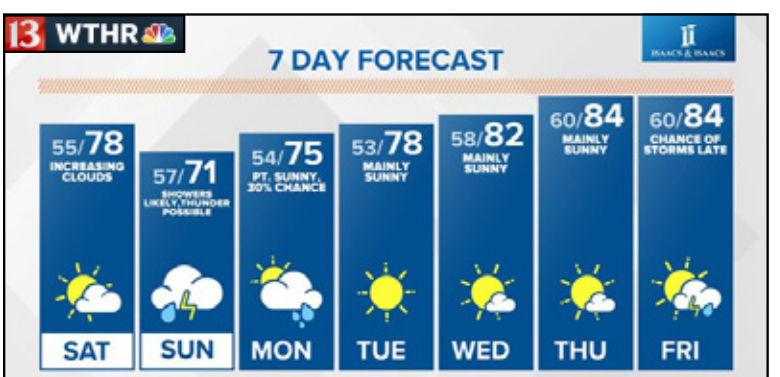
➔ TODAY'S JOKE

My face in the mirror isn't wrinkled or drawn. My house isn't dirty. The cobwebs are gone. My garden looks lovely and so does my lawn. I think I might never put my glasses back on.

➔ OBITUARIES

None

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



PUBLIC NOTICES

Montgomery County Board of Zoning Appeals
 Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Variance to the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance

Notice is hereby given the Montgomery County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 27th, 2023 at 10:00 am to consider a Variance, of Use standards, from the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance. The meeting will be held in the Montgomery County Government Center Community Room, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

The proposed Variance (ZV2306), to the use standard, in 2.10 of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance Chapter 159 of Montgomery County Code. The request is for variance of use on a Residential property. The petitioner requests Commercial Use, of a small scale, on the residentially zoned property.
 Parcel: 54-11-01-100-002.000-027

Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed variance. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The Board of Zoning Appeals may continue the hearing from time to time as may be found necessary. Citizens may file written comments or objections with Marc Bonwell, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (marc.bonwell@montgomerycounty.in.gov) prior to the public hearing. All such written objections will be considered by the Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposed Variance is on file and may be examined at the Montgomery County Building and Zoning Department office at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (765-364-6490), office hours are 8:00-4:30 weekdays except holidays.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone intending to attend the public hearing needs reasonable accommodation, please contact the Montgomery County Commissioners Office, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, 765-361-2623

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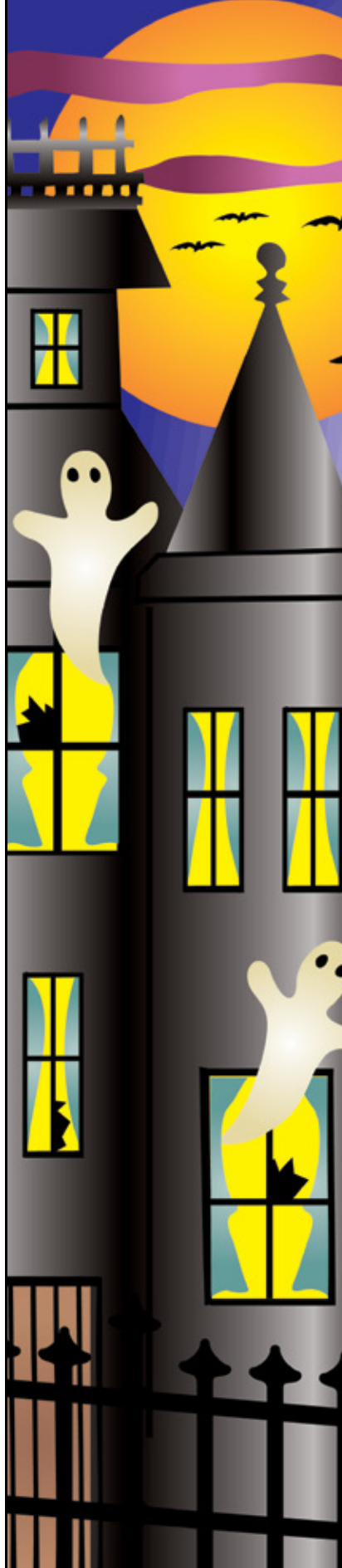
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Four winners will be selected and those stories will be published, along with the author's name and photo, in October. If the judges select any stories as honorable mentions, those will be published on our web site.

We'd suggest dusting off the cobwebs – unless cobwebs, creaky stairs and paintings with moving eyeballs are appropriate to your story – and getting busy. You know the first rule of writing, right? Butt in chair!

So get yourself situated in front of a keyboard and let those fingers fly!

Tell us a ghost story, a spooky tale, perhaps a fiction piece about the ghost of Gen. Lew or Henry Lane, or perhaps a tale spun up from one of the pre-consolidation high schools. That's the great thing – it's a Halloween writing contest, so the who, what, where, and when are all up to you!

Write your Halloween-themed story and e-mail it to news@thepaper24-7.com or drop it off at our office, 127 E. Main St. in Crawfordsville (If you e-mail, please copy and paste the story in the body of the e-mail and not as an attachment)

Do not exceed 750 words

Connect your story to Crawfordsville and / or Montgomery County somehow.

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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. GREG SMITH WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER.

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 OCTOBER 1.

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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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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

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Crawfordsville IN 47933-9689
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Youth Minister: Bryson Feesee

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.

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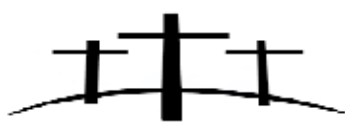
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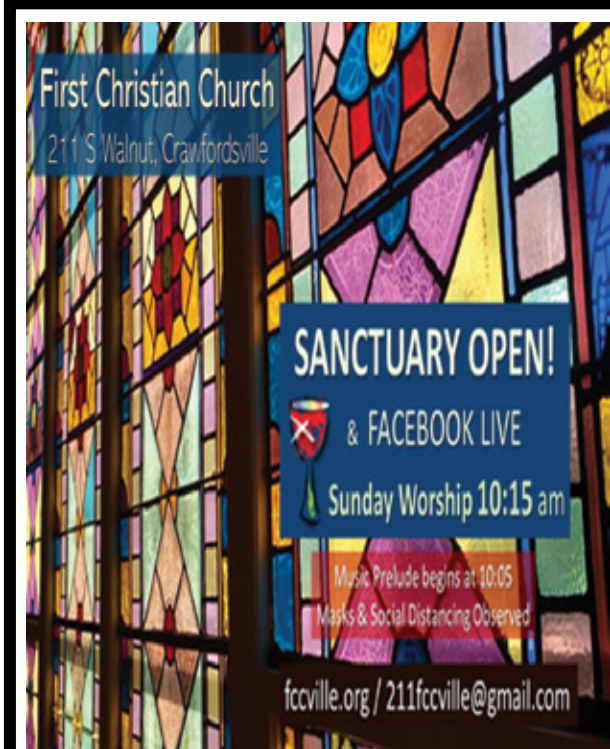
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Thursday Bible Study

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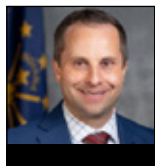
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Local Organizations Awarded Early Learning Funding



SPENCER DEERY
Guest Column

As a member of the Interim Study Committee on Public Health, Behavioral Health, and Human Services,

which has been tasked with studying childcare access in Indiana this year, I was happy to see the Parke County Community Foundation receive a \$300,000 grant and West Lafayette's STEAM Academy receive a \$500,000 grant to help fund early learning centers for infants and toddlers.

The money was awarded through an Early Learning Indiana program.

The center in Parke County will have 32 seats for infants and toddlers and be operated by Head Start at their current building in Rockville. Many leaders in the county are hard at work to give Parke County parents more childcare options, and I am supporting them in every way I can.

STEAM Academy West Lafayette will add four classrooms, which will allow its capacity to increase by 44 infants and toddlers.

Congratulations to these organizations for receiving these important awards. I know it will benefit many families across Senate District 23.

Lowering Health Care Costs for Hoosiers

Our state must have a strong, healthy workforce to prosper economically. Unfortunately, Hoosiers spend too much of their hard-earned money on health care.

To help drive costs down, the General Assembly passed a new law during the 2023 legislative session, which institutes "truth in billing" for Indiana's largest hospital systems to prohibit them from charging higher rates at doctors' offices. The same law also requires insurers and health plan administrators to share health care claims data with employers who sponsor employee health coverage so employers can negotiate better coverage for their workers.

However, given the complexity of the issue, we need to know more in order to enact policies that ensure Hoosiers can afford high-quality health care services and maintain healthy families. This is why the General Assembly created the new Health Care Cost Oversight Task Force to review and make recommendations concerning:

Indiana's health care costs in comparison to other states;

Reductions in health care costs to ensure that any cost reductions reach the health care payer;

The availability of value-based care and other health care models that emphasize prevention and cost avoidance; and

The market concentration of health care providers and contributing factors.

Our state is committed to improving health care accessibility for Hoosiers, and Senate Republicans look to further tackle this issue by considering policy that helps address Indiana's high health care costs. With this work, Indiana can continue to foster healthy communities and pave the road to economic prosperity.

BMV Sets New Hours

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) has set new hours for branches across the state beginning Monday, Oct. 2.

As a reminder, most BMV services like renewing a driver's license or registering a car can be done online at in.gov/bmv.

There are also BMV Connect kiosks, which allow many services to be done at anytime of the day.

Indiana Schools Awarded School Safety Grants

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security awarded Indiana schools nearly \$30 million in Secured School Safety Grants

(SSSG).

During the 2023 legislative session, I was proud to support a \$11.2 million increase in SSSG funding in the new 2024-25 state budget and a new law that 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.

Ensuring our students' safety at school is a top priority, and I will continue to support measures that help Indiana schools maintain a safe environment where students can learn and grow.

Special Enrollment Period Open for VA Health Care

Veterans who deployed to a combat zone, never enrolled in Veterans Affairs (VA) health care and left active duty between Sept. 11, 2001, and Oct. 1, 2013, are eligible to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits.

Veterans can apply online or in person at their local VA facility through Sept. 30.

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

Meeting Notes

Board Of Zoning Appeals Meeting Notice And Agenda

September 20 at 7 PM
Common Council Chambers

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

II. Presentation of Minutes

A. June 28, 2023

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

A. (SE 0060) Shantel Caudill requests a special exception from the City Zoning Ordinance to allow a boutique as a home occupation in an R-2, residential zoning district at 619 E Wabash Avenue (Parcel No. 54-10-05-112-014.000-030)

B. (UV 0084) Ryan Richards of G Team Mechanical requests a use variance from the schedule of uses of the City Zoning Ordinance to allow an HVAC business in an R-3, residential zoning district at 605 E Market Street (Parcel No. 54-32-443-020.000-030)

C. (UV 0083 & DSV 0127) Joshua Baxter requests a use variance from the schedule of uses of the City Zoning Ordinance to allow an antique store and residence in an I-1, industrial zoning district at 108 E North Street.

Additionally, Mr. Baxter requests a development standard variance from the parking requirements of

the City Zoning Ordinance (Parcel No. 54-07-32-332-003.000-030)

D. (UV 0085) Donald and Brenda Stonebraker request a use variance from the schedule of uses of the City Zoning Ordinance to allow a roadside stand from April to October in an R-1, residential zoning district at 698 E 150 S (Parcel No. 54-10-08-100-032.000-030)

E. (DSV 0128) Arends Hogan Walker, LLC requests a development standard variance from the lot and yard requirements of the City Zoning Ordinance for the addition of a wash bay in a B-3, business zoning district at 2981 Industrial Drive (Parcel No. 54-07-19-100-006.002-028)

F. (UV 0086) Nathan and Michelle Chambers request a use variance from the schedule of uses of the City Zoning Ordinance to operate a pet boarding business in an R-1, residential zoning district at 1274 W Country Club Road (Parcel No. 54-06-36-400-045.000-030)

V. Miscellaneous
A. Informational Update by City Administration

B. Next regularly scheduled meeting: October 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM

VI. Adjournment

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and those in the health-care industry better understand the services and benefits hospice provides, Interim HealthCare is dispelling some of the most common misconceptions:

Myth: Hospice means giving 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](https://www.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.

HEALTH From Page A1

brain disease."

According to the statistics update, people with midlife hypertension were five times more likely to experience impairment on global cognition and about twice as likely to experience reduced executive function, dementia and Alzheimer's disease. The risk for dementia associated with heart failure was nearly two-fold.

Experts recommend maintaining a healthy weight, managing your blood pressure and following other heart-healthy lifestyle behaviors that can also support good brain health while studies show maintaining good vascular health is associated with healthy aging and retained cognitive function.

Optimal brain health includes the ability to perform tasks like movement, perception, learning and memory, communication, problem solving, judgment, decision making and emotion. Cognitive decline and dementia are often seen following stroke or cerebrovascular disease and indicate a decline in brain health.

Consider these steps to live a healthier lifestyle and protect your heart and brain health:

- Don't smoke; avoid secondhand smoke.
 - Reach and maintain a healthy weight. Be mindful of your eating habits; eat foods low in saturated fat, trans fat, sodium and added sugars.
 - Be physically active. Start slowly and build up to at least 150 minutes of moderate physical activity (such as brisk walking) each week. As an alternative, you can do 75 minutes of vigorous physical activity, or a combination of the two, to improve overall cardiovascular health.
 - Get your blood pressure checked regularly and work with your health care team to manage it if it's high.
 - Have regular medical checkups and take your medicine as directed.
 - Decrease your stress level and seek emotional support when needed.
- Learn more about the relationship between heart health and brain health at heart.org.

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