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🗢 TODAY'S VERSE

John 11:35 Jesus wept.

⇒ FACES of MONTGOMERY



Kara, baby Rhett and CJ Mullet made a perfect picture when captured by one of our roving photographers. Many thanks you beautiful family!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

Turkey Run State Park is bringing back its ice hikes in 2022. They will be offered each Saturday and Sunday in January and February beginning Jan. 8 except Jan. 29 and 30, which are the dates of the park's Eagles in Flight weekend. All hikes will begin at 11 a.m. and last until approximately 12:30 p.m. Advance registration can be completed at turkeyrunicehike.eventbrite.com. Boot spikes will be available for free during the hikes if needed. Participants need to be able to lift both legs to a 90-degree angle. The hikes and routes are subject to change due to weather. Standard park entrance fees apply.

According to the good folks at Detox.net, Hoosiers are going to be drinking. A lot. Detox.net did a survey of 3,000 drinkers and found that a third of Hoosiers' yearly alcoholic intake takes place during the holiday season. Not only that, but 25 percent of drinkers said they will drink more this year because of the lifting of lockdown restrictions. We guess that's all fine, but we iust have two words for everyone imbibing - designated drivers!

Frances Kompus, Lucy Pochop and Julia Kopriva are sisters. They live in Atwood, Kansas a few blocks apart. According to the Association of Mature American Citizens, Lucy and Julia threw a birthday party for Frances recently when she turned 100 years old. After all, she is their baby sister. Lucy is 102 and Julia is 104, you see. What's the trick to becoming a centenarian? Middle child, Julia, said, "We eat well . . . pray and try to stay out of mischief."



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WEEK in **REVIEW**

We are only a week and three days away from Christmas and you can really feel the merriment in the air this time of year. From stocking to presents there's so much to love, and we at The Paper love to see all the holiday stories come in. Here's a recap of some of the most memorable stories of the last week here in our beautiful Montgomery County!

WABASH COLLEGE'S gain is the Chamber of Commerce's loss. Cassie Hagan, the most recent executive director

⇒See WEEK Page A7



Photos courtesy Valero Linden Ethanol Plant

A Valero representative handed Craig Reeves of the Boys & Girls Club a check for \$5,000.

O' Christmas Tree



The lights shine brightly on the Montgomery County courthouse Christmas tree. It's fun in the evening to watch people who are downtown for various reasons stop and take in the beauty of the tree, and perhaps enjoy a moment or two of the season.

An unexpected Christmas call . . .

I love Christmas! From early, early memories more than 60 years ago of watching for Santa, to the year I found car keys in my sock (and a payment book), to early years of marriage and walks in the snow, to a few years later and seeing our girls fly down the stairs on Christmas morning, to just a few years ago and the wonder of watching grandchil-

Of course that does not even include the years as an altar boy at midnight mass.

Heck, back then I even liked

snow! What is there not to love about

Christmas? So I was sitting at my desk with a little Christmas music on - Go Fish's I Got the Joy -

when the phone rang. "The Paper, Timmons."

"This here is a person-to-person call from the North Pole to one Tim Timmons," a twangy



TIM TIMMONS

nasaly voice said. "Can you hold for the big guy hisself, Mr. Santy Clause?"

Hmmm. This here? Person to person? Hisself? Santy??? All this

could only mean one thing . . . Bubba Castiron.

If you haven't met Bubba, he's one of those folks you go two aisles over in the grocery store to avoid. Not only is he a pest, loud, brash and talkative, he's about six eggs shy of a

"Hello Bubba, what can I do

for you? 'Dang, Timmons! "How'd you know it was me? I thought for sure that this being the Christmas season and all you might think this was one of them telemarvelers or something?"

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Gifting - A thrifty plan for holidays

When David

Sedaris asks in

an essay about

Saint Nicholas

traditions, he

families open

gifts with how

they give and

families prior-

itize other tra-

ditions – meals

and church

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"When do you open your Christmas presents?"

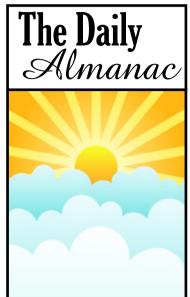


The League of Women Voters, open to men as well as women, is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the Montgomery County LWV, visit:

www.lwvmontcoin. org or message to LWV, PO Box 101, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

trending toward restraint in gifting. "It's nothing I'd want for myself, but I suppose it's fine for

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Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 8:03 a.m. SET: 5:23 p.m.





High/Low **Temperatures** High: 61 °F Low: 47 °F



Wacky Holiday Today

- Cat Herders' Day
- International Tea Day



What Happened

- On This Day • 1939 Premier of the
- Gone with the Wind • 1791 U.S. Bill of Rights becomes law





Births On This Day

- 37 Nero
- Roman Emperor • 1907 Oscar Niemeyer Brazilian architect

Deaths On This Day • 2010 Bob Feller

- American baseball player
 - 1966 Walt Disney American animator

HONEST HOOSIER

Christmas is a week and three days away. One of my favorite memories is mittens. Wonder why we don't wear mittens anymore?



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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Are you a "shoveler?" - put down your fork in between bites of food and chew your food thoroughly. 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.



OBITUARIES Ellen Jeanette (Keller) Miles Gary J. Popp

Sam Stephens



The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank Howard Pollchik of Crawfordsville for subscribing!



THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

County opts in on settlement

Various government entities have sued the three major pharmaceutical companies over opiods, and now Montgomery County is taking part. Earlier this week, the county commissioners opted in, which is important because the pharmaceutical companies have agreed to settle the claims for more than \$20 billion. By opting in, Montgomery County will join groups over multiple states to receive a portion of that money. According to Tom Klein, county manager, even though the amount is unknown, the money will go toward opiod remediation and could be here as early as April.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone." Charles M. Schulz 🗢 TODAY'S JOKE

What do angry mice send to each other at Christmas? Cross-mouse cards!





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OBITUARIES

Sam Stephens

Feb. 23, 1964 - Dec. 11, 2021

Sam Stephens, 57, Lafayette, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021 at Franciscan East.

He was born Feb. 23, 1964 in Crawfordsville, the son of Walter Stephens and Lureaine Green Stephens

Crawfordsville, the son of Walter Ste phens and Lureaine Greer Stephens. He attended school at Southmont. Survivors include his mother,

Lureaine Stephens; three sisters,
Lorena Elmore (Jim), Diana Stephens
and Susan Stephens; one brother Mike Stephens

and Susan Stephens; one brother, Mike Stephens; three nephews; and four great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by his dad on Dec. 5, 2020. A memorial graveside service will be held Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 at Indian Creek Hill Cemetery, led by Pastor Mike Whitacre. Arrangements were entrusted to Burkhart Funeral Home.

Gary J. Popp Nov. 24, 1939 - Dec. 11, 2021

Gary J. Popp, 82, of Crawfordsville passed away on Dec. 11, 2021 at Franciscan Health Lafayette.

He was born Nov. 24, 1939 to James F. Popp and Esther E. (Sommers) Popp in Painesville. Ohio.

Mr. Popp was an avid Ohio State Fan. He enjoyed lottery tickets, mowing, and laughing. He looked forward to Sunday nights, he loved going to work. Mr. Popp worked at Penguin Random House for 7 years. His motto was "time to make the donuts." Mr. Popp served his county in the United States Army.

Survivors include his son, Davey (Della) Popp; daughter, Terri (Kirk)

Barrick; two brothers, Gail (Delores) Popp and Maynard Popp; long-time companion, Starla Carver; step-children, Brandon (Jamie) Brown, Caleb (Sara) Brown, Kyle Carver and Cassie Carver; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and eight step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by father, James; mother, Esther; step-mother, Helen Popp; brother, Frank J. Popp; two sons, Damon and James "Jimmy" Popp; and wife, Connie (Niece) Popp.

Visitation will be at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S. Washington Steet in Crawfordsville on Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 from 2 p.m. until the time of funeral service at 4 p.m., with Pastor Vernon Dowell officiating. The service will be lived-streamed and recorded and can be viewed on his obituary page. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com.

Ellen Jeanette (Keller) Miles

Nov. 11, 1938 - Dec. 9, 2021

Ellen Jeanette (Keller) Miles, 83, of Summerville, S.C. passed away on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021 at Trident Hospital in North Charleston, S.C.

She was born in Crawfordsville on Nov. 11, 1938 to the late Raymond Keller and Eleanor (Rutan) Long.

She graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1957. On May 17, 1958, she married Donald Ray Miles, he preceded her in death on Jan. 26, 2011. She worked in the bookkeeping department at the former First National Bank and Bank One. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. She enjoyed crocheting, cooking, and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her daughter, Robin (Kevin) Frees; four grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a daughter-in-law, Cathy Miles.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Donald; son, Roger Miles; and sister, Judy Coahran.

Burial will take place at Oak Hill Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com

Young at Heart Ministry schedules events

The Young at Heart Ministry of the Hillsboro Nazarene Church has several Saturday events coming in January. Unless otherwise noted, each event is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and reservations may be made by calling the church at (765) 798-2350. Activities are open to all older adults in Fountain and neighboring counties.

Jan. 8 Ethnic Cooking. Purdue Extension of Benton and Warren Counties helps participants prepare healthy ethnic recipes while learning about the designated host country. Lunch will feature foods from that country. Session One focuses on Greece. International party bingo follows lunch. Cost: \$3. Location: Senior Apartments, 411 E. Jackson, Attica. Reservation deadline: Jan. 5.

Jan. 22 Bald Eagle Appreciation

Purdue Extension of Fountain County shares information about the habits and habitats of these birds, and efforts to preserve them. Lunch

Want TO GO?

Participants should contact the Young at Heart coordinator (765) 793-7285 the night before an event to make sure it was not canceled because of weather.

features a casserole buffet. Winter Survival Pokeno concludes the event. Cost: \$3. Location: Hillsboro Nazarene Church, 453 S. State Road 341. Reservation deadline: Jan. 19.

Jan. 29, Helping Hands Young at Heart will be making Valentine cards for residents of the Indiana Veterans' Home in West Lafayette. Supplies will be furnished, but participants are asked to bring scissors. A complimentary waffle brunch will be served at 11 a.m.; card making continues until 1:30 pm. Location: Hillsboro Nazarene Church, 453 S. State Road 341. Reservation deadline: Jan. 26.

Meeting Notes

Montgomery County Board Of Commissioners

Meeting Agenda Monday, December 13,

Consent Agenda AP-PROVED

Approval of Claims: Nov. 22, 2021 to Dec. 13, 2021

Accounts Payable: \$3,903,654.76 & Payroll Claims: 11/19 - \$398,098.94 & 12/3 - \$395,400.16

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Nov. 22, 2021 New Business

Open 2022 Annual Highway Department Bids -

Opened Annual bids opened for: Gas, Fuel, Oil, Culverts Aggregates, Bituminous, 50/50 Dust Control, Signs, Tires, Tubes and Batteries. The Highway Department will review the bids and make a recommendation at the December 28 Commissioners meeting.

Open Culvert Quotes - CR700N & CR950S

One quote was received from Conexco to remove an existing culvert and install pre-purchased culvert components located on CR 700 N between US 231 and CR 100 E for $\frac{5277}{000}$ and one quote was received from Conexco to remove an existing culvert and install pre-purchased culvert components located on CR 950 S between CR 750 W and CR 625 W for \$286,000. The quotes will be reviewed and staff will issue a recommendation at the December 28 Commissioners meeting.

2021 ADA Annual Report Accepted the annual report regarding completed ADA compliance projects. No complaints were received.

2021 Title VI Annual Report

Accepted the annual report regarding the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, limited English proficiency and income status. No complaints were received in 2021.

2021 State Transportation & Stormwater Grant Award

Approved grant award letter for a State Transportation & Stormwater Grant in the amount of \$466,200 for the Mace drainage project. The Commissioners confirmed their commitment to co-fund the project in an amount of \$515,799.

Ordinances 2nd Reading Ordinance 2021-38: Establish Clothing Allowance Policy

Approved. Ordinance adopts a clothing allowance policy to detail the regulations regarding the county's clothing allowance and use policies.

2nd Reading Ordinance 2021-39: Amending Provisions of the Economic Development Commission

Approved. Ordinance clarifies that the County Council appointment does not have to be a County Council member.

2nd Reading Ordinance 2021-40: Establish Supplemental Health Workforce Grant Fund

Approved. Ordinance establishes a fund for a grant received by the Montgomery County Health Department from the Indiana Department of Health to fund two positions as supplemental workforce for the Montgomery County Health Department over a period of two years. Funds may also be used to hire personnel costs, equipment, training and supplies for roles that expand, train, and sustain public health workforce to support jurisdictional COVID_19 prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives including school-based health programs.

2nd Reading Ordinance 2021-41: Establish 2021 EMPG Grant Fund

Approved. Ordinance establishes a fund for a grant received by the Emergency Management Agency to upgrade to two Rangers, CERT Team Training and the Code Red mass notification system.

2nd Reading Ordinance 2021-42: Establish Montgomery County Bicentennial Donation Fund

Approved. Ordinance establishes a fund to receive donations to be used by the Bicentennial Committee for the planning, promotion and implementation of Bicentennial events being held to commemorate the establishment of Montgomery County on Dec. 21, 1822.

Introduction Ordinance 2021-43: Establish 2022 Veterans Treatment Court Grant Fund - \$104,274

Introduced. Indiana Office of Court Services award will provide funding for a Veterans Treatment Court Coordinators salary and benefits, mentor coordinator and training. Introduction Ordinance 2021-44: Establish 2022 Family Recovery Court Grant Fund - \$104,861

Introduced. Indiana
Office of Court Services award will provide
funding for a new Family
Recovery Court Coordinator salary and benefits,
supplies, incentives, drug
testing supplies, emergency client needs, cell
phone, travel/training,
office equipment and Data
Processing Equipment.

Resolutions Resolution 2021-23: Approving Opioid Settlement Participation

Approved Resolution to opt in to the Opioid settlement.

Political subdivisions and states across the country have sued the three largest pharmaceutical distributors and manufacturers for their role in the opioid crisis. In July 2021, these groups agreed to a nationwide settlement to resolve all opioid litigation, which, if fully adopted by states and subdivisions, will result in the distributors and manufacturers paying over \$22 billion over 18 years. Under this agreement, Montgomery County is eligible to receive funds upon opting in and following the steps outlined.

The total amount allocated to Indiana has not been determined. Any money received by the County must be used for "opioid remediation" services such as overdose medication, recovery services, prevention programs, syringe service programs, criminal justice needs, etc. It is expected that funds may be available as early as April 2022.

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IASWCD announces Jamie Perry as Northeast Regional Specialist

The Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conser-

vation Districts (IASWCD) announces Jamie Perry as



an Indiana Regional Urban Soil Health Specialist with the Urban Soil Health Program. This program promotes conservation agriculture on urban and small-scale farms. Perry's territory includes

the Northeast Area of Indiana (following the NRCS' designation of regional areas), and he will be based in the Fort Wayne NRCS Area Office.

Perry is a local grower

located in Fort Wayne.

His background includes managing a greenhouse, mentoring Burmese refugee farmers, and teaching agriculture courses at Ivy Tech Community College. His passion for soil is evident by his current attendance in Oregon State University's Soil Science program.

Read more through their website: http://wordpress.iaswcd.org/for-districts/statewide-initiatives/urbansoilhealth/





Welcome back to Bits'n'Pieces, a weekly look at some of the interesting, funny, comical and sometimes outright weird things that happen in and around Montgomery County. Have something you think should go into Bits? E-mail it to us at bits@thepaper24-7.com, won't you please?

TODAY IS Dec. 15, which means there's a little over two weeks left in the year. Your friends at Montgomery County's favorite paper urge you to consider a charitable gift before the clock strikes midnight on the 31st! Of course there's the tax benefit, but there's also the fact that you will be helping those in need – and that's almost always the right thing to do! Whether you give to MUFFY, uh, sorry, the United Way of Montgomery County, the Boys & Girls Club, the Family Crisis Shelter, YSB or any one of the other worthwhile non-profits, it's a gift that goes so far and does so much good! Thank you for your consideration!

A FEW of you have also let us know you aren't thrilled over the missing comics and puzzles. We aren't sure when they'll be back. We're working on some changes for that page and one thing we want to know is how important comics and puzzles are to you. One of the things we are working on is the addition of interactive puzzles. Please know we're hurrying as fast as we can. If you have questions or comments to share, we'd surely appreciate hearing from you! Tell Tim at ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com if you would please.

A BIG TIP of the seed corn cap to everyone involved with the annual Christmas Parade through downtown Crawfordsville. Most folks have no idea how much work goes on behind the scenes and the staff, board and volunteers with our Chamber of Commerce don't get nearly enough credit for their yeoman efforts. Good job, one and all!

FOR THOSE of you inclined to prayer, here's to our cousins down in Kentucky (and the other five states) after the devastating impact of the tornadoes last week. For some of us, it was reminiscent of the 1965 Palm Sunday outbreak. That one produced 266 fatalities (including two right here in Montgomery County). While there is never a good time for something like this, it is especially hard near Christmas, and when the weather is cold. We hope and pray for everyone impacted.

LOCALLY, WE had a few reports of trees and limbs, but nothing at all like they got down south.

SPEAKING OF the storms, did you hear about the photo turning up Saturday on a car windshield in New Albany? It was blown there by the storm from Dawson Springs, Ky., about 130 miles from New Albany! Strange how mother nature works, isn't it?

Bits 'N' PIECES

OUR INDIANAPOLIS Colts were off last week, but rumor has it that they still tried to pass the ball.

BUT HEY, while they were off they moved up in the standings! If the playoffs started today, the Colts would be in. Let's hope it stays that way since they now control their own destiny.

LOOK, UP IN the sky! Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's the full oak moon! Or at least it will be on Sunday! The event, also known as the Cold Moon or Long Nights Moon at 11:35 Saturday evening. And do you know what full oak moon means? Us neither. But we googled it and found that it's an "old European name related to ancient druid traditions of harvesting mistletoe from oak trees." And who says newspapers aren't educational!

SPEAKING OF the sky and such, by the time you circle back around to Bits'n'Pieces next week, it will be winter! Yes, the dreaded season (for some of us!), begins Tuesday at 10:59 in the morning. At that time the sun will reach its solstice and we'll experience our shortest day of the year. Officially, the sun rises at 8:02 and sets at 5:23 – a little short of nine and a half hours. By the end of the month, sunset is seven minutes later at 5:30!

YES, WE ARE aware that some of you actually like winter. You are sick, sick people.

DIPPING OUR toes back in the sports world, there's an old saying about not bragging on a dog (and we'll just leave it at that). Well, we were getting pretty excited about the Purdue mens basketball team being ranked first in the country and then they go and lose to Rutgers. Some Purdue fans had ideas that perhaps this team might become the first one since Bobby Knight's IU Hoosiers went undefeated and won the national championship in 1976. Well IU fans, consider this. That team lost one game the year before being perfect. Maybe the same will happen for the Boilers?

IS IT JUST us or does it seem like there are less Christmas cards in the stores this year?

OK POLITICAL junkies, we are three weeks away from when candidates can file for office. It'll be interesting to see who does (and doesn't) file here. The Primary Election is scheduled for May 3.

SPEAKING OF politics, Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton has put out the call that he is looking for some good folks to serve on various boards and commissions. Some of us here at Montgomery County's friendliest and favorite newspaper have done so, and considered it an honor. Join us, won't you please? We should never forget President Ken-

nedy's immortal words: Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country!

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WE KEEP saying this, but please patronize advertisers in The Paper. If it wasn't for them, there would be no daily edition. We appreciate our local businesses and we hope you do, too! We don't expect folks to care that all the money spent with the Journal-Review goes to Alabama, but we surely care a lot that the money spent here stays right here!

WE'D LIKE to ask a favor of you, dear reader. What do you like, and / or dislike, about our ginormous Sunday edition. Like the comics, we're looking at what works and what doesn't and would really appreciate your feedback. We've love to start 2022 with the best products we can offer and we've got our ears open to help us do exactly that!

WE MADE a brief mention last week of the DISH network and their subscribers not being able to access WTHR, WISH, WNDY and other channels. That brought a FLOOD of responses. Seems a whole lot of you aren't very happy with the service. We hear you, but apparently no one else is listening!

HERE'S OUR riddle this week: A man and his dog are making their way down the street. The man rode, yet walked. What was the dog's name?

OK, CONTINUING the knock-knock jokes . . . Knock knock.

Who's there?

Anita.

Anita who?

Anita to read The Paper of Montgomery County! You do, too!

HERE'S TWO interesting tidbits from one of our favorite publications (besides The Paper of Montgomery County, of course), the Farmer's Almanac. The first one is about the first snowfall. According to one story in the Almanac, the first snow will occur six weeks after the last thunderstorm in September. We don't know when that is, BUT if it had happened on the last day of the month that would have meant a snowfall around Veterans Day. The second – and scarier – one is: Squirrels gathering nuts in a flurry will cause snow to gather in a hurry. We saw a lot of squirrels gathering nuts this fall. Uh-oh!

CONTINUING our official countdown . . .

First Day of winter - 6
Christmas - 10 days
First day of spring - 95 days
First day of summer - 188 days

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SURVEY:Small business optimism and prices up in November

The NFIB Small Business Optimism Index increased slightly in November by 0.2 points to 98.4. Four of the 10 Index components improved, four declined, and two were unchanged. The NFIB Uncertainty Index decreased four points to

"As the end of the year nears, the outlook for business conditions is not encouraging to small business owners as lawmakers propose additional mandates and tax increases," said NFIB Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg. "Owners are also pessimistic as many continue managing challenges like rampant inflation and supply chain disruptions that are impacting their

businesses right now." State-specific data is not available, but NFIB State Director Barbara Quandt said, "It's clear from the survey that small business owners here and across the country think that issues like the labor shortage and disruptions in the supply chain will continue in the New Year.

Key findings include: Owners expecting better business conditions over the next six months decreased one point to a net negative 38%, tied for the 48-year record low reading. This indicator has declined 18 points over the past four months to its lowest reading since November 2012.

The net percent of owners raising selling prices increased six points to a net 59% (seasonally adiusted), the highest reading since October 1979.

Seasonally adjusted, a net 54% of owners plan price hikes, up three points from October and a 48year record high reading.

Forty-eight percent of owners reported job openings that could not be



filled, a decrease of one point from October.

As reported in NFIB's monthly jobs report, small business owners continue to struggle to find workers to fill their open positions. Forty-eight percent (seasonally adjusted) of all small business owners reported job openings they could not fill in the current period, down one point from October. Overall, 60% of owners reported hiring or trying to hire in November.

Fifty-five percent of owners reported capital outlays in the last six months, down one point from October. Of those owners making expenditures, 39% reported spending on new equipment, 22% acquired vehicles, and 14% improved or expanded facilities. Six percent of owners acquired new buildings or land for expansion and 13% spent money for new fixtures and furniture. Twenty-seven percent of owners plan capital outlays in the next few months, down four points from October.

A net negative 2% of all owners (seasonally adjusted) reported higher nominal sales in the past three months, up two points from October. The net percent of owners expecting higher real sales volumes increased two points to a net 2%.

The net percent of owners reporting inventory increases gained two points to a net 3%. Thirty-five percent of owners report that supply chain disruptions have had a significant impact on their business, 31% report a moderate

impact, and 22% report a mild impact. Only 9% of owners report no impact from recent supply chain disruptions. A net 15% of owners viewed current inventory stocks as "too low" in November, up six points from October and a record-high level. A net 10% of owners plan inventory investments in the coming months, up two points from October and historically a very elevated reading.

The net percent of owners raising selling prices increased six points to a net 59% (seasonally adjusted), the highest reading since October 1979. Three percent (unadjusted) reported lower average selling prices and 59% reported higher average prices. Price hikes were the most frequent in wholesale (88% higher, 0% lower), construction (75% higher, 7% lower), and manufacturing (66% higher, 1% lower). Seasonally adjusted, a net 54% of owners plan price hikes, up three points from October and a 48-year

record high reading. A net 44% (seasonally adjusted) of owners reported raising compensation, unchanged from October and a 48-year record high reading. A net 32% plan to raise compensation in the next three months, also unchanged from October and a record high reading. Ten percent of owners cited labor costs as their top business problem and 29% said that labor quality was their top business problem.

The frequency of reports of positive profit trends

remained at a net negative 17%. Among those owners reporting lower profits, 32% blamed the rise in the cost of materials, 25% blamed weaker sales, 9% cited labor costs, 9% cited the usual seasonal change, 16% cited lower prices, and 2% cited higher taxes or regulatory costs. For owners who report higher profits, 61% credited sales volumes, 11% cited usual seasonal change, and 17% cited higher prices.

Two percent of owners reported that all their borrowing needs were not satisfied, 23% reported all credit needs were met, and 65% said they were not interested in a loan. A net 2% reported their last loan was harder to get than in previous attempts. Zero percent of owners reported that financing was their top business problem. A net 2% of owners reported paying a higher rate on

their most recent loan. The NFIB Research Center has collected Small **Business Economic Trends** data with quarterly surveys since the 4th quarter of 1973 and monthly surveys since 1986. Survey respondents are randomly drawn from NFIB's membership. The report is released on the second Tuesday of each month. The survey was conducted in November 2021.

About NFIB For more than 75 years, NFIB has been the voice of small business, advocating on behalf of America's small and independent business owners, both in Washington, D.C., and in all 50 state capitals. NFIB is nonprofit, nonpartisan, and member driven. Since our founding in 1943, NFIB has been exclusively dedicated to small and independent businesses and remains so today. For more information, please

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MONTGOMERY SUPERIOR COURT 2 MONTGOMERY COUNTY CAUSE NO. 54D02-2111-EU-000103

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF

DENNIS R. FRUITS, Deceased NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that on November 3 2021, Judy A. Fruits was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Dennis R. Fruits, deceased, who died on June 19, 2021, in Montgomery County, Indiana.

All person having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must

file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the

decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Crawfordsville, Indiana, this 3 day of November 2021. Karen D. Douglas
Clerk, Montgomery County Courts

William A. Goebel, #8381-54 GOEBEL LAW OFFICE 118 E. Main Street, Ste. 300 Crawfordsville, IN 47933 (765)364-9499 -m: billgoebel@goebelfroedgelaw.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

RQAW Corporation (8770 North St., Ste 110, Fishers, Indiana 46038) is submitting a Notice of Intent letter to notify the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements under 327 IAC 15-5 to discharge storm water from construction activities for the following project: Montgomery County Road Plans - CR 200S (Comfort Drive) located in Crawfordsville, Indiana including the reconstruction of Comfort Drive from the intersection of CR 200 S and CR 250 E and the intersection of CR 200 S and Nucor Road. It also includes the installation of gravity sanitary sewer, force main, and construction of a sanitary lift station. Run-off from the project site will discharge to the John V. Galey regulated drain and ultimately to the Sugar Creek discharge to the John V. Galey regulated drain and ultimately to the Sugar Creek

— Dry Branch. Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to
James Peck, Montgomery County Engineer, at (765)-307-8673.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CRAWFORDSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Crawfordsville will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2022, in the Common Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, to hear the request to vacate a public way: The property location: a portion of Old Oak Hill Road in front of 907

The petition is on file and available for examination (and purchase at cost) in the Department of Planning & Community Development on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (765.364.5152); office hours are 8:00-12:00 noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m., weekdays

except holidays.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to comment on the proposed request. Oral comments concerning the requests will be heard. Written comments and objections to the requests may also be submitted to the Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Crawfordsville, at the address above prior to

the hearing and will be considered. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to attend, hear or present evidence at the public hearing and is in need of easonable accommodation, please contact the Crawfordsville Department of Planning & Community Development at the address or phone number above so accommodation can be made.

Department of Planning & Community Development

Brandy Allen, Director, City of Crawfordsville

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Montgomery Superior Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No.: 54D01-1904-MF-000427, wherein PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, was Plaintiff, and J D Spencer, Janeille D. Spencer, was/were Defendant(s), requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 12th day of January, 2022, at the hour of 10:00am or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 600 Memorial Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana.

Lot Numbered 8, except the South 40 Feet thereof, as the same is known

and designated on the recorded Plat of H.E. Green`s 1st Addition to the City of Crawfordsville, in Montgomery County, Indiana, as the same appears of record in Deed Record 159 Page 73, in the Recorder's Office of Montgomery County,

More Commonly Known As: 1551 Darlington Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN

54-07-33-331-001.000-030 Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be nade without relief from valuation or appraisement laws.

Ryan Needham Sheriff of Montgomery Count

Jennifer L. Snook MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C. 455 West Lincolnway, Ste. B, Valparaiso, IN 46385 Telephone: (219) 386-4700

City of Crawfordsville 1551 Darlington Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 Street Address

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Type of Service: Personal

JD Spencer 1551 Darlington Avenue

Crawfordsville, IN 47933

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES NOTICE

OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Montgomery Superior Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No.: 54D01-1706-MF-000467, wherein Bank of America, N.A., was Plaintiff, and Christopher Hitz-Bradley, Lorraine Hitz-Bradley, was/were Defendant(s), requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 12th day of Lawrent 2022, at the bound 1000 MM care seen the same as a constant of the same of the January, 2022, at the hour of 10:00AM or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 600 Memorial Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, the fee simple of the whole body of

Real Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana.

Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 17 North, Range 5 West, Montgomery County, Indiana, described as follows:

Beginning 456.8 Feet East of the Northwest Corner of said Northwest Ouarter and running thence East 495.4 Feet to the centerline of State Highway 47 thence Southwesterly along said centerline 459.5 Feet; thence Westerly 282.6 Feet to an existing fence corner; thence Northerly 316.8 Feet to the place of beginning, containing 3.13 Acres, more or less.

More Commonly Known As: 8061 South State Road 47, Crawfordsville,

54-14-15-200-009 000-001

Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be

made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws. Ryan Needham

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City of Crawfordsville 8061 South State Road 47, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 Street Address The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.

Type of Service: Personal Christopher Hitz-Bradley 8061 South State Road 47 Crawfordsville, IN 47933 Lorraine Hitz-Bradley 8061 South State Road 47 Crawfordsville, IN 47933 Lorraine Hitz-Bradley 1418 West Main Street Crawfordsville, IN 47933 orraine Hitz-Bradley 814 South Grant Avenue Crawfordsville, IN 47933 Keith W. Lerch 575 North Pennsylvania Street, Room 655 Indianapolis, IN 46204

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54C01-1910-MF-001205, wherein PNC Bank, National Association was Plaintiff, and Michelle Oakley, Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana and Franciscan Alliance Inc. AKA Franciscan Health Crawfordsville were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 12th day of January, 2022, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at Sheriff's Office at 600 Memorial Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana.

Lot numbered 4, as the same is known and designated on the recorded plat of Cap Subdivision to Montgomery County, Indiana, as the same appears of record as Instruments numbered 2005008365 and 200501077 in the Recorder's

More commonly known as: 4 Gladiator Drive, Waynetown, IN 47990 Parcel No. 05-14-443-039.004-037

Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be without relief from valuation or appraisement laws.

"Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause 54C01-1910-MF-001205 in the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Indiana." Attorney for Plaintiff: J. Dustin Smith ATTORNEY NO. 29493-06

Manley Deas Kochalski LLC P.O. Box 441039 Indianapolis, IN 46244

> Wayne Township 4 Gladiator Drive The Sheriffs Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein

Sheriff of Montgomery

Ivy Tech Lafayette appoints Jessica Pitstick as Assistant **Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Services/Student Success**

Ivy Tech Community College Lafayette has announced the appointment of Jessica Pitstick to the position of Assistant Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Services/Student Success. Pitstick will provide leadership in enhancing the campus' overall student experience from enrollment planning and management to student support and development. She will strengthen relationships with collegiate, K-12 and community organization partners, and develop progressive strategies that support diversity, student retention, and educational achievement.

Pitstick joined Ivy Tech Lafayette in August 2011 as an adjunct faculty member teaching Business Administration, and in August 2014, she was promoted to faculty fellow. In January 2016 she was promoted to program chair of Supply Chain and Logistics, and in January 2017, was named to oversee the program statewide in addition to her campus role. Under her direction, The Supply Chain and Logistics Program was awarded

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Before Ivv Tech. Pitstick worked as an assistant bank manager for Centier Bank in Crown Point, as community development director for the Town of Fowler, and as assistant director of Member Services for the Division of Recreational Sports at Purdue University. She is currently a faculty lead, course developer and mentor for Jobs For the Future (JFF), a national non-profit dedicated to workforce development and economic advancement by fulfilling the pipeline needs through Career and Technical Education (CTE).

Pitstick earned a bachelor of science in business administration from Saint Joseph's College and a master of science degree in business administration from Indiana Wesleyan. She is currently working on her dissertation for a doctor of education in community college leadership from Ferris State University. She holds certifications in logistics and purchasing operations.

Pitstick is a lifelong resident of Benton County and currently resides in Fowler with her husband, two boys, and an aussie doodle puppy named Ivy Grace. Pistick's two sons attend Benton Central High School in 7th and

11th grade.

Pitstick has a passion for student success and development. Although she will miss the classroom where she has spent the last 5 years mentoring and preparing students for the supply chain industry, she looks forward to making an impact in this new role.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation shall accept electronic bids or sealed bids delivered to: Crawfordsville Community School Corporation Administration Office

1000 Fairview Ave. Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Electronic bid submissions shall be sent to the email addresses listed on the

Bid Form. Bids will be opened by representatives of Crawfordsville Community School

Corporation Critical dates & times listed below (all Eastern Standard Time)

Issued for Bid: Thursday, December 15, 2021 Pre-Bid Meeting: January 5, 2022 at 10:00 a.m Bids Due: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. local time

The Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at Crawfordsville High School, Crawfords

ville, IN 47933. The meeting will be conducted in the Commons Area and a tour Bids received after the listed time and date will be returned unopened. The oids may be submitted electronically to the Owner and Engineer at the email

addresses listed on the Bid Form. Alternatively, a hard copy of the bids may be submitted enclosed in a sealed envelope, properly marked with the name of the Owner (Crawfordsville Community School Corporation), the project title, the company name, the company address of business, and the company contact

The following documents are required to be completed in full and submitte with each bid proposal by the above referenced bid issue due date and time:

1. Bid Form

- 1. 2. Bid Bond
- Contractors Bid for Public Work Form 96
- Bidding Documents shall be made available via electronic media through the ReproGraphix ePlanroom at https://www.reprographix.com. Hard copies are to be printed at the Contractor's expense. For questions regarding the bid documents contact Mike East at (317) 634-

4672 or via email at mike.east@redimond.com . PL4225 12/15 12/22 2t hspaxlp

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MONTGOMERY SUPERIOR COURT 2 MONTGOMERY COUNTY CAUSE NO. 54D02-2111-EU-000114 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF

STEPHEN WOLFE, Deceased. NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on November 23 2021, Suzanne Reuff was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Stephen Wolfe, deceased, who died on September 22, 2021, in Montgomery County, Indiana. All person having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from

the date of first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Crawfordsville, Indiana, this 23 day of November 2021 Karen D. Douglas Clerk, Montgomery County Courts

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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: churchnews@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 churchnews@thepaper24-7.com by Monday for the Wednesday Print Edition.

There may be closures due to health concerns with the COVID-19 pandemic.

FREEDOM BAPTIST CHURCH

If you're looking for something special to do this Christmas, Freedom Baptist Church near Waveland has you covered! On Sunday morning Dec 12 at 9:30, we will be featuring acclaimed jazz pianist Luke Gillespie in a free concert of Christmas music. Gillespie is Professor of Jazz Studies at Indiana University Jacobs School of Music and has performed with David Baker, Buselli-Wallarab Jazz Orchestra, Sylvia McNair, Ann-Margret, Arturo Sandoval, and many others. Stick around for coffee and donuts following the program. Freedom Baptist Church is on SR 234 west, just minutes west of the intersection at SR 234 and SR 47. You won't want to miss this!

NEW MARKET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Church News for Saturday, December 11, 2021 from 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 "Joseph's Angel". His text is from Matthew 1:18-25.

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 January 2.

The worship service and Sunday school are open to everyone. Masks are encouraged.

NEW MARKET FIRST BAPTIST

First Baptist Church of New Market will meet in Hampton Hall for their Christmas program at 10:00 a.m. We will be showing off our talents during this time. The Lord's Closet will be open this Saturday for the last time this year. We will be open from 9:00=10:00 a.m. Every thing is FREE and donations are accepted at this time. Everyone is welcome to attend. We are located at 102 S. First St, in New Market,.

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: 765-363-4812

YOUNG'S CHAPEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

If contemporary worship is not your preference, then you Might want to visit us. A small country Bible based church made up of very friendly, compassionate, loving people. A church where everyone knows everyone's name. You will be warmly welcomed here. Why not try us out? 4527 North 200 East, Crawfordsville Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 am.

WOODLAND HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Woodland Heights Christian Church at 468 N Woodland Heights Drive Crawfordsville IN 47933-9689

Telephone Number: 765-362-5284; Fax Number: 765-362-6641

Lead Minister: Tim Lueking Associate Minister: Steve Wilke Worship Minister: Wayne Wilkinson Youth Minister: Bryson Feese Worship Service Times for Sunday:

Traditional service at 8:15a.m. & Contemporary service at 10:30a.m. All Sunday School classes at 9:30a.m., Children's classes for birth to 5th grade at 10:30a.m. All services will be streamed live on our live.whcc.us platform, Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter.

The Christmas Story: The Purpose Revealed – Matthew 1:18-25 Tim Lueking

NEW MARKET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Reverend William "Bill" Pike Office: 765-866-0703 email: bill.pike@in-umc.org. Please come join our small town church for a friendly church service using hymnals and the rituals of church that you grew up with. 101 East Main Street, P.O. Box 326, New Market, IN 47965. Office Phone: 765-866-0703 www.newmarketumc.org

Facebook.com New Market United Methodist Church Indiana Open Hearts--Open Minds--Open Doors Sunday School 9:30 and Worship Service 10:45

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Apostolic:

Garfield Apostolic Christian Church Rt. #5, Box 11A, Old Darlington Road 794-4958 or 362-3234 Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. Pastor Vernon Dowell

Gateway Apostolic (UPCI) 2208 Traction Rd 364-0574 or 362-1586 Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Moriah Apostolic Church 602 S. Mill St. 376-0906 10 a.m. Sunday, 6 p.m. Wednesday Pastor Clarence Lee

New Life Apostolic Tabernacle
1434 Darlington Avenue
364-1628
Worship: Sunday 10 a.m.; 6 p.m.
Sunday: The Voice of Healing & Restoration on 103.9 at 9 a.m.
Tuesday prayer: 7 p.m.
Thursday Mid-week: 7 p.m.
Pastor Terry P. Gobin

One Way Pentecostal Apostolic Church 364-1421 Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School: 11 a.m.

Apostolic Pentecostal:

Cornerstone Church 1314 Danville Ave. 361-5932 Worship: 10 a.m.; 6:30 p.m. Bible Study: Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Grace and Mercy Ministries 257 W. Oak Hill Rd. 765-361-1641 Worship: 10 a.m.; 6 p.m. Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Sunday School: 11 a.m. Co-Pastors Nathan and Peg Miller

Assembly of God:

Crosspoint Fellowship 1350 Ladoga Road 362-0602 Sunday Services: 10 a.m. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m.

First Assembly of God Church 2070 Lebanon Rd. 362-8147 or 362-0051 Sunday School: 9 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.

Baptist:

Browns Valley Missionary Baptist Church P.O. Box 507, Crawfordsville 435-3030 Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
128 E. CR 400 S
364-9428
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10 a.m.; 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Calvary Crusaders Wednesdays: 6:45 p.m.
Pro-Teen Wednesdays: 7 p.m.

p.m. Pro-Teen Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Pastor Randal Glenn

East Side Baptist Church
2000 Traction Rd.
362-1785
Bible Study: 9 a.m.
Worship: 10 a.m.; 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Prime Time
Teens, Pioneer Clubs; 6:45 p.m. :Adult
Bible Study
Rev. Steve Whicker

Faith Baptist Church 5113 S. CR 200 W 866-1273 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m. Pastor Tony Roe

First Baptist Church 1905 Lebanon Rd. 362-6504 Worship: 8:15 a.m.; 10:25 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. High School Youth Sunday: 5 p.m.

Freedom Baptist Church 6223 W. SR 234 (765) 435-2177 Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School is 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Pastor Tim Gillespie

Fremont St. Baptist Church 1908 E. Fremont St. 362-2998 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.; 6 p.m. Pastor Dan Aldrich

Friendship Baptist Church
U.S. 136 and Indiana 55
362-2483
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Friendship Kids for Christ: 6 p.m.
Pastor Chris Hortin

Ladoga Baptist Church 751 Cherry St., Ladoga 942-2460 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m.; 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Ron Gardner, Pastor

Mount Olivet Missionary Baptist 7585 East, SR 236, Roachdale 676-5891 or (317) 997-3785 Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Evening: 7 p.m. Bro. Wally Beam

New Market Baptist Church 200 S. First St. 866-0083 Sunday School: 9 a.m. Worship: 10 a.m. Children's church and child care

Second Baptist Church 119 1/2 S. Washington St, off of PNC Bank. 363-0875 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.

StoneWater Church
120 Plum St., Linden
339-7300
339-7300: 10 a.m.
Pastors: Mike Seaman and Steve
Covington

Waynetown Baptist Church
Corner of Plum and Walnut Streets
234-2398
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Childrens' Church: 11:10 a.m.
Pastor Ron Raffignone

Christian:

Alamo Christian Church 866-7021 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m.

Browns Valley Christian Church 9011 State Road 47 South 435-2590 Sunday School: 9 a.m. Worship: 10 a.m.

Byron Christian Church 7512 East 950 North, Waveland Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m.

Waynetown Christian Union Church SR 136, then south on CR 650. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. New phone #: 765-918-0438 New Pastor: Paul Morrison

Congregational Christian Church of Darlington

101 Academy St, P.O. Box 7
794-4716
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer: 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m., Wed Bible Study 7 p.m.
Kingdom Seekers Youth Group (alternate Sundays)

Darlington Christian Church Main and Washington streets 794-4558 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.

Pastor Seth Stultz

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
211 S. Walnut St.
362-4812
SUNDAY: 9:22 a.m. Contemporary

Café worship 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Traditional Worship WEDNESDAY: 5-7 a.m. Logos Youth Dinner & Program Pastor: Rev. Darla Goodrich

Ladoga Christian Church 124 W. Elm St. 942-2019 Sunday School: 9 a.m. Worship: 10 a.m.; 6 p.m.

Love Outreach Christian Church 611 Garden St. 362-6240 Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. Pastors Rob and Donna Joy Hughes

New Hope Chapel of Wingate 275-2304
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study: 6:30 p.m., Wed.
Youth Group: 5:30 p.m., Wed.
Homework Class: 4:30 p.m. Wed & Thurs.
Champs Youth Program: 5:30 p.m.
Wed.
Adult Bible Class: 6:30 p.m. Wed.

Pastor Duane Mycroft

New Hope Christian Church
2746 US 231 South
362-0098
newhopefortoday.org
Worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.

& 10:30 a.m.

New Market Christian Church 300 S. Third St. 866-0421 Sunday School: 9 a.m. Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday evening: Bible Study 6:15, Youth 6:15, Choir 7:15

New Richmond Christian Church 339-4234 202 E. Washington St. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Pastor John Kenneson

Pastor Gary Snowden

New Ross Christian Church 212 N. Main St. 723-1747 Worship: 10 a.m. Youth Group: 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday

Minister Ivan Brown

Parkersburg Christian Church
86 E. 1150 S., Ladoga
866-1747

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Rich Fuller

Providence Christian Church
10735 E 200 S
723-1215

Waveland Christian Church 212 W. Main St. 435-2300 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Worship: 10 a.m.

Waynetown Christian Church 103 W. Walnut St. 234-2554 Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 9 a.m.

Whitesville Christian Church 3603 South Ladoga Road Crawfordsville, IN 47933 (765) 362-3896 New Worship Service Time 9:00am 1st Service 10:30am 2nd Service Pastor Andy Schindler whitesvillechristianchurch.com

Woodland Heights Christian Church 468 N. Woodland Heights Dr. 362-5284

362-5284 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.. Worship: 8:15 a.m. (traditional); 10:30 a.m. (contemporary) Student Ministry: 5 p.m., Sunday Pastor Tony Thomas

Young's Chapel Christian Church Rt. 6. Crawfordsville

794-4544 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Gary Edwards

Church of Christ:

Church of Christ
419 Englewood Drive
362-7128
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Southside Church of Christ 153 E 300 South, east of US 231 765-720-2816 Sunday Bible Classes: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship: 5 p.m. Wednesday Bible Classes: 7 p.m. Preacher: Brad Phillips Website: southsidechurchofchristin-

Church of God:

diana.com

First Church of God 711 Curtis St. 362-3482 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Pastor Chuck Callahan

Grace Avenue Church of God 901 S. Grace Ave. 362-5687 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Pastor Duane McClure

Community:

Congregational Christian Church 402 S. Madison St., Darlington 794-4716 Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Crawfordsville Community Church Fairgrounds on Parke Ave. Crawfordsville 794-4924 Worship: 10 a.m. Men's prayer group, Mondays 6:30 p.m. Pastor Ron Threlkeld

Gravelly Run Friends Church CR 150 N, 500 E Worship: 10 a.m.

Harvest Fellowship Church CR 500 S 866-7739 Pastor J.D. Bowman Worship 10 a.m.

Liberty Chapel Church 500 N CR 400 W 275-2412 Sunday School: 9 a.m. Worship: 10 a.m.

Linden Community Church 321 E. South St., Linden (Hahn's) Sunday: 9:15

Yountsville Community Church 4382 W SR 32 362-7387 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Pastor Alan Goff

Episcopal:Bethel African Methodist Episcopal

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Lutheran:

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1414 E. Wabash Ave.
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Phanuel Lutheran Church Lutheran Church Rd., Wallace Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Worship: 9:30 a.m.

United Methodist: Christ's United Methodist

909 E. Main St. 362-2383 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.

Church
Harrison St.
794-4824
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Fellowship: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Dirk Caldwell

Darlington United Methodist

First United Methodist Church 212 E. Wabash Ave. 362-4817 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Traditional Worship: 9 a.m. The Gathering: 11:10 a.m. Rev. Brian Campbell

Linden United Methodist Church 609 South Main St. P.O. Box 38 339-7347 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10 a.m. Rev. Erin Michelle Weaver

Mace United Methodist Church 5581 US 136 E 362-5734 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:40 a.m.

Mount Zion United Methodist 2131 W. Black Creek Valley Rd. 362-9044 Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. Worship: 9:30 a.m. Pastor Marvin Cheek

New Market United Methodist Church Third and Main Street 866-0703 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m.

New Ross United Methodist Church 108 W. State St. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m.

Methodist Church 403 E. Green St. 866-0703 Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Worship: 9:15 a.m.

Waveland Covenant United

Church 124 E. Washington St. 243-2610 Worship 9:30 a.m. Johnny Booth

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Mormon:Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-

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Harbor Nazarene Church 2950 US 231 S 307-2119 Worship: 10 a.m. Pastor Joshua Jones www.harbornaz.com

Orthodox:

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox 4636 Fall Creek Rd. 359-0632 Great Vespers: 5 p.m. Saturday Matins: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Sunday Rev. Father Alexis Miller

Saint Stephen the First Martyr Orthodox Church (OCA) 802 Whitlock Ave. 361-2831 or 942-2388 Great Vespers: 6:30 p.m. Saturday Wednesday evening prayer 6:30 pm Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m. Sunday

Presbyterian:

Worship 10 a.m.

Bethel Presbyterian Church of Shannondale 1052 N. CR 1075 E., Crawfordsville 794-4383 Sunday School: 9 a.m.

Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church 307 S. Washington St. 362-5812 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:40 a.m. Pastor: Dr. John Van Nuys

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Pleasant Hill United Church of Christ - Wingate Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Pastor Alan Goff

United Pentecostal:

Pentecostals of Crawfordsville

116 S. Walnut St., Crawfordsville 362-3046 Pastor L. M. Sharp Worship: 2:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting: 10 a.m., Tuesday Bible Study: 6 p.m., Wednesday

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Calvary Chapel 915 N. Whitlock Ave. 362-8881 Worship: 10 a.m., 6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday: 6 p.m.

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The Church of Abundant Faith 5529 U.S. Highway 136 Waynetown, IN Reverend John Pettigrew Sunday Worship: 9:45 am (765) 225-1295

The Vine Christian Church 1004 Wayne Ave. Crawfordsville Service at 10:02

How to help a deployed soldier with a Christmas miracle

Most people appreciate members of the military, but may not know what they can do to show their support. Paws of War is helping to make it easier than ever, by asking members of the community to chip in and support a mission to relocate two abandoned puppies that were rescued overseas by a U.S. soldier, Staff Sgt. Jay. With him going home for a brief holiday stay, he will have the best Christmas ever if they can pull off the

"We desperately want to make sure these pups are back in the U.S. when Staff Sgt. Jay gets his holiday visit home," explains Dereck Cartright, a disabled veteran who is the stateside logistics coordinator at Paws of War. "He is going to surprise his wife and children with the two puppies for Christmas, which is going to be something amazing to be a part of helping to make happen."

Staff Sgt. Jay has seen firsthand the cruel ways that stray dogs are treated where he is stationed overseas. He's witnessed the horrible conditions, which include starvation, being hit by cars, and poor treatment by locals. Being a dog lover and having an 11-year old English Mastiff back home with declining health, he had to take action when he saw a couple of puppies in desperate need of help.

While out on patrol, he drove up on two small female puppies that had been thrown out over the bank on the side of the road in a cardboard box. The puppies were malnourished, in poor health, frightened, and in need of care. After waiting for a while to give them a chance to become comfortable around him, he made the move to give them food and water. From that point on, there was an inseparable bond and a mission to make the puppies, which he named Luna and Leila, a permanent part of his family back in the Northeast in America.

"I reached out to Paws of War, because I've heard



so many good things about how they help military members with situations like this," says Staff Sgt. Jay. "I have been granted a short holiday stay back home, and it will be a miracle if I can get Luna and Lejla back there at the same time to introduce them to the rest of the family and we can all spend the holiday together. I can't wait to make them a permanent part of my family."

In order to help get the two adorable puppies back to safely in the U.S., Paws of War will need financial support from the community. There are fees associated with making such a mission, including the necessary medical evaluations



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Paws of War is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization that provides assistance to military members and their pets, rescues and trains dogs to be service dogs, and provides companion animals to veterans.

and treatments, paperwork, and transportation expenses. People can help make Staff Sgt. Jay's Christ-

mas miracle come true by

making a financial donation to support the mission. All size contributions are appreciated and can be made by visiting: https://pawsofwar.

networkforgood.com/projects/149360-help-save-lunaand-lejla.

The mission comes with expenses, including complex travel arrangements, veterinary care, paperwork, etc. Many service members stationed around the world rescue cats and dogs and become attached to them. The pets bring them peace and comfort, and put smiles on their faces. Paws of War has made it its mission to help get those pets to safety in America when the time arrives. It has helped many service members to get their rescued pets relocated

About Paws of War Paws of War is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization that provides assistance to military members and their pets, rescues and trains dogs to be service dogs, and provides companion animals to veterans. To learn more about Paws of War and the programs provided or to make a donation, visit its site at: http://pawsofwar.

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Friends of Indianapolis Animal Care Services surprised with check and a chance

Friends of Indianapolis Animal Care Services was surprised with a \$15,000 check from Petco Love, all thanks to a story submitted by two local pet adopters in the Petco Love Stories campaign. Now Friends of Indianapolis Animal Care Services can earn up to an additional \$25,000, but they need the community's support. From now through Dec. 15, noon CST, the public can vote for Friends of Indianapolis Animal Care Services' stories in the People's Choice competition at petcolove.org/ lovestories.

These two stories were selected as part of 100 Love Stories winners from across the country this year earning Friends of Indianapolis Animal Care Services \$15,000 from Petco Love.

Adopted dog brings love and support to middle school therapy (\$10K Winner): Kennedy and her adopted dog Remy have traveled across the country, hiked mountains, and completed AKC trainings, but their greatest adventure is just beginning. Together, they're making middle school art therapy a supportive, welcoming space. Vote for story.

Adopted cat helps pet mom find hope after loss (\$5K Winner): Kristen was recovering from longterm COVID complications and was grieving the sudden loss of her family. Then she adopted a cat named Pete, who's playful and curious nature helped bring love, laughter, and joy back to her life again. Vote for story.

"These powerful Love Stories reflect the importance of pets in our lives. Whether the best or worst of times, the love of pets can change everything," said Petco Love President, Susanne Kogut. "Reading these touching tales strengthens our resolve to create a world where every shelter pet finds a loving family, and no pet is unnecessarily euthanized.

This year, we are proud to award more than \$1 million to further empower lifesaving organizations, like Friends of Indianapolis Animal Care Services, that work tirelessly to save pet lives.'

People's Choice Competition: The top five stories with the most votes will earn additional grant funding from \$5,000 to \$25,000. The deadline to vote is December 15, 2021, noon CST. Winners will be announced before Christmas. To view all 100 stories and vote for a favorite, visit petcolove. org/lovestories.

About Petco Love Stories: Since 2013, more than 20,000 adopters have shared how their pets have changed their lives in the annual campaign, with Petco Love granting nearly \$7 million to the hardworking animal welfare organizations making these adoption matches possible. For more, visit petcolove.org/lovestories.

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Local pet adopter's story selected as winner in annual Petco Love Stories campaign, surprising Friends of Indianapolis Animal Care Services with \$15,000 award. Now they can earn \$25k more with public's vote.

Indianapolis Animal Care Services

Friends of Indianapolis **Animal Care Services** was established through the dedicated efforts of concerned volunteers and leaders of Indianapolis Animal Care Services to

address the problem of homeless and unwanted pets in our community. It is our primary purpose to help save the lives and support the welfare of our city's shelter animals. Indianapolis Animal Care Services takes in roughly

16,000 animals each year. Learn more at https:// friendsofindyacc.org/.

Petco Love is a nonprofit changing lives by making communities and pet families closer, stronger, and healthier.

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for the Crawfordsville Chamber, will be the new Director of Professional Development and Center for Innovation, Business, and Entrepreneurship effective Jan. 3. This is Hagan's second stint at Wabash. She previously served as Associate Director of Career Services.

Hagan earned her undergraduate degree at Ball State University. She is a graduate of the Montgomery County Leadership Academy (MCLA) and recently served that organization as its president. She is also a member of the board of directors of the Montgomery County Educational Foundation.

THE LINDEN Carnegie Public Library's Christmas Open House happened recently. Crafts, snacks, free new books, a Reindeer Search and of course a visit with Santa were all part of the fun! The event was a great success and Amy King, who is in charge of the

children's programming, is already looking forward to next year!

FOR THE 28th year OPERATION TOY BOX is collecting toys for needy families in the Montgomery County area. OPER-ATION TOY BOX began with the help of Gloria and Dave Long working along with the Delta Theta

Tau Sorority. In 2020 the Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club took over the operation and is now in their second year of facilitating OPERATION TOY BOX. Signs have been posted at collection sites in our

area including Creek Jewelers, Christi Hubler Chevrolet, Etter Ford, York Automotive and numerous other locations. New, unwrapped toys for children ages infant to 15 years of age can be dropped off at any collection site.

Toys will be picked up by the Indiana National Guard on Friday December 17th, 2021 and distribution will be made on Monday December 20th, 2021. In 2021 OPERA-TION TOY BOX will serve almost 50 families and over 100 children.

About Friends of

VALERO'S LINDEN Ethanol Plant distributed a total of \$20,000 to charities in Montgomery and Tippecanoe counties from money raised through the Valero Texas Open and Valero Benefit for Children.

The 2021 Valero Benefit for Children local recipients included the Boys and Girls Club of Montgomery County, Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau, Food Finders Food Bank Backpack Program and Helping Challenged Children.

THE LOCAL Kiwan-

ians report that Operation Toy Box is in full swing this year. So far, the drive has accepted donations from numerous organizations to supplement the

toys collected during their annual campaign. These donations are used to ensure that Operation Toy Box has the proper toys for all ages of children.

This is the 28th year that Operation Toy Box is collecting toys for needy families in the Montgomery County area. Toys can be dropped off at more than 20 locations in Montgomery County that display an Operation Toy Box collection site sign, including The Paper of Montgomery County at 127 E, Main St. Operation Toy Box was developed by Gloria and Dave Long is to provide that "one new toy under the tree" for area children.

SOUTHMONT SCHOOLS is continuing a year-long celebration

of its 50th Anniversary with a Winter Reunion on Saturday, Jan. 22 at Southmont High School from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Southmont girls varsity basketball will tip off against Crawfordsville High School at 5:30 p.m., with the boys varsity

game following at 7 p.m. 1991 Southmont High School alum Steve Trent and his band Small Town will headline the celebration in the new high school commons. Children and those young at heart are invited to jump, race, and play on inflatables located in the fieldhouse. Various Southmont High School athletics teams will be selling food items throughout the event, including pork burgers and other concession favorites.

SIX WABASH College seniors have earned Orr Fellowships, guaranteeing them two-year, salaried positions with a host company in Indianapolis. This marks the most Orr Fellows from Wabash in an academic year in the fellowship's history.

As Orr Fellows, Lucas Bender, Drew Bluethmann, Isaac Cloran, Kenny Coleman, Solomon Davis and Gerard Seig will receive executive mentorship and participate in a curriculum designed to develop understanding and skills vital to entrepreneurship and business leadership. Fellows will also grow professionally through an active and supportive network with opportunities for cultural and civic engagement.

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"Telemarketers?"

"Tele-who?" "Never mind. Listen Bubba, I'm kind of busy here. What can I help you with?"

"Actually, I'm here to help you, Timmons. I got a story that I think you'll really like, and you know, you have a way with words and all, I thought you might ought to write it up for your readers."

I couldn't imagine what tale Bubba had cooking this time, but I was pretty sure it wouldn't be anything

worthwhile. "Look, Bubba, I-"

"My grandpappy lived to be 103, but before he passed on to that great still site in the sky, he told us about when he almost bought the farm right exact on Christmas day three years back."

I thought about how to stop him, but at this point it was probably quicker to let him tell his story and get it over with.

"Grandpappy had a heart attack and whilst he was riding in the ambulance

with the sirens going he actually passed over," Bubba explained. "He said there weren't no white lights or nothing, just an elderly angel who sat down beside him. This here angel told him not to fret, that the days was numbered for the entire world.

"Well, ol grandpappy always was a curious sort so he asked the angel what he meant and the angel told him that God had been watching things go farther downhill with all of us human sapiens-'

"Homo sapiens."

"Nah, it didn't have nuthin to do with that. Anyways, the Big Guy wasn't liking what he was seeing out of our behavior so he sent this angel down to check it out. Well, you know how angels can't lie. So when the angel gets back to heaven he tells God that 98 percent of all humans are up to no good and only 2 percent are decent folk. Well sir, that ticked God off something fierce. At first He was going to send down all that hell fire and limestone-" "Brim . . . oh never mind.'

"But before He did, He decided to double check just to make sure the angel got it right. Instead of sending another angel God decided to find out for Hisself.'

In spite of myself, this story was intriguing. Maybe it would be worth a column?

"So God decided to send an e-mail to the 2 percent to find out for sure if they were really good and

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decent. And Timmons, do you know what that e-mail said?"

"No, what?"

"Me neither!" Bubba howled! I could hear him

laughing hysterically as I

slammed the phone down.

Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically on Wednesdays in The Paper. Timmons is the publisher of The Paper and

can be contacted at ttim-

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those who prefer food and family to things of real value," he jests.

This year, we're hearing that things of real value may be delayed or unavailable. Not only have shipping containers been backed up in ports and high-tech parts unavailable, but also fears are growing about the economy. During the lockdown, we stocked up on toilet paper, upgraded our TVs, worked on our homes and learned new skills. While we've been unable to go out or vacation as much, we've learned a lot about what each of us call things of real value. Connection, not stuff, produces more happiness.

Remember when we were kids or had little ones? The giving economy involved a lot of coupons for services because givers lacked buying power. Giving without

money and stuff made us resourceful. Instead of filling our attics with cast offs, we received pies, free babysitting, cheerfully completed chores or diaper services. Who doesn't love that?

Yet in the holidays, we tend to slip back into consumerist psychology. How do I purchase the thing of real value that so-and-so wants? What if we paused to ask why is that what drives us? The answer is likely that we have a good heart. We want to bring happiness, a la Clark Griswold. Maybe we want to feel like American heroes. Giving the perfect gift gratifies our self-worth.

What if, though? What if we are trapped in a game called "managing expectations?" When in this game do we factor longevity into the expectation of joy? Oh, how quickly stuff wears out its welcome. Consider how many of us purge last year's cast offs or forgotten toys before the gifting bacchanalia. In our home, we purge after as well. One might ask, is this the time of year Goodwills and Salvation Army stores see the most donations because so much of what is donated gets trashed, shifted overseas – then trashed – or malingers in second-hand shops.

There is an old way out of this new mess, a new way out of this old mess, to re-contextualize a lyric from the band the Psalters. Instead of stretching our waistlines, busting the walls of our storage spaces, hoarding and purging, exhausting our psyches not to mention this precious world, consuming at a pace that mirrors addiction, seeking new things like a rush, we can give better.

What would this look like? Here's a collection of practical suggestions.

Pack up a basket of your artisan bread / homebrews / jewelry / woodworking / essential oil blends that you perfected during lockdown. Put on a bow. Add a chocolate bar, a bottle of wine, a box of tea, some cowboy caviar and a coupon for monthly delivery. Voila! A custom subscription box.

Return to coupons. Offer monthly babysitting or regular house-cleaning. For those who can't get out, offer to be a personal shopper or deliver groceries. Who wouldn't love having their car detailed or some landscaping services? Do you have a special skill like HVAC or repairing clocks? You can coupon annual system maintenance to your parents or siblings. Don't have the skill to fix a clock, but your mom has that family heirloom she's wanted fixed for years? Pay to have it repaired.

Artists could paint a beloved photo or give a coupon to lead a paint and pour, supplies included. Put together scrapbook pages or an album of this year's photos via one of the many photo services online. Start a tradition of footprints on the same canvas. Are you a gardener? Propagate cuttings and gift plants or starts. Do you excel at menus? Build a home meal kit, deliver a meal monthly, put together a healthy eating plan. Do you know what wines to drink with what? Curate a wine of the month for your family members.

For kids and grandkids of senior citizens who are downsizing, set up monthly lunch or dinner dates. Take your parent or grandparent out and spend an hour eating and chatting.

If time is a scarce resource for you, consider some excellent second-hand classy gifting or subscriptions. Your grandparent might love to read. Give Readers Digest or a book service, a Kindle with subscription. Gift from Thredup for your fashionistas. There are other fashion services on-line. Give experiences. AirBNB has gift cards. Give concert tickets, restaurant gift cards, rockwall climbing, axe throwing, wine tasting or state park passes.

What's delightful about this era is that the scrappy creativeness of these gifts promises they'll be memorable. Our leisure has been exploited, our boredom and desire for adventure, joy and connection are being exploited. Perhaps the new question to ask when gifting is "what will they remember?"

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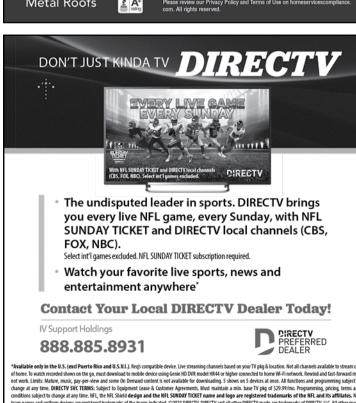














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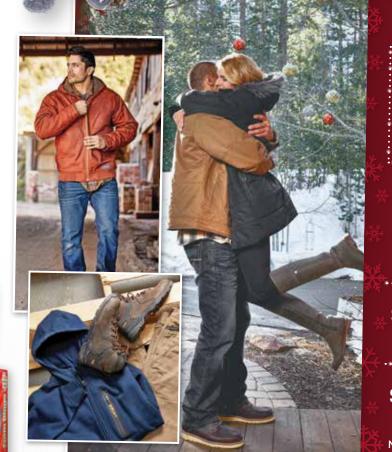
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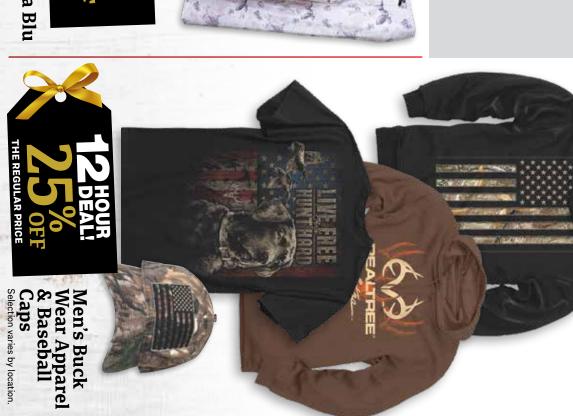
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