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➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 16:8 I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Jacob Amburgey took a quick break at work to offer a nice smile to a stranger during the holiday season. Many thanks, Jacob!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Turkey Run State Park is bringing back its ice hikes in 2022. They will be offered each Saturday and Sunday in January and February. All hikes will begin at 11 a.m. and last until approximately 12:30 p.m. Advance registration for the popular hikes can be completed at turkeyrunicehike.eventbrite.com.

2 Speaking of outdoor stuff, for the first time since 2006, Indiana DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife is increasing fees for hunting, fishing and trapping licenses. Commercial license fees also increase, some for the first time since the 1980s. More information on these changes, including a full list of the new fees, can be found here: dnr.IN.gov/fish-and-wildlife/licenses-and-permits/fee-changes

3 Skiing is the favorite activity in Maine. It's not a surprise since the average annual snowfall in the Pine Tree State ranges from 50 to 110 inches, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. And, with Christmas only days away, it's not unusual to see a Santa or two wending their way down the slopes. But onlookers saw more than 230 skiers decked out in white beards, red hats and jolly smiles schussing down the snow covered hills in Newry, to help fund a local charity.

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Southmont superintendent going to West Lafayette

Southmont is looking for a new superintendent of schools.

Monday night, Dr. Shawn Greiner was hired by the West Lafayette School Corporation to lead that system as superintendent. He was approved in a 6-1 vote by the school board there.

Greiner said this a bittersweet move.

"It has been an honor serving Southmont families and the community over the past nine years," he told The Paper Tuesday morning. "My own children have cherished their time here at Southmont and I will forever be appreciative of the impact



Dr. Shawn Greiner

this community has had on us all. I am grateful for an amazing board that has dedicated its time

to ensure consistent leadership over the years. It is that commitment that has allowed us to do the many great things with our administrators, teachers and families to ensure quality learning experiences for our students. While my family and I look forward to the transition to this new step forward, we will forever hold dear the relationships and memories we have built here. I am committed to working with the Southmont Board to ensure a smooth transition as the search for a quality superintendent begins."

Greiner came to Southmont in

2013. His last day will be Jan. 28 and he begins his new job Feb. 1.

South school board president Brad Monts issued the following statement to South families Monday evening when Greiner's hiring was confirmed.

"This evening Dr. Shawn Greiner was approved as the new superintendent of West Lafayette Community School Corporation. Dr. Greiner has subsequently submitted his resignation to the Board of Trustees, effective January 28, 2022.

"We know that a mid-year

➔ See SOUTH Page A8

A Christmas Forest

Photo courtesy Linden Library

The Linden Library teamed up with Pleasant Hill Elementary's Librarian Mrs. Carri Wilhite to give students a chance to spread some joy this Christmas. Fourth graders made twig Christmas trees inspired by the book "The Night Tree" by Eve Bunting. Fifth grade classes created Christmas cards made from hand tracings. All of their crafts were delivered to nursing home residents in Crawfordsville; a special treat that both the library and the students hope are enjoyed. The Linden Library would like to thank Pleasant Hill's principal, Mrs. Jennifer Moseley, and Mrs. Wilhite for collaborating on the project.



Twas a few days before Christmas ...

Years ago . . . OK, decades . . . I penned a parody of Clement Clarke Moore's outstanding work, The Night Before Christmas.

I was a young sports writer and had some fun with the three basketball coaches in Montgomery County at that time, Ron Henricks, Dwayne Rater and Mike Sorrell.

Every few years since then I try again. The coaches, who were gracious enough not to run me out of town after that first one, are no longer the topic. And after the last two years of pandemics, petty politics and finding out the Colts are the best running team in the NFL, except they pass pretty much most of the time . . . this seems the right time to do another one. Or, in Otter's famous words from the literary classic film Animal House – "I think that this situation absolutely requires a really futile and stupid gesture be done on somebody's part." And to paraphrase future Sen. Bluto – I'm just the guy to do it. So, with apologies to Mr. Moore . . .

'Twas mid-week before Christmas, the country's a dump
Another variant's coming and oops, there goes Trump.

The House and the Senate were divided in two
Causing the voters to give them a boo!

The seniors were resting, secure at Ben Hur
On carpet from Zahn's, as soft as the fur.

Franciscan and Witham took care of our health
While Tri-County and HHSB tended our wealth.

➔ See TIM Page A5

We are still here

"I am a Hoosier born and raised," wrote Beth Saligugi

Elam, "but first and foremost I am Chickamauga Cherokee and descendant of the Powhatan Confederacy. I would like White Hoosiers to understand that we are still here."

"We're still here," echoed EagleWolf, a member of an Alabama-recognized band

of Cherokee, who asked his last name be withheld. EagleWolf lives in Ellettsville, Indiana.

"We are not just people of

➔ See LWV Page A8

The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 8:07 a.m.
SET: 5:26 p.m.



Wacky Holiday Today

- Abilities Day
- National Cookie Exchange Day



What Happened On This Day

- 2010 Don't ask don't tell was repealed
- 1937 Lincoln Tunnel opens



Births On This Day

- 1989 Jordin Sparks American singer
- 1943 Paul Wolfowitz American politician

Deaths On This Day

- 1989 Samuel Beckett Irish/French author
- 1880 George Eliot English author

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Christmas is three days away. One of my favorite memories is walking into the house and smelling cookies baking. The ham and turkey smelled good. But the cookies were the best!



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Taking medications like ibuprofen and naproxen can reduce the effectiveness of SSRI antidepressant medications like Prozac, Paxil, Zoloft and Lexapro.

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

Linda L. Jeffries



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



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➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Holiday schedule

Like the city and county offices, The Paper offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 24 and Monday, Dec. 27. In addition, we won't have an Online Edition on Christmas Day, Sunday and Monday. Our Online Edition will resume on Tuesday, Dec. 28. All Indiana BMV offices will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. A few other branches (not Crawfordsville) will be closed on Thursday.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"We are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime."
Laura Ingalls Wilder

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?
Tinsilitis!



Linda L. Jeffries

April 23, 1941 - Dec. 20, 2021

Linda L. Jeffries, 80, Ladoga, went to her heavenly home on the morning of Dec. 20, 2021.

She was born on April 23, 1941 in Crawfordsville, IN to the late Chester and Dorothy Vice. She married Phillip W. Jeffries at the New Ross Christian Church on July 27, 1962. He survives.

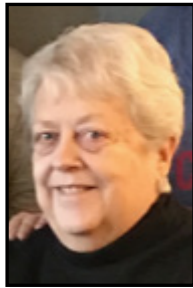
Mrs. Jeffries graduated from Ladoga High School in 1959 and went on to attend Central Beauty College. She started her working career as a beautician, then she began doing secretarial work for the Indiana Christian Children's Home and retired from the State of Indiana Department of Transportation. She loved to cook and bake for her family and friends. She was a member of the Eastern Star, the Ladoga Christian Church and the Ladoga Bunco Club. She loved her family, especially her grandchildren, and will be greatly missed by many.

Survivors include her husband; three daughters, Sheila (Steve) Sharp, Marcia (Justin) Vogel, Elizabeth Jeffries; four grandchildren, Nicholas Sharp, Benjamin Sharp, Jacob Vogel and Abigail Vogel; siblings, June (Frank) Cating and David (Jan) Vice; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral service is scheduled at 12 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021 at Servies & Morgan Funeral Home, 203 N. Washington Street, Ladoga. Burial is scheduled to follow in Ladoga Cemetery. Friends and family are invited for a time of visitation at the funeral home on Thursday from 10 a.m. until time of service.

The family asks that donations in her memory be made to The American Cancer Society. You are invited to visit www.serviesmorgan.com where you may leave an online condolence for the family. Servies & Morgan Funeral Home has been entrusted with the funeral arrangements.



Indiana Chamber adds Crawfordsville's Jones to Board of Directors, names new Board Chair

Steven Jones, dean for professional development at Wabash College, is among the 22 new Indiana Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

The Indiana Chamber Board is comprised of individuals from a diverse array of industries and regions of the state.

"Our board is integral to helping us shape public policy that promotes economic prosperity in Indiana," says

Indiana Chamber President and CEO Kevin Brinegar. "Members are able to apply their specific knowledge and talents to committees to further hone their impact. We look forward to Steven's contributions."

Additionally, Indianapolis entrepreneur John Thompson was elected the organization's new chairman through November 2022.

Thompson made his way from the tough housing

projects of Baltimore to find great success in Indianapolis as the chairman and CEO of four businesses – including Thompson Distribution and First Electric Supply – and as an investor in a variety of endeavors.

Thompson joined the Indiana Chamber's board in 2014 and engages on various committees, as well as its Membership Ambassadors initiative.

Outside of his work with

the Indiana Chamber, he is a leader with the Business Equity for Indy initiative, which focuses on growing an inclusive business climate.

More than 150 individuals from member companies make up the Indiana Chamber Board. They are presidents, CEOs and high-level executives from organizations throughout the state. All new board members will serve three-year terms.

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Bits ‘N’ **PIECES**

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?

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SINCE THIS is our last Bits’n’Pieces before Christmas, we want to wish all of you a most blessed and joyous Christmas! And we hope that on Friday you’ll enjoy a special Christmas message from all of us to all of you! And in the meantime, and not to leave out our friends who don’t celebrate the same way we do, we hope your coming days are wonderful as well!

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TODAY IS Dec. 22, which means there’s only a few days left in the year. Your friends at Montgomery County’s favorite paper urge you to consider a charitable gift before the year ends. Not only will you help a deserving group of people you will also be giving yourself a tax break. From the United Way of Montgomery County to the Boys & Girls Club, the Family Crisis Shelter, YSB or any one of the other worthwhile non-profits, this is a gift that goes a long way and does so much good! Thank you for your consideration!

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A FEW of you have also let us know you aren’t thrilled over the missing comics and puzzles. We aren’t sure if they’ll be back. We’re working on some changes for that page, like the addition of interactive puzzles. If you have questions or comments to share, we’d surely appreciate hearing from you! Tell Tim at timmons@thepaper24-7.com.

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A BIG TIP of the seed corn cap to the folks who fixed the railroad track on Washington Street last week. Of course those are likely the same folks who it fell into disrepair under. But hey, this is the season of giving, so we’re happy to focus on the good and not the bad!

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WITH THAT said, forgive us for this but who was the genius who figured it was a great idea to put up two “road closed ahead” signs at the corner of Washington and South Boulevard. It was nice of them to give drivers a heads up that the RR tracks ahead had a problem. But did they have to cut off one lane completely at one of C’ville’s busiest intersections? We don’t know if there were any wrecks there, but there were certainly a few near misses!

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YOU’LL FIND this info in other places, but just in case – your favorite Montgomery County news source will be closed Friday and Saturday (the same as the city and county government offices) so that our employees can spend time with their families. Over the last few years we have used the last days of the year for maintenance and to give staff well-deserved breaks and you have been gracious in allowing us to do that. We all appreciate it!

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DO YOU have all your Christmas shopping done, or are you one of those procrastinators? Either way, we hope you shopped local! If there has ever been a time locals needed your business, it’s now. And we say that as the only media in this county that is locally owned.

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HEY, A BIG tip of our seed corn cap to the Indianapolis Colts for beating the much-hated New England Patriots! Has there ever been anyone Coltsnation has enjoyed beating more than Bill Belichick? Well, other than Tom Brady? And did you notice the very quick handshake of the two coaches at midfield after the game. Seems Mr. Belichick didn’t have much to say.

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WITH THAT said, there are two other points that should be mentioned. First, more kudos to the Colts for finally putting the run first. And second, is anyone else worried a bit about Colts QB Carson Wentz? He never seems to have an average game. He’s either a superstar or awful. That’s concerning, right?

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LOOK, UP IN the sky! Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Well, in just a couple of days it’s going to be Santa Claus! And you know what? You can track him through The Paper’s connection to the official North American Aerospace Defense Command radar! Yup, just go to www.thepaper24-7.com and click on the NORAD logo. And a special thanks to one of our employees from years ago, Mr. Rick Holtz. Rick found out about the NORAD connection and we’ve had it ever since! The site not only has radar to track Santa and his sleigh, there’s games and music, too!

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SPEAKING OF the games, we wish they would bring back the one where the Yeti bopped the penguins and measured how many feet they traveled. Yeah, it sounds mean, but it wasn’t.

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BEFORE WE get to our riddle, here’s an easy one: What do you call it after all the gifts have been opened? Christmess!

* * *

WE NORMALLY try to add a line or two about

politics, but hey, it’s Christmas. We all deserve a break!

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WE KEEP offering this thought – 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!

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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!

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HERE’S OUR riddle this week:
I am a helpful creature, not too big and not too small. Out of all my fellow pullers, I am the fastest of them all. Who am I?

* * *

SPEAKING OF reindeer (now, THERE’S a hint), which camp do you fall in – Donner or Donder?

* * *

A HOLIDAY knock-knock for you . . .
Knock knock.
Who’s there?
Donut.
Donut who?
Donut open until Christmas . . . unless of course it’s The Paper of Montgomery County! Then you should open it at 4 a.m. every morning!

* * *

HERE’S AN interesting tidbit from one of our favorite publications (besides The Paper of Montgomery County, of course), the Farmer’s Almanac. Have you ever heard someone say Jiminy Christmas, and boy howdy have we! Well, the Farmer’s Almanac says this is a direct reference to Jesus and goes all the way back to the mid 1600s and the word “Gemini.” THAT was a take off on the Latin phrase Jesu domini. Now you know!

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CONTINUING our official countdown . . .
Christmas – 3 days
First day of spring – 88 days
First day of summer – 181 days

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THE ANSWER to our riddle: Why Dasher, of course! (And we fall in the Donder category!)



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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING
Pursuant to Indiana Code§ 20-26-7-37, the Board of School Trustees of North Montgomery Community School Corporation gives notice that on January 7, 2022, at 7:30 a.m., they will meet in public session at the School Administrative Offices, 480 W 580 N, Crawfordsville, Indiana, to discuss and hear objections and support regarding the proposed construction of solar arrays and related site improvements at Lester B. Sommer Elementary School and Pleasant Hill Elementary School (the “Projects”). You are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing.
Dated: December 22, 2021
/s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees
North Montgomery Community School Corporation
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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: Wednesday, 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, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. The meeting will be conducted in the Commons Area and a tour of the facility will follow.
Bids received after the listed time and date will be returned unopened. The bids 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 information.
The following documents are required to be completed in full and submitted with each bid proposal by the above referenced bid issue due date and time:
1. Bid Form
2. Bid Bond
3. 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.
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MONTGOMERY SUPERIOR COURT 2
) SS:
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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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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MONTGOMERY SUPERIOR COURT 2
) SS:
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.
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NOTICE								
PURSUANT TO I.C. 6-1.1-12, THE FOLLOWING IS THE REPORT OF APPROVED REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021.								
TaxDistrict	ParcelNumber	Abatement Amount	OwnerName	OwnerAddress1	OwnerCity	OwnerState	OwnerZip	Year(s) of Deduction
CVILLE O S NORTH	07-20-300-011.012-028	\$3,097,300.00	AMERICAN INNOVATION LLC	1501 31ST AVE N	BORMINGHAM	AL	35207-4104	1 OF 6; NEWLY ASSESSED FOR 2021 PAY 2022
CRAWFORDSVILLE	07-32-444-047.000-030	\$61,600.00	C P M ACQUISITION CORPORATION	2975 AIRLINE CIR	WATERLOO	IA	50703	6 OF 10
CVILLE O S NORTH	07-33-200-006.000-028	\$483,030.00	CRAWFORD INDUSTRIES L L C	1414 CRAWFORD DR	CRAWFORDSVILLE	IN	47933	7 OF 10
CRAWFORDSVILLE	07-32-331-026.001-030	\$0.00	HISTORIC WHITLOCK LP	ONE INDIANA SQUARE	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	46204	5 OF 10
CVILLE O S NORTH	07-20-300-011.007-028	\$802,800.00	KNEZ PROPERTIES CRAWFORDSVILLE LLC	8641 FAWN LAKE CIRCLE	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	46278-9776	2 OF 10
CVILLE O S NORTH	07-33-200-004.000-028	\$5,057,440.00	PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE LLC	400 HAHN RD	WESTMINSTER	MD	21157	7 OF 10
SOUTH UNION	10-24-300-008.003-025	\$3,079,580.00	STEEL TECHNOLOGIES LLC	700 N HURSTBOURNE	LOUISVILLE	KY	40222	4 OF 10
TOTAL REAL ESTATE ABATEMENTS:		\$12,581,750.00						
TaxDistrict	ParcelNumber	Abatement Amount	OwnerName	OwnerAddress1	OwnerCity	OwnerState	OwnerZip	Year(s) of Deduction
CVILLE O S NORTH	228-20212-40	\$2,400,000.00	AMERICAN INNOVATION LLC	2400 PHIL WARD BLVD	CRAWFORDSVILLE	IN	47933	1 OF 10; NEWLY ASSESSED FOR 2021 PAY 2022
CVILLE O S NORTH	224-00002-26	\$313,584.00	CLOSURE SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL INC	6920 POINTE INVERNESS WAY, STE 301	FORT WAYNE	IN	46804-7926	6, 7 OF 7
CRAWFORDSVILLE	223-00191-39	\$844,662.00	CPM ACQUISITION CORPORATION	2975 AIRLINE CIRCLE	WATERLOO	IA	50703	5 OF 7
CVILLE O S NORTH	224-00010-15	\$10,356.00	CRAWFORD INDUSTRIES LLC	1414 CRAWFORD DR	CRAWFORDSVILLE	IN	47933-9740	6, 7 OF 7
CRAWFORDSVILLE	123-00038-00	\$665,930.00	INDIANA MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY	11610 N COLLEGE AVE	CARMEL	IN	46032	6 OF 10
WAYNE	129-00002-01	\$87,996.00	INDIANA MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY	11610 N COLLEGE AVE	CARMEL	IN	46032	5 OF 10
CRAWFORDSVILLE	228-20209-14	\$10,084,720.00	CRAWFORDSVILLE 2 SOLAR ARRAY LLC	11610 N COLLEGE AVE	CARMEL	IN	46032	2 OF 10
NORTH UNION	224-20203-85	\$1,042,640.00	DARLINGTON SOLAR ARRAY LLC	11610 N COLLEGE AVE	CARMEL	IN	46032	2 OF 10
CVILLE O S NORTH	228-20202-75	\$5,963,490.00	CRAWFORDSVILLE 3 SOLAR ARRAY LLC	11610 N COLLEGE AVE	CARMEL	IN	46032	2 OF 10
CVILLE O S NORTH	228-20210-90	\$2,497,150.00	CRAWFORDSVILLE 4 SOLAR ARRAY LLC	11610 N COLLEGE AVE	CARMEL	IN	46032	1 OF 10; NEWLY ASSESSED FOR 2021 PAY 2022
SOUTH UNION	225-20212-46	\$10,552,210.00	CRAWFORDSVILLE 5 SOLAR ARRAY LLC	11610 N COLLEGE AVE	CARMEL	IN	46032	1 OF 10; NEWLY ASSESSED FOR 2021 PAY 2022
CVILLE O S NORTH	224-20180-01	\$443,347.00	INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO	6920 POINTE INVERNESS WAY SUITE 301	FORT WAYNE	IN	46804-7526	7, 7 OF 10
CVILLE O S NORTH	224-00026-11	\$865,278.00	KROGER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP II	1014 VINE ST	CINCINNATI	OH	45202-1141	5, 6, 7 OF 10
SOUTH UNION	221-00271-23	\$939,823.00	NUCOR CORP	4537 S NUCOR RD	CRAWFORDSVILLE	IN	47933-7969	6 of 10
SOUTH UNION	221-00271-23	\$3,903,987.00	NUCOR CORP	4537 S NUCOR RD	CRAWFORDSVILLE	IN	47933-7969	5 of 10
SOUTH UNION	221-00271-23	\$9,148,430.00	NUCOR CORP	4537 S NUCOR RD	CRAWFORDSVILLE	IN	47933-7969	4 of 10
SOUTH UNION	221-20122-39	\$1,060,931.00	STEEL TECHNOLOGIES LLC	700 N HURSTBOURNE	LOUISVILLE	KY	40222	4 of 10
TOTAL BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS:		\$50,824,534.00						
Determined assessed value for all Economic Revitalization Area Deductions for Real Estate and Personal Property that were filed for the 2020 payable 2021 tax year in Montgomery County, Indiana, pending outstanding appeals								\$63,406,284.00
JENNIFER ANDEL AUDITOR, MONTGOMERY COUNTY 12/16/21								

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NOTICE ADOPTION
To the taxpayers of Town of New Market, Montgomery County, Indiana.
You are hereby notified that on December 8th, 2021, Town of New Market, Montgomery County, Indiana, pursuant to notice heretofore given, and under and by virtue of IC 36-8-14, duly adopted a plan whereby a Cumulative Capital Development Fund was re-established to provide for the following:
“For all uses as set out in IC 36-9-15.5.”
The fund will be provided for by a property tax rate of five (\$.05) on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of taxable real and personal property within the taxing unit beginning in 2022 payable in 2023 and thereafter, continuing until reduced or rescinded.
Fifty (50) or more taxpayers in the taxing unit who will be affected by the tax rate and corresponding levy may file a petition with the Montgomery County Auditor not later than noon 30 days after the publication of this Notice setting forth their objections to the proposed cumulative fund. Upon the filing of the petition, the County Auditor shall immediately certify the same to the Department of Local Government Finance, at which point the Department will fix a date for and conduct a public hearing on the proposed cumulative fund before issuing its approval, disapproval or modifications thereof.
Dated this 8th day of December, 2021

New Market Town Board
PL4233 12/22 1t hspaxlp

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 Circuit/Superior Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54D01-2104-MF-000340 wherein Specialized Loan Servicing LLC was Plaintiff, and Roger Wright, et al., 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 9 day of February, 2021, at the hour of 10 am 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. Lots Numbered One Hundred Ninety-four (194) and One Hundred Ninety-nine (199) in John Milligan's Third Eastern Addition to the Town of Waveland.
More commonly known as: 409 E Main Street, Waveland, IN 47989
Parcel No. 13-36-113-026.000-006
Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
“Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause No. 54D01-2104-MF-000340 in the Circuit/Superior Court of the County of Montgomery, Indiana.”
Plaintiff Attorney:
Matthew C. Gladwell (30493-49)
Amanda L. Krenson (28999-61)
David W. Cliffe (36402-15)
Reisenfeld & Associates LLC
3962 Red Bank Road
Cincinnati, OH 45227
Voice: (513) 322-7000
Facsimile: (513) 322-7099

Township
409 E Main Street, Waveland, IN 47989
Street Address

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This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
PL4227 12/22 12/29 1/5 3t hspaxlp

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 Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54C01-2105-MF-000412 wherein Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-2 was Plaintiff, and Warren E. Perkins; Ryan K. Bailey A/K/A Ryan Bailey; Portfolio Recovery Associates, L.L.C. 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 9th day of February, 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.
A certain tract or parcel of land in Montgomery County, in the State of Indiana, described as follows:
Part of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section Five (5), Township Eighteen (18) North, Range Four (4) West described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the south line of Tuttle Avenue (formerly Fremont Street) and west line of John Street extended south, in the City of Crawfordsville, and running west 60 feet; thence south 115 feet; thence east 60 feet; thence north 115 feet to the place of beginning, containing .159 of an acre, more or less, in Montgomery County, Indiana.
EXCEPT: Part of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section Five (5), Township Eighteen (18) North, Range Four (4) West, described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the south line of Tuttle Avenue and the west line of John Street in the City of Crawfordsville and running thence west 60.0 feet; thence south 42.3 feet which is the true point of beginning and running thence east 4.0 feet; thence south 35.0 feet; thence west 4.0 feet; thence north 35.0 feet to the beginning containing 0.0032 acres, more or less, in Montgomery County, Indiana.
More commonly known as: 611 Tuttle Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN 47933-3450
State Parcel No.: 54-10-05-113-059.000-030
Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Ryan Needham
Sheriff of Montgomery County

Plaintiff Attorney
ATTORNEY NO. 15-21-01766
Codilis Law, LLC
8050 Cleveland Place
Merrillville, IN 46410
(219) 736-5579

Union Township
611 Tuttle Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN 47933-3450
Street Address

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Type of Service:
Warren E. Perkins, 2543 West Edinburgh Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933-9378 Sheriff
Warren E. Perkins, 611 Tuttle Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN 47933-3450 Sheriff

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the school corporation known as North Montgomery Community School Corporation (the “School Corporation”) that the Board of School Trustees (the “Board”) of the School Corporation will meet at School Administrative Offices, 480 W 580 N, Crawfordsville, Indiana, at the hour of 7:30 a.m. (Local Time) on January 7, 2022, to consider the following additional appropriation of the proceeds of a loan (the “Loan”) which the Board has determined to borrow. The Board considers such additional appropriation necessary to meet the need existing at this time:
An appropriation in the amount of \$1,957,152 from the proceeds of the Loan, including all investment earnings thereon, on account of the proposed construction of solar arrays and related site improvements at Lester B. Sommer Elementary School and Pleasant Hill Elementary School (the “Projects”) in the School Corporation, including the incidental expenses necessary to be incurred in connection with the Projects and the borrowing of the Loan on account thereof. The funds to meet such additional appropriation are to be provided by the borrowing of the Loan by the School Corporation.
The foregoing appropriation is in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy, and a need for such appropriation exists by reason of the inadequacy of the present facilities to provide necessary school facilities in the School Corporation.
Taxpayers of the School Corporation appearing at said meeting shall have the right to be heard in respect to the additional appropriation.
Dated this 22nd day of December, 2021.
/s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees
North Montgomery Community School Corporation
PL4229 12/22 1t hspaxlp

Notice of City Traffic Code Amendment
Parking Prohibition – Milligan Street's North Side from Crawford Street to Russell Avenue
Ordinance 33-2021
The City of Crawfordsville gives notice of and publishes that on 13 December 2021, the Crawfordsville Common Council adopted Ordinance 33-2021, an ordinance amending the City's Traffic Code to add parking restrictions along the north side of Milligan Street between Crawford Street and Russell Avenue. Parking in this area will be prohibited. Violations of this traffic regulation are subject to penalty under the City Traffic Code and other City Code provisions. All other provisions of Chapter 77 of the City Code remain in full force and effect. The City's Traffic Code applies throughout the City of Crawfordsville. Copies of Ordinance 33-2021 are available at the office of the City Clerk-Treasurer, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. This notice dated 13 December 2021.

/s/ Terri Gadd
City Clerk-Treasurer
Crawfordsville, Indiana
PL4230 12/22 1t hspaxlp

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, Indiana.
More Commonly Known As: 1551 Darlington Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
54-07-33-331-001.000-030
Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Ryan Needham
Sheriff of Montgomery County

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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JD Spencer
1551 Darlington Avenue
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

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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 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 Quarter 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, IN 47933
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 appraisalment laws.
Ryan Needham
Sheriff of Montgomery County

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City of Crawfordsville
8061 South State Road 47, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
Street Address

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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
Lorraine 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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Participants volunteer and help others grow by sharing knowledge while providing leadership and service in educational gardening activities within their communities.

Grant, scholarship offerings from local Master Gardeners

The Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program trains gardening enthusiasts as volunteers to assist Purdue Extension with home horticulture education in Indiana communities.

Purdue Extension Master Gardeners are "Helping Others Grow!" The Program provides a learning framework for participants to increase their knowledge on a wide variety of horticultural subjects. In turn, participants volunteer and help others grow by sharing knowledge while providing leadership and service in educational gardening activities within their communities.

To promote gardening education, the Montgomery County Master Gardeners Club is pleased to announce the establishment of both a grant and a scholarship for Montgomery County residents.

Adults taking the Purdue Extension Master Gardener Training Course may apply for a \$90 grant to reimburse them for part of the cost of the course. The MG Training Course

is currently being offered as an online course beginning Feb. 1 and goes to May 3. To anyone selected as a grant recipient, reimbursement would be made upon successful completion of the course and the required hours of community service to become a Certified Extension Master Gardener. Contact Adam Tyler at tylerat@purdue.edu for more information about signing up for the training course.

The Master Gardeners are also looking for students who are pursuing a higher education degree in some area related to horticulture or plant sciences at an accredited Indiana college or university. Students at any level may apply for a \$500 scholarship to assist them with their college expenses. Applications are available at the Montgomery County Extension Office, 400 Parke Ave. in Crawfordsville and must be returned no later than April 1.

For more details about the scholarship, contact Purdue Extension at (765) 364-6363.

Lt. Gov. Crouch, IHCDa unveil comprehensive dashboard to assist with housing inventory

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDa) and partners from the Housing Working Group, which represents stakeholders from around the state, today released a housing dashboard that includes a statewide inventory of housing in Indiana.

This new dashboard serves as a tool for identifying the greatest housing needs and opportunities for economic development and investment. Information can be compared county by county, including housing stock in Indiana by age, by price, by number of units in a structure, by number of bedrooms in a unit, and more. A complete report can be generated for each county and for the state. The comprehensive nature of the information in the dashboard enables municipalities, private industry and independent organizations to work together to meet the housing needs of

their communities.

"We have put a heavy emphasis on building our workforce in the Hoosier state," Crouch said. "Housing is a huge part of Indiana's economic development as we attract talent. This new tool will allow communities at a local and regional level to see what their needs are and work to build their housing infrastructure as our workforce continues to grow."

Gov. Eric Holcomb announced the study as one of the five pillars of his Next Level Agenda to maintain and build the state's infrastructure.

The dashboard also includes economic trends such as top employers, top industries, workforce and unemployment statistics, median income and costs of material inputs for construction. Population statistics by age, race, ethnicity, income and education are also available.

Developers and builders, employers, local and state government officials,

and service providers who serve specific populations can use the interactive tool to help determine where the needs and gaps exist and how IHCDa and its partners can address them.

"This comprehensive dashboard shows an in-depth look at market rate and affordable housing in the state," said Jacob Sipe, IHCDa Executive Director. "This dashboard will be a helpful tool for our network of housing partners to utilize as we work together to increase attainable housing across the state."

IHCDa works with partners in the private and public sectors to increase housing stability in the state by providing housing opportunities, promoting self-sufficiency and strengthening communities.

To assist IHCDa in the creation of the dashboard, a Housing Work Group was established that consists of individuals from the following organizations:

- Accelerate Indiana Municipalities
- Affordable Housing Association of Indiana
- American Institute of Architects Indiana
- Association of Indiana Counties
- Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis
- Habitat for Humanity Indiana
- Indiana Affordable Housing Council
- Indiana Apartment Association
- Indiana Association of Realtors
- Indiana CRA Bankers Association
- Indiana Builders Association
- Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority
- Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Indiana

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To access the dashboard online, visit IndianaHousingDashboard.com

Seth Carlson to receive the McAllaster Honors Scholarship

Greenville University is pleased to name Seth Carlson of Linden, as a recipient of the McAllaster Honors Scholarship. This \$20,500 scholarship is offered for fall 2022 and is renewable annually.

Seth exhibits the leadership qualities and academic excellence the University and scholarship sponsors look for when

choosing a recipient.

The McAllaster Honors Scholarship program nurtures excellent students who are especially gifted to serve God and neighbor through the work of Christian learning and research.

"Learning is a joyous enterprise," said longtime GU Professor of English Elva McAllaster, namesake of GU's honors

program. Students will understand what she meant when they take part in this intimate learning community with its rich academic, social, and spiritual experiences.

Program opportunities include uniquely challenging academic coursework, an honors thesis, and special events.

To qualify for the McAllaster Scholars pro-

gram, students must have a high school GPA of 3.3 or higher. The program is limited to thirty students per year.

Seth will be a part of a group of scholars who will be trained for future leadership on campus, host events for other groups, and promote academic pursuits throughout the campus community.

Meeting Notes

Southmont Schools Board

Southmont Schools
Special School Board

Meeting Corporation Board Room 6401 US 231 South, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 Thursday, December 23, 2021 – 7:45 a.m. AGENDA	Public Meeting I. Call to Order II. Roll Call III. Items for Action: 1. Approval of engagement letter with University Search Team; and 2. Appointment of Subcommittee for Interim Selection	IV. Items for Discussion by the Board V. Adjournment FUTURE MEETINGS: Jan. 10, 2022 – Regular Meeting – Corporation Board Room – 6 p.m. - - -
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The lights they all twinkled and gave the children such glee,
Thanks to power, courtesy of C.E.L. and P!
There was Ma in her makeup from Betty Munro
And me in my blue jeans from RP, oh ho!
It's been a long year, we've had friends go to rest
Powers & Priebe, Burkhart . . . Hunt are all the best.
The workers were busy keeping things real
At Dutcher, and Boots and don't forget Nucor Steel.
We love Christmas Carols, in groups or alone
We hear them so well, thanks to Beltone.
Our cars are gassed up, our trucks never nervous
Thanks to the good folks at Poms Sales and Service!
Of course we await our new Tempur Sealy
Thanks to John Frey and friends; they made a good deal-y
(OK, sorry – that was a stretch!)
They'll be buying new houses from Greg Morrison and more
Insuring it all with FB's Terresa or Derrick at Clore.
If jewelry the thing you have in store,
Head over to Market and friendly folks at Moore.
The day had been long, I was tired and wore out.
But a noise from outside sounded like a shout.
I sprang (well, OK, I slowly got up) from my chair
to see what was the clamour
And out on my lawn stood giant John Hammer!
Bigger than any man, the patriot stood
With more like him the USA is good.
His neck is all red, his heart red white and blue
His hands are like hams and strong they are too.
I don't care about Brandon or Biden or Trump
You can keep McConnell, Pelosi and Stump.
They all act the same, they're in it for themselves.
They're beyond being saved by Santa and Elves.
In a flash he was gone as I looked all around.
And suddenly he was beside me with nairy a sound.
I fear for our country, I dread it the worst.
Unless we can change, you heard it here first.
John Kennedy said to give more than you take
Treasure the flag or get out for Pete's sake.
It's Christmas which means remember the manger.
But we seem to forget and that's the real danger.
The issue is not black, white and / or brown.
It's not where you live or what part of town.
It's not what you believe whatever your creed.
The issue is our country, that's really in need.
He turned and he stared, my heart skipped a beat.
And slowly he turned, this next part is neat.
As big as he was then suddenly he was gone.
I looked in the yard he was out on the lawn.
I heard him yell out, calling adieu . . .
I'll tell you what we all need to do,
Remember that flag, the red, white and blue.
Stand for what's right and don't put up with no wrong.
Then proud we'll all be, maybe even in song.
This country is ours, on that there's no fuss.
So long as we care, it's all up to us.

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 timmons@thepaper24-7.com.



Photo courtesy of Centier Bank

(Left to right) Centier Bank Market President, Troy Kafka; Crystal Givens, CEO of Starfish Initiative; Eric Howard, Vice President of Development for Starfish Initiative; and Derek Philips, Centier Bank Business Banker.

Centier Bank sponsors successful fundraising event for Starfish Initiative

Centier Bank recently presented a \$1,500 community donation to sponsor a fun-filled awareness event for local educational non-profit, Starfish Initiative. The event was held at Burn by Rocky Patel in Downtown Indianapolis.

Starfish Initiative aims to help close the college-access gap for academically promising students facing unearned adversity in the Indianapolis area. The organization focuses heavily on mentorship programs and relies on donations to fulfill them--impacting scholars through educational opportunities and college and career events such as their Leadership Camp, Back-to-School Celebration, and Freshman Orientation.

Eric Howard, Vice President of Development for Starfish Initiative, said fundraising events help raise awareness of the organization's impact on local scholars and provide resources necessary for their success.

"The support of Centier Bank made this event successful and expanded awareness for Starfish Initiative," Howard said. "Centier Bank Market President, Troy Kafka, and Centier Business Banker, Derek Philips, are tremendous advocates for the communities they serve. We look forward to continuing to work with Centier to make a difference in the lives of others."

Kafka said Starfish Initiative's mission to fill empty caps and gowns by improving graduation rates in Indianapolis is improving the quality of life for so many students and families in the community.

"Centier Bank is very lucky to have partnerships with amazing local non-profit like Starfish," Kafka explained. "We at Centier are in awe of all of the wonderful work they do, and the invaluable impact they make on the lives of students, and we're just happy to be a part of their success."

Recent research concluded that Centier Bank's community impact across Indiana was valued at a total of \$11,055,978. The finding came out of a study examining several areas of corporate philanthropy including volunteerism, donations, and internal fundraising which quantified Centier Bank's impact on local organizations and communities at large.

"Part of being a true community bank is to form relationships with members of local organizations

to see how we can work together," Kafka said. "We want folks to see this sponsorship as the best example of the vital role of a community bank--to be able to identify the needs of the community and to help where we can."

For more information about Starfish Initiative, or to donate, go to starfishinitiative.org. For information about Centier Bank, go to centier.com.

About Centier Bank
Centier is the largest, private, family-owned bank in Indiana. Since 1895, Centier has stood firmly behind the "Not For Sale" commitment, pledging to associates, clients, and the communities served that it will continue to preserve independent hometown banking in Indiana. Centier has over 60 retail locations, serving in 11 counties with over 900 associates.

Centier Bank has ranked on Forbes' list of Best-in-State-Banks annually from 2019-2021. Additionally, Centier Bank has been among the top "Best Places to Work in Indiana" by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and received national attention by American Banker magazine as the Top Best Bank to Work For in Indiana and #2 in the U.S.A.



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change in leadership at our district level isn't ideal, however Dr. Greiner, the Board of Trustees, and our administrators are committed to a smooth transition as we begin

to look for a new superintendent. There will be a public Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, Dec. 23 at 7:45 a.m. to approve the selection of a search firm to assist the

board in the superintendent search, and with the selection of an interim superintendent. "During the advertising of the position, we will be conducting online surveys

to gather community input from staff and stakeholders. Moving forward, we will communicate updates from the superintendent search at our monthly public board

meetings, via email, and on our website. "We thank Dr. Greiner and his family for their dedication to Southmont Schools over the past nine years, and

we wish him the best in his future endeavors." Greiner takes over at West Lafayette and replaces Rocky Killion who retired last June.

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the past," said Diane Hunter of the Miami tribe here in Indiana during a November interview with WTHI in Terre Haute. "We are a living people."

Though Indiana means "Land of the Indians," most residents aren't Native Americans. We don't call ourselves Indians or Indianians. Rather we are Hoosiers, a muddled moniker, apropos of our state's muddled history when it comes to its Native people. How did the Land of the Indians come to have only far less than 1 percent of its peoples with Native American ancestry? How are so few tribes established in Indiana at present?

Indiana was once the land of the Shawnee, Miami, Wea, Potawatomi, Delaware, Wyandot, Kickapoo, Piankashaw and Chickasaw. By 1823, when Major Whitlock laid out Crawfordsville, few remained. When Crawfordsville was incorporated in 1834, its famous resident, Lew Wallace, was just 7 years old. There's little

record that he met Indians until he moved to New Mexico to be the territorial governor in 1878. There he wrote as a person of his time, using harshly biased language against the Apache people. Had he encountered Indiana's natives, including the peaceful, Christianized tribe of the Potawatomi Tribe in 1834, he might have been as protective of them as the doctors and priests who traveled with the Potawatomi on their Trail of Death from northern Indiana through central Indiana to Kansas in a scorching summer-long, 660 mile trek that killed two or more people a day, including more than 40 infants and children.

Yet Indiana's Native peoples resist becoming "artifacts." At present, about 50,000 Hoosiers with Native ancestry live in the state. Currently, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi tribe is recognized in Indiana. The Miami tribe would also like recognition, as would others. "Like everyone else I have

hopes, dreams, aspirations, and challenges," EagleWolf said. He makes clear that stereotypes don't hold. He doesn't abuse alcohol or drugs. He's never been to a casino. He wants his fellow Hoosiers to know more about Native culture, so he leads workshops to teach traditional crafts.

"Our regalia is not a costume," he said, affirming a point Fred Villeaux made in his essay "Indians Are People, Not Mascots." Regalia – the beadwork, featherwork and other traditional outfits – has a sacred purpose.

"One place I worked in my teens once asked me to play a Native character in a big birthday party mystery and was very upset when I arrived in everyday clothes instead of regalia. No one understood that it is used for ceremony, not pretend."

EagleWolf also noted that Native American identity is complicated and sometimes fraught. The U.S. government recognizes 567 tribes by somewhat strict criteria.

Those who fulfill a "blood quantum" – the amount of DNA or genealogy that comes from that tribe – have certain sovereign rights and benefits.

There is another way in which Native Americans also have recognition: state-level recognition. Only 11 states offer this, but it grants a framework for fragmented tribes and bands "to govern themselves and keep traditions alive," EagleWolf said. Those states have established commissions to represent Native American concerns like the need for housing and linguistic / cultural education to environmental and cultural representation. In some states, allowances for fishing, hunting, or use of artifacts is protected. It's important because many

Native Americans don't live on tribal or reservation lands and have complex ancestry after generations of relocation and assimilation campaigns. EagleWolf explained that this is why Native Americans typically don't announce their band or tribe. Like African-Americans, their histories are complicated and often traumatic while their communities bear testimony to their resilience and love of tradition.

Many Hoosiers reach out and seek to do good when the weight of this history bears its truth in them. There are myriad ways to seek good. As the new year approaches, consider supporting the Native American Rights Fund, which supports voting and civil rights for all Na-

tive Americans. Second, support the Miami Tribe here in Indiana. It's trying to restore the building it uses for its headquarters in Peru, Ind. Third, join with Native Americans in being stewards of planet Earth. Support water protectors; consume less; avoid pesticides. Lastly, befriend people who are not like you; ask kind questions; be willing to listen, learn, change and grow.

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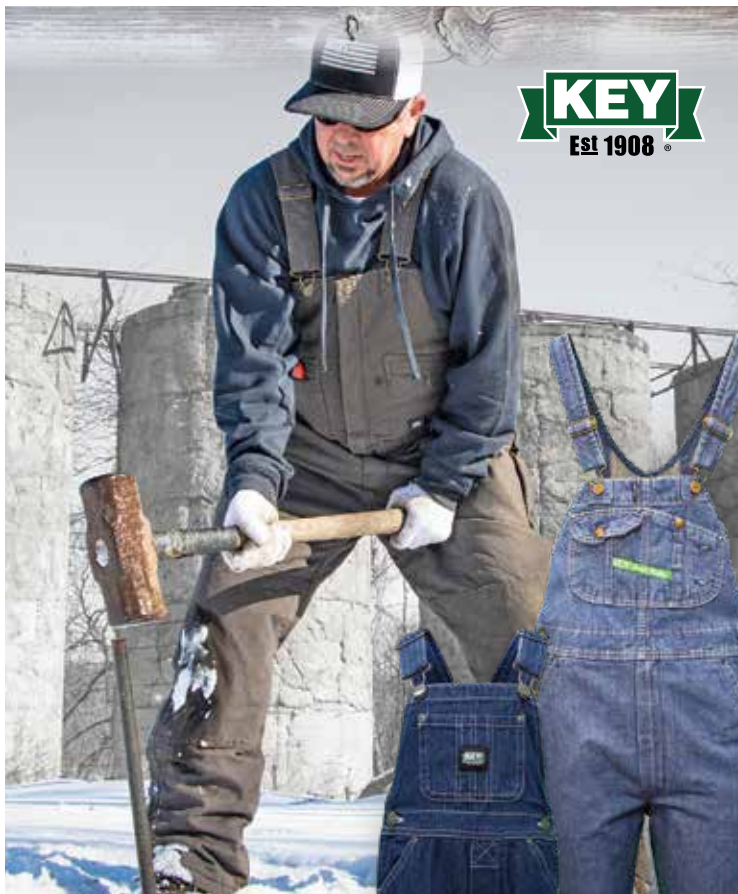
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