

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

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Jamie Griffin, smiles brightly while serving delicious coffee. Thank you for your smile, Jamie!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Attention Paper subscribers. We are making a change in our publication schedule. Ever since the inception of our Sunday edition, we've published 365 days a year. But effective now, we will no longer publish on holidays. We're doing this for three reasons - our advertisers say the days leading up to the holiday are more important than the holiday itself; holiday editions in the past are the least read (clicked) of any we do; and to give our hard-working staff a break. Thank you for your understanding!

2 It may be a new year, but The Paper is still offering any Montgomery County church a free ad to let folks know what time services are, sermon topics . . . or really, anything they want. Our hope is that if we get people together in places of worship we can begin to find some common ground that unites us, instead of focusing on what divides us! Plus, we are pretty used to being the only newspaper in Montgomery County to do stuff like this. If you represent a church and would like a free ad each week in our Faith section, just e-mail ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com.

3 Shooters, heads up. The fee structures at Kingsbury Fish & Wildlife Area, J.E. Roush Lake FWA, and Deer Creek FWA shooting ranges have changed. The new fees are:
Deer Creek FWA: Rifles and pistols will be \$5/day or \$2/day for youth under 18. An annual pass will not be available in 2022.
J.E. Roush Lake FWA: Rifles and pistols will be \$5/day. An annual pass will be available for \$100. Fees for youth under 18 will be \$2/day. The shotgun range will remain \$5/round.
Kingsbury FWA: Rifles and pistols will be \$5/day. An annual pass will be available for \$100. Fees for youth under 18 will be \$2/day. On all properties, youth shooters must be accompanied by an adult. The Indiana Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) currently operates 12 shooting ranges around the state.

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Tipmont REMC line workers (from left) Tristen Hoffman, Garret Foutch, Bo Bouwkamp, and Dustin Manns with a Tipmont REMC bucket truck prior to departing for Rappahannock Electric Cooperative on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022.

Tipmont REMC sends linemen to assist with Virginia storm damage

Four Tipmont REMC linemen are part of a 30-person delegation of crews and equipment to assist with the power restoration effort in Virginia after winter storms moved through the state. The area's electric distribution system sustained major damage.

The linemen left Monday for Rappahannock Electric Cooperative in Culpeper, Virginia, to assist in the power recovery effort after more than 85,000 of the electric distribution cooperative's consumers were left

without electricity. Tipmont REMC and other Indiana electric cooperative line workers also assisted with ice storm repairs near Crewe, Virginia in February 2021.

In addition to Tipmont REMC, crews from nine additional Indiana electric cooperatives responded: Henry County REMC (New Castle), Heartland REMC (Wabash), Jasper County REMC (Rensselaer), Northeastern REMC (Columbia City), RushShelby Energy (Mantilla), South Central Indiana

REMC (Martinsville), Southern Indiana Power (Tell City), Utilities District of Western Indiana REMC (Bloomfield), and Whitewater Valley REMC (Liberty).

"Every cooperative in the Indiana Electric Cooperatives family is an integral part of a state and national network of hundreds of fellow cooperatives," said Rob Ford, Tipmont REMC Communication Director. "We work together

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Photo courtesy of Karen Zach

That dread disease of long ago

Several of you who follow my work, also likely know I write an OTD on the Crawfordsville and Montgomery County History Facebook page, highlighting something that happened each day in our county's history. As I was working on the February OTD entries, I met this family



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

and was so saddened by them, that I wondered if it might be fodder for a good article.

Pondering families of today that lose multiple members from Covid-19 and its variants, I'm so afraid it will get much worse with those choosing no vaccine? Whether I'm right or wrong, I look at it that my parents didn't want me to have polio and got me a vaccine and I certainly don't want covid so hubs and I were some of the first in line and got our boosters

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Prepare for the colder weather

With much colder weather in the forecast, Indiana American Water is urging customers to act now to secure homes and businesses against freezing pipes.

"With much colder temperatures expected across the state over the next several weeks, we are encouraging customers to act now to protect their plumbing system against the extreme cold," said Indiana American Water President Matt Prine.

"Failing to protect your plumbing from cold temperatures can be disruptive and very costly. When ice expands inside pipes, it creates tremendous pressure that can crack and burst them, leaving homeowners with a costly plumbing bill, and thousands of dollars in water damage."

Luckily, these problems are preventable by evaluating areas of vulnerability and taking certain precautions. Implementing the following winterization tips now can help avoid headaches

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Yup, my parents spanked me. Because of that I suffer from a life-long condition called "Respect-for-Others."



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Have diabetes or high cholesterol? One of the best medicines is regular exercise.. 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

William Earl Richmond
Jeffrey Martin "Scooter" Suiter

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

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➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Let Rep. Brown hear from you!
The Indiana Legislature will be back in session Tuesday and there are already proposals to take public notice ads out of newspapers. If that happens, then the foxes are finally guarding the henhouse. Rep. Tim Brown of Crawfordsville recently sent a survey that included this question: "Currently, most units of local government, including schools, must buy newspaper advertising space for certain announcements, like budgets. Do you believe posting this information online as well as in a public building should be alternative options to this sometimes costly notification requirement?" Rep. Brown did not mention that governmental public notices are the cheapest rate of advertising we offer - preferring instead to add the word "costly." We hope you'll let Brown know you don't appreciate his attempt to pull public notice from the last guardians of a free press. You can reach his legislative assistant at (317) 232-9651.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Life is about change, sometimes it's painful, sometimes it's beautiful, but most of the time it's both."
Kristin Kreuk

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What is a New Year's resolution? Something that goes in one year and out the other.

The Daily Almanac

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- Wacky Holiday Today**
- National Take Down the Christmas Tree Day
 - Cuddle Up Day



- What Happened On This Day**
- 1929 Mother Theresa arrives in India
 - 1838 Samuel Morse presents the telegraph to the public



- Births On This Day**
- 1412 Joan of Arc
 - 1811 Charles Sumner American politician

- Deaths On This Day**
- 1919 Theodore Roosevelt American politician, 26th President of the U.S.
 - 1852 Louis Braille French educator, invented Braille



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OBITUARIES

William Earl Richmond

July 21, 1933 - Jan. 1, 2022

William E. (Bill) Richmond passed away at his home on Jan. 1 at the age of 88 after a short bout with cancer.

He was born in Crawfordsville on July 21, 1933, the son of Robert and Esther Richmond.

He was a 1951 graduate of Crawfordsville High School and still enjoyed meeting monthly with his fellow classmates. He served as part of the Army 5th Infantry Division (The Big Red) stationed in Germany during the Korean War from 1954-1956. After returning home he attended Purdue University earning his degree in Agriculture in 1960. Shortly thereafter he returned to Purdue and earned his teaching degree. He also received his Masters Degree in Biology from Michigan State University.

On June 15, 1957 he married his wife of 64 years, Linda Updike. They had 5 children, Kathy Mola of Dayton, Ohio, Lisa (Bob) Kaeser of Lafayette, Leigh Ann (Pat) Vacendak of Crawfordsville, Kent (Kristie) Richmond of Crawfordsville and Monica (Greg) Winer of Elgin, Ill. He and Linda have 11 grandchildren, four great grandchildren, two nephews and three nieces.

Mr. Richmond taught Biology at Crawfordsville HS for 38 years and was the 1st swim coach for CHS. He also managed the city pool for many years. After coaching he became an official for IHSAA swimming and diving. After his retirement he received his Master Gardener certification from Purdue and also became a beekeeper. He did not know an idle moment. He loved working with his bees, on his farm and with his chickens and horses. He was known for his large gardens and his very extensive Christmas light displays for which he won many awards.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his sisters, Katherine and Mary.

Visitation is scheduled on Monday, Jan. 17th from 4 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 18th at 11:00 am with visitation 1 hour before service. Both will be held at Burkhart Funeral Home at 201 W. Wabash Ave., Crawfordsville. The family requests that masks be worn for both indoor events. Burial will be immediately following service at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, http://giftfunds.stjude.org/Bill_Richmond or mail to: ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 "In memory of Bill Richmond".

Jeffrey Martin "Scooter" Suiter

Aug. 29, 1958 - Jan. 3, 2022

Jeffrey Martin "Scooter" Suiter, 63, Crawfordsville, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022 at The Lane House after a long battle with cancer.

He was born in Crawfordsville on to Martin & Nancy (Cler) Suiter.

He graduated from North Montgomery High School in 1976. He owned and operated Scooter Cycle for many years. He enjoyed riding and working on his motorcycles, was always wheeling and dealing, and fixing and reselling his motorcycles. He loved hanging out with his friends and family and will be missed by many.

Survivors include his mother, Nancy Suiter; four sisters, Sue (Drew) Brassel, Lori (Randy) Radcliff, Karin Becker, Andrea (Mike) Davis; a special friend, Lucky; a daughter, Aryn Long; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Martin Clay Suiter; paternal grandparents, Bessie Mae Sargent and Oliver Cline Suiter; and maternal grandparents, Roman Martin and Frances Elizabeth Cler.

Cremation was chosen with a memorial service at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington St, in Crawfordsville on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022 from 1 p.m. till the time of the service at 3 p.m., with Celebrant Gabriella Chapin officiating. The service will be live-streamed and recorded which can be viewed on his obituary page at www.sandersfuneralcare.com. Memorial donations may be given to the funeral home to assist with funeral expenses. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home or you may donate online by clicking on the Donation Tab on his obituary page. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com



Photos courtesy of The Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau

January is National Mentoring Month

January is National Mentoring Month and a time to celebrate everyone who is an inspiration and a role model for the youth of our country. Every child has the chance to achieve their dreams no matter where they come from or the obstacles they may need to overcome. But in order for their dreams to come to fruition, it oftentimes takes the support and guidance of many!

Mentoring comes in different forms, it may be a neighbor, teacher, family friend or through a specific mentoring program. It is vital for our youth to know they have the

support and guidance from the caring adults in their life. At the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau, that is the number one goal. The YSB wants to help the youth of its community thrive! All of the programs are designed to do just that! One program in particular, the JUMP program, provides mentors to be matched with the kids who want to have fun, learn new skills and get that extra attention that all kids need.

Jill Hampton stated, "I would like to say thank-you to all the volunteers in our JUMP program. They go over and above to spend time with their

mentees, to share new adventures and the wisdom of their life experiences. It is not always easy to make time to volunteer but they all know the importance of being there for children and they give generously of their hearts and their time. It is truly amazing to see the difference that can make in the life of a child."

The JUMP program appreciates the volunteers and the youth in its program year around but especially in January when the Nation is celebrating their contribution as well. To become a mentor in the JUMP program, you must be over the age of

21 and be able to commit to at least one year as a mentor. The process is not difficult, it consists of an interview, background checks, training and monthly reporting of the hours spent with their mentee. If you are interested, please contact Jill Hampton at 362-0694 ext. 103 or email jill@mcsyb.org. To learn more about the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau, visit www.mcsyb.org or visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcsyb.org.

The Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau is a United Way Partner Agency



Photos courtesy of Sky Zone

Sky Zone Indy South (pictured on the left) is located at 4150 Kildeer Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46237. Sky Zone Plainfield (pictured on the right) is located at 851 S Columbia Road, Suite 172 Plainfield, IN 46168.

Sky zone Indy South and Plainfield launches new high-flying attractions for locals to enjoy

Inventors of Wall-to-Wall Aerial Action Debut Innovative Offerings Indianapolis, IN (January 5, 2022) - Sky Zone, the original home of wall-to-wall aerial action, is excited to announce that both Indy South and Plainfield locations will now feature a new innovative attraction that are bound to delight thrill-seeking Indiana residents called AirPark!

The AirPark offers a new way of play that allows guests to climb, slide and show new tricks.

Whether it's a birthday party, a charity event, or just a day out with the family, these fun-filled innovations to Sky Zone make it the perfect place for groups seeking memorable experiences. Every guest is invited play, gather, compete and fly safe at Sky Zone.

"Sky Zone is a one-of-a-kind destination that fuses fun and fitness," said Gary Kingery, franchisee of Sky Zone Indy South and Plainfield "We're looking forward to seeing our guests delight in the launch of this new activity as we

continue to provide Indianapolis residents with the ultimate play experience."

About Sky Zone, LLC Founded in 2004, Sky Zone has grown its unmatched indoor trampoline experience to more than 180 franchises across the United States, Canada, Mexico, Australia, the United Kingdom, India, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. The originator in creating innovative

ways to play, Sky Zone provides an unmatched active environment in which people come alive and live joyously in the moment with gravity-defying, wall-to-wall aerial attractions that include Freestyle Jump, Ultimate Dodgeball, Warrior Courses, Warped Walls and more. The franchise has been awarded various accolades, including being ranked the second

Fastest Growing Franchise by Inc., the second Smartest Growing Brand by Franchise Times, 53 on Entrepreneur's 2017 Franchise 500 list, 273 on the 2015 Inc.'s 500/5000 list, 152 on the 2014 Inc.'s 500/5000 list, 55 on the Forbes America's Most Promising Companies list. For more information on the company or franchising opportunities, please visit www.skyzone.com.

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BBB Scam Alert: Scam artists await as we decrypt the current cryptocurrency craze

Cryptocurrency is always in the news these days. It's an emerging sector, and when something promises great wealth and opportunity, the bad guys come out in force.

Better Business Bureau's Scam Tracker features cryptocurrency losses on an almost daily basis. Many smart and knowledgeable people are falling prey to scammers who are making thousands, if not millions, of dollars from unsuspecting victims.

If you are thinking about investing in the stock of companies that tout high returns associated with cryptocurrency — use caution. Do your research, and only invest money you can afford to lose.

One area where Scam Tracker seems to be showing plenty of cryptocurrency cons is on social media. Often someone, pretending to be a friend, will reach out to you through a message app, and tell you about a great opportunity with a cryptocurrency. That person has often stolen your friend's social media account. You believe you are talking to a good friend and follow their advice. Soon you are making all sorts of

money on a site, but when you go to take your money out, your "friend" and the people you were doing business with disappear.

A victim who lost \$1,000 submitted to BBB Scam Tracker just that sort of story: "This person contacted me through my friend's Instagram account, this impersonator made it known to me that he/she got paid through this platform. I believed because I was under the impression I was talking with my actual friend, little did I know the account was hacked. Long story short, I fell for the scam and reporting this in hopes that it never happens to someone else, I hope this reaches all before it's too late."

Promises of great wealth go by the boards. Another victim who lost \$3,700 wrote on Scam Tracker, "They refuse to give you your money back or let you withdraw the money first and pay the fees. Every option requires you sending them thousands of dollars with the risk of never getting anything back."

Follow These Tips to Avoid Crypto Investment Scams

If you are contemplating a crypto-related stock

investment, here are six tips to help you steer clear of scams:

- Do not say "yes" to cryptocurrency stock purchases from an aggressive cold caller, even if the claims sound plausible, particularly if the recommended stocks are very low-priced. Don't feel guilty about hanging up. Not answering at all, or putting down the phone, are generally the best and safest responses to a cold caller or anyone aggressively pitching low-priced stocks or other investment opportunities.

- Be suspicious of anyone who makes guarantees that an investment will perform a certain way. Also, be wary of pushy sales pitches that encourage you to "act now."

- Research opportunities before investing. Use FINRA BrokerCheck® to check registration status of, and for additional information about, the people and firms who tout these opportunities.

- Find out whether a company files with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Check the SEC's EDGAR database. Read the reports

and verify any information you have heard about the company. But remember, the fact that a company has registered its securities or files reports with the SEC doesn't mean that the company will be a good investment in general—or the right investment for you.

- Be wary of stocks with huge spikes in price. This could signal potential manipulation or fraud.

- Know where the stock trades, and pay attention to any cautions associated with the stock. Most stock pump-and-dump schemes tend to be quoted on an over-the-counter (OTC) quotation platform like the OTC Markets, which provides icons to warn investors of concerns associated with a given company. These include a stop sign to indicate the company cannot or will not provide important information to regulators, exchanges or the OTC Markets—and also a skull and crossbones to warn that the security, company or a person who controls the company might be involved in a spam campaign, questionable marketing, regulatory action or more.

Negele helps to protect human trafficking victims

State Rep. Sharon Negele (R-Attica) will continue her fight to protect young human trafficking victims and strengthen criminal penalties against perpetrators in the 2022 legislative session.



State Rep. Sharon Negele

a trial to testify in court. Negele said this proposal would allow survivors 14 years old or younger at the time of their assault to submit a video statement for

court procedures if they are younger than 18 at the time of the trial.

Negele, a member of the House Courts and Criminal Code Committee, co-authored a bill to allow young victims to provide recorded video statements instead of physically testifying in a courtroom where they are forced to relive past trauma. Negele said this change would not only help protect young victims, but also remove an emotional hurdle so that more children are willing to testify against their perpetrators.

"Allowing young survivors to submit a video rather than physically testifying in court is a commonsense approach to protect them, and could result in others coming forward to put traffickers behind bars," Negele said. "Facing those who caused you harm, especially as a child, is scary and traumatizing. Victims must be able to tell their story and heal while feeling safe."

Nearly 25 million people worldwide are victims of human trafficking, making it the fastest-growing and second-largest criminal industry, according to the U.S. State Department. In Indiana, there were 140 human trafficking cases reported in 2020, up from 95 in 2017, according to the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

Currently, Indiana law requires Hoosiers 15 years old or older at the time of

The legislation would also increase sentencing for perpetrators whose victims are under the age of 18 and rule out victim consent or belief that a victim was at least 18 years old as a legal defense.

Local organizations and agencies would also begin reporting human trafficking cases to the Indiana Attorney General's Office no more than 30 days after an investigation begins.

In addition, the bill would close a legal loophole that allows individuals who pay a victim directly for sex acts to receive a lighter sentence. Currently, individuals who offer to or pay for sex acts can only be prosecuted with a Level 5 felony if they pay the trafficker directly. According to law enforcement, it is difficult to prosecute suspects as the majority of transactions occur between the perpetrator and the victim.

House Bill 1081 is assigned to the House Courts and Criminal Code Committee. Visit iga.in.gov to learn more.

If someone is suspected to be a victim of human trafficking, it should be reported immediately to the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888. For more information, visit humantraffickinghotline.org.

Submissions for the 2022 Hoosier Women Artists exhibition now accepted

Recently, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, along with Treasurer Kelly Mitchell and the Indiana Arts Commission, announced details for the 2022 Hoosier Women Artists exhibition.

"Receiving the artwork and meeting the women behind the pieces is something I look forward to every year, and we are pleased to bring back the Hoosier Women Artists program," Crouch said. "Artists come from different walks of life and have found such beautiful ways to express their abilities. I encourage all those who are interested to submit their work."

The Hoosier Women Artists exhibition celebrates the importance of the arts in Hoosier communities and highlights the work of talented female artists

throughout Indiana.

Crouch said a wide variety of visual arts including drawing, painting and photography are welcome to enter. The artwork is selected by a panel that includes Crouch, Mitchell and peer artists coordinated by the Indiana Art Commission.

"One of the highlights of my year is working with gifted female Hoosier artists to display their incredible talent throughout the Statehouse," Mitchell said. "We are excited to continue the program after taking a hiatus due to COVID-19. I'm hopeful we receive more submissions this year than ever before!"

Mitchell said designees of the Hoosier Women Artists exhibition will have their artwork displayed in

her office and the lieutenant governor's office at the statehouse for one year to be enjoyed by the thousands of school groups, visitors and staff who explore the building annually.

Additionally, pieces of art will also be selected by First Lady Janet Holcomb, Secretary of State Holli Sullivan, Auditor Tera Klutz, Chief Justice Loretta Rush and Secretary of Education Dr. Katie Jenner to display in their respective offices.

Submissions may be made on the Indiana Art Commission's Online Application System from today through Jan. 31, 2022. Applicants will need to create a username and password and select Hoosier Women Artists as the program name.

Requirements include:
 Framed wall art only;
 Maximum dimensions (including frame): 42" x 60";
 Maximum weight: 60 lbs.;
 Must be installation ready, including frame and hanging wires; and
 Submit one entry per artist to be considered.

A reception will be held March 3, 2022 at the Indiana Statehouse to honor and showcase the selected artists.

The Lieutenant Governor constitutionally serves as the President of the Indiana Senate, serves as the Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development, chairs the Indiana Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Task Force and oversees the four state agencies.



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Top 10 Cardiovascular research accomplishments in 2021

While COVID-19 vaccines and variants continued to capture health headlines, a number of significant scientific research breakthroughs offered promising news in the fight against heart disease, stroke and cardiovascular risk factors. The American Heart Association, the largest non-governmental funder of heart and stroke related research in the United States, has been compiling an annual list of major advances in heart disease and stroke science since 1996.

A complete review of the Association's top 10 picks for leading cardiovascular-related research accomplishments published in 2021 can be found here. An overview of significant research highlights selected by the volunteer medical experts of the American Heart Association, a global force for longer, healthier lives for all, includes:

There's new hope in the fight against the obesity epidemic.

Some 650 million people worldwide have obesity, a major risk factor of cardiovascular disease, and the problem continues to grow. In June 2021, semaglutide, as a weekly under-the-skin injection, became the first medicine since 2014 to be approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for chronic weight management. A series of studies in 2021 detailed potential weight loss benefits of semaglutide in non-diabetic subjects. Participants of the STEP 1, STEP 3 and STEP 4 trials who were treated with semaglutide were likely to lose significantly more weight – up to as much as 16% of their body weight – compared to as little as 2.4% of body weight loss among those given placebo. In a different approach to obesity, another new study found that people with obesity who underwent bariatric surgery, had a 42% lower risk of dying or having major cardiovascular problems

such as heart attack, stroke and heart failure hospitalization, compared to matched peers who did not have the surgery.

Medication to treat diabetes continues to show additional health benefits.

Medicines called SGLT2 inhibitors have continued to extend their potential beyond their approved use to treat Type 2 diabetes. Multiple clinical trials throughout the year (including SCORED, SOLOIST-WHF and EMPEROR-Preserved) supported various benefits from SGLT2 inhibitors: a lower risk of hospitalization/urgent care for heart failure or death from heart disease in people with chronic kidney disease and Type 2 diabetes; reduced risk for ventricular arrhythmias, cardiac arrest or sudden deaths among trial participants who had heart failure and reduced ejection fraction; and lower rates of cardiovascular death or hospitalization due to heart failure in people with heart failure with preserved ejection fraction.

Tackling diabetes complications continues to be a priority.

People with Type 2 diabetes have at least double the risk of developing and dying from cardiovascular disease, and kidney disease is a common long-term complication. Two new studies reported success in treating those complications. In FIGARO-DKD, the medication finerenone reduced risk of cardiovascular death or complications by 13% compared with placebo. In AMPLITUDE-O, prescribing efgrenatide in people with Type 2 diabetes and a history of cardiovascular disease or current kidney disease plus at least one other cardiovascular risk factor resulted in risk factor improvements and 27% lower odds of experiencing a heart attack, stroke, or death from cardiovascular or unknown causes.

Precision medicine offers new options for protecting the heart from

other diseases.

Using precise gene editing, investigators may have opened new therapeutic doors for two life-threatening diseases, transthyretin amyloidosis and Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Several early basic science trials (including a small study in the New England Journal of Medicine and a series of experiments described in the AHA journal Circulation Research showed promising results in editing or reprogramming targeted genes using CRISPR-Cas9-based therapies – results that could pave the way for new options in personalized medicine.

Lifestyle and clinical interventions are key tools to tackling hypertension.

Nearly half of the U.S. population has hypertension, or high blood pressure – one of the leading contributors to heart attacks and strokes. The massive Salt Substitute and Stroke Study from China, involving 600 rural villages and nearly 21,000 people, found that replacing 25% of the sodium chloride in a salt shaker with potassium chloride could reap major health improvements including a 14% reduction in stroke rates. Another large trial from China, reported the potential benefits of tighter blood pressure control among study participants who were assigned to an intensive intervention targeted to lower their blood pressure.

COVID-19 has unique impact on young hearts.

For children and young adults, the pandemic has posed special challenges, in the form of rare but serious conditions linked to the virus or to two of the vaccines. A European study published in Circulation identified a newly emerging, coronavirus-related condition — multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children. MIS-C can cause dangerous inflammation in the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes and

other organs. The new syndrome's most common cardiac implications included arrhythmias, shock, dilated coronary arteries and fluid build-up in the pericardial sac around the heart. Other research sought to better understand cases of myocarditis, or heart muscle inflammation, arising after vaccination with either of the new mRNA vaccines. Overall, the risk of myocarditis after vaccination was low, the studies concluded, and most cases were mild or moderate and eventually resolved.

Flu vaccine may also protect the heart.

While flu vaccines are highly recommended for people with cardiovascular disease who are at high risk from the flu, a new study found the vaccine may offer extended protection beyond flu season. Researchers found that people vaccinated against the flu within 72 hours of a heart attack or invasive coronary procedure were 28% less likely to have a heart attack or a dangerous clot in a coronary stent or die of any cause over the course of the next year, compared to people who received a placebo vaccine. Those who received the flu vaccine were also 41% less likely to die of cardiovascular disease.

Research continues to support need for quick action to treat strokes.

It's long been known that time lost is brain lost in treating strokes and two studies in 2021 examined efforts to shave minutes off the time from stroke onset to initiation of therapy. Both reported better patient outcomes. One study conducted in Houston and six other U.S. urban centers examined mobile stroke units, ambulances with specially trained staff, a CT scanner and laboratory testing equipment that allows for stroke diagnosis and treatment in the vehicle. A study from Spain found that people having a stroke who were transferred directly to a

hospital angiography imaging suite, bypassing the emergency department and conventional imaging, were treated more quickly with a procedure to restore blood flow to the brain.

Heart-health issues in pregnancy put mothers, infants and adolescents at risk.

Cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 cause of maternal death in the U.S. Risk factors that arise before pregnancy can threaten pregnancy outcomes and raise cardiovascular dangers later. A recent study found that most women in the U.S. are not in good cardiovascular health before they give birth, and that trend is worsening: in 2011, 42.1% of women had ideal cardiovascular scores, but in 2019, only 37.7% did. Another study found that poor maternal heart health at an average of 28 weeks into pregnancy was linked to poorer heart health in the children later, at ages 10 to 14.

Studies scrutinize the risk of extra anti-clotting treatments.

Researchers continue to explore the appropriate dosage and length of time for using antiplatelet medicines. An international trial called MASTER DAPT found that after coronary angioplasty and implantation of a particular type of drug-eluting stent, shortening the time patients who were at high risk of bleeding received dual antiplatelet therapy to one month appeared to lower that risk without increasing risks for heart attack, stroke and death. Research from Michigan found that people with atrial fibrillation or blood clotting in the veins (venous thromboembolism) but no recent heart attack or history of heart valve replacement who were using direct oral anticoagulants revealed that over an average of almost 21 months, those also taking aspirin had a higher risk of bleeding problems and related hospitalizations without an improvement in clot-

ting rates.

A single pill for cholesterol and BP may help prevent heart disease.

A large international study found that a "polypill," taken with aspirin, was associated with a 31% lower risk of cardiovascular death or events including heart attack, stroke, cardiac arrest and heart failure. The polypill contained four medications: simvastatin, which is used to treat high cholesterol and triglycerides, and the blood pressure medicines hydrochlorothiazide, atenolol and ramipril.

Studies published in the American Heart Association's scientific journals are peer-reviewed. The statements and conclusions in each manuscript are solely those of the study authors and do not necessarily reflect the Association's policy or position. The Association makes no representation or guarantee as to their accuracy or reliability. The Association receives funding primarily from individuals; foundations and corporations (including pharmaceutical, device manufacturers and other companies) also make donations and fund specific Association programs and events. The Association has strict policies to prevent these relationships from influencing the science content.

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InHome is Walmart's delivery service that uses highly trained associates to deliver groceries and other household essentials directly into the customer's kitchen or garage refrigerator.

Walmart to expand InHome delivery

It's a new year and Walmart is resolving to bring the convenience of InHome delivery to even more customers in 2022. Today, the retailer is announcing plans to scale the service, going from InHome being available to 6 million households to making it accessible to 30 million U.S. households by the end of the year. To support the expansion, Walmart plans to hire more than 3,000 associate delivery drivers this year as well as build out a fleet of 100% all-electric delivery vans.

"We've been operating InHome in select markets over the last two years and have found it is a perfect solution for customers who want to live their lives without worrying about making it to the store or being home to accept a delivery," said Tom Ward, senior vice president, last mile at Walmart U.S. "Identifying ways to help our customers save time and money is our purpose, and nothing showcases that better than InHome delivery, which is why we're excited to bring the convenience of InHome to even more customers in 2022."

Launched in 2019, Walmart's InHome delivery service is designed to give time back to families by using highly trained associates to deliver fresh groceries, everyday essentials and more directly into customers' homes, including placing items straight into their kitchen or garage refrigerator, as well as picking up Walmart.com returns. Here's how it works:

- **Order:** Once signed up for InHome, a customer places their order on the Walmart App and selects InHome as their preferred delivery option.
- **Deliver:** A highly trained InHome associate completes the delivery. Upon arriving at the customer's home, the associate uses a one-time access code to unlock the customer's door or garage through their InHome app, which pairs with smart entry technology. The app notifies the customer at every step and a camera, worn on the associates' vest, records the entire delivery, which customers have access to from their phones for up to a week after each delivery.
- **Enjoy:** The customer can rest easy knowing

associates took the appropriate safety measures, including wearing a mask, sanitizing surfaces and locking up, leaving the perfect finishing touches.

Walmart's InHome Delivery service is \$19.95 per month or \$148 per year, with no additional fees, including tips which are built into the membership price. Customers can extend one-time access to their InHome associate using an existing smart lock, a garage keypad, or by purchasing a new smart lock from InHome for \$49.95.

To support the rapidly growing service, this year Walmart plans to hire more than 3,000 InHome associate delivery drivers and equip them with a fleet of 100% all-electric delivery vans (EV's). Not only does the implementation of EV's support the retailer's goal of operating a zero-emissions logistics fleet by 2040, but it is also supported by Walmart's growing infrastructure of 1,396 EV charging stations at stores and clubs across 41 states.

The role of associate delivery driver is a new, up and coming full-time position in Walmart stores that is focused on employing highly qualified associates who are interested in serving customers beyond the store and in the community. InHome drivers are employed by Walmart and receive an extra \$1.50/hour from most current store roles, a pay differential designed to attract top talent. Associates qualify for the retailer's total rewards and benefits plans, including medical, vision and dental insurance, 401(k) matching, paid time off, no-cost counseling and access to a free college degree, with Walmart paying for 100% of tuition and books through its Live Better U program.

Walmart will fill these roles by promoting its own associates from within, building on a track record that saw more than 300,000 associates promoted to roles of more responsibility and higher pay in fiscal year 2021. InHome drivers receive in-depth training conducted both in-person and using virtual reality, further enabling them to build their skill set around using innovative tools and technology to manage the delivery process.

"This new role is yet another example of how technology is enabling us to offer new career opportunities that just didn't exist a few years ago," said Julie Murphy, executive vice president and chief people officer, Walmart U.S. "Expanding our number of InHome associates is a testament to the trust and confidence we have in them and their continuous commitment to delight our customers. There's a path for everyone to build a career here at Walmart, and this position is further proof of that."

InHome delivery is the newest delivery option to be scaled to Walmart customers and is an important part of the retailers last mile delivery strategy, which includes creating a low-cost last mile delivery network focused on density, speed and sustainability. Walmart also offers delivery and Express delivery on 160,000+ items from more than 3,400 Walmart stores, reaching 70% of the U.S. population. Additionally, the retailer leads the industry in the trialing of sustainable and innovative delivery solutions like drones and self-driving cars. More recently, Walmart began commercializing its nationwide delivery capabilities through Walmart GoLocal, a white-label delivery as a service business focused on providing 3rd party retailers and brands an affordable local delivery solution.

About Walmart
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Meeting Notes

Board of Works and Public Safety Meeting

The City of Crawfordsville Indiana
January 5, 2022 at 10:00 AM
City Building 300 E Pike St Crawfordsville, IN 47933

- I. Approval of the minutes from December 29, 2021.
- II. Approval of the claims for the week of January 3, 2022.
- III. Old Business
- IV. New Business
 - A. A request from Price Excavating to close Water Street south of

5. A request to close Main Street for one day beginning Wednesday (01-05-22) for water service replacement for the Ben Hur Building
 - B. A request to have a portion of Eastfield Dr accepted by the City
 - V. Miscellaneous
 - VI. Department Heads
 - VII. Adjournment

Meeting Notes

North Montgomery Community School Corporation

Special School Board Meeting
January 7, 2022 at 7:30 a.m.
480 W 580 N
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

1. Call to Order
 - 1.1 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (please stand)
2. Action Items
 - 2.1 Approve Board Re-organization Agenda
3. Public Hearing
 - 3.1 Hearing for Public comment on the Solar Project
 - 3.2 Hearing for Additional Appropriation
4. Action Items/Other

- 4.1 Approve Resolution to Adopt the Solar Project
- 4.2 Approve Resolution for the Loan for the Solar Project
- 4.3 Approve Resolution for the Additional Appropriation for the Proceeds of the Loan for the Solar Project
- 4.4 Discuss the Good Governance Webinar
5. Adjournment
 - 5.1 Adjourn

Meeting Notes

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
JANUARY 7, 2021

12:30 PM
Montgomery County Courthouse
100 E. Main Street - Room 103
Crawfordsville, IN 47933
Call to Order: Board President John E. Frey

Resolution 2022-1 Authorizing President to Sign Closing Documents of Wiley-Connell Transaction Adjournment
**Next regular Commissioners meeting - Monday, January 10, 2022 @ 8:00 am *

Indiana Hospital Association reinforces commitment to health care affordability

Statement from IHA President Brian Tabor
"Indiana hospitals remain committed to addressing health care affordability for Hoosiers. Hospitals have demonstrated this commitment even during the pandemic, with health systems working with insurers and collaborating directly with employers to lower costs for patients and businesses. Indiana's hospitals have also been recognized for leading the country in transparency. These initiatives are already proving to be effective."

Indiana hospitals are leaders in efforts to lower costs while improving the state's health. However, until all stakeholders are at the table, these efforts



Indiana Hospital Association

will always fall short. We must stop oversimplifying the causes and engage in honest, inclusive discussions without the threat of legislative rate-setting or appealing to outdated studies."

ABOUT INDIANA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

The Indiana Hospital Association serves as the professional trade association for more than 170 acute care, critical access, behavioral health, and other specialized hospitals in Indiana. IHA advocates on behalf of its members in

Indiana's General Assembly, U.S. Congress, and with multiple regulatory agencies at the state and federal levels. Dedicated to improving quality, patient safety, and Hoosiers' health status, IHA holds numerous grants and facilitates collaboration among hospitals to improve outcomes. IHA also provides members with the data analytics that they need to ensure access to quality, cost-effective health care services across the state of Indiana. To learn more about IHA, visit IHAconnect.org.



St. Elizabeth

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Division of Franciscan Health

St. Elizabeth School of Nursing is happy to welcome three new assistant professors

St. Elizabeth School of Nursing is excited to announce three new assistant professors have joined its faculty in 2021: Brittany Maxwell, who started on March 15; Brittany Stone, who started on Oct. 11 and Shani Berrios Hackerd, who started on Nov. 8.

Shani Berrios Hackerd, BSN, RN, is covering Concepts and working with students in mental health areas. Berrios Hackerd has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Purdue University. She will be receiving her Master of Science in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner from Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis. Berrios Hackerd most recently worked as an RN House Supervisor at Sycamore Springs in Lafayette, Ind.

Brittany Maxwell, MSN, RN, is covering Concepts and working with students in medi-

cal/surgical areas. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Indiana State University and earned her Master of Science in Nursing from Ball State University. Maxwell previously worked in Staff Education at Franciscan Health Lafayette where she served as a clinical education specialist.

Brittany Stone, MSN, RN, is covering Concepts and working with students in medical/surgical areas. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Indiana State University and earned her Master of Science in Nursing from Western Governors University. Prior to joining St. Elizabeth School of Nursing, Stone worked at IU Health Arnett as a nursing professional development practitioner for two medical surgical units.

"We welcome our newest team members and know that they will be

wonderful additions to our faculty," said Dr. Michelle Gerrety, director of St. Elizabeth School of Nursing. "Their experience and continuing education will provide diverse and well-rounded knowledge about the field of nursing for our students."

For more information about St. Elizabeth School of Nursing, to look at application requirements and to apply, please visit StESon.org/Apply.

About St. Elizabeth School of Nursing
The St. Elizabeth School of Nursing, established in 1897, is the only hospital-based school of nursing in Indiana. The school is a division of Franciscan Health and offers a Diploma-BSN Cooperative Nursing Program with the University of Saint Francis in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. The school's website is steson.org



INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION

MAKING THE ARTS HAPPEN

Applications open for the arts grants

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) and Tippecanoe Arts Federation (TAF) have announced applications are open for two annual grant programs that support the arts in our region. Both programs will be adminis-

tered by the TAF through the IAC's Regional Arts Partnership Program. Nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply.

Grants will provide funding for general operations or arts programming. Projects for the

next cycle of grants will need to occur during the funding period of July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

Applications for both programs must be submitted through the IAC's online grant system no later than March 9, 2022.

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Congressman Jim Baird announces re-election campaign

Jim Baird filed re-election paperwork for Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. Baird said, "Serving on behalf of Hoosiers in the 4th Congressional District is an honor and a privilege that I will always take seriously. Far too much is at stake for the future of our children and grandchildren. Each day I take measure of the consequences Democrat led policies have on our Country, and the truth is



Congressman Jim Baird

socialism is being normalized. As I've said time and again, I love

this Country and I am dedicated to protecting our principles of freedom and liberty. With your support I hope to continue defending the values we hold dear."

Jim is a lifelong resident of West Central Indiana, where he has raised a family, started a business and served his community.

I've known Jim since he was a State Representative, and he's always been humble and down

to earth. It's wonderful to be able to say that Congress hasn't changed him one bit! Jim Baird takes common sense and real-world experience to a government that desperately needs it, and I'm proud that he's my Congressman", said Randy Head, 4th District Republican Chairman.

Over the past three years, Jim has worked closely with fellow conservative colleagues in Congress and at home

to hold the line against the ever-growing federal overreach into our daily lives.

President Pro Tempore State Senator Rod Bray said, "Jim Baird is a thoughtful conservative voice. A man of character and conviction that I am proud to call a friend. His record in Congress reflects the values of Hoosiers in the 4th Congressional District and I'm glad to support his continued service to our

State and Country."

Benton County GOP Chairman Bruce Buchanan said, "I am most proud to have Congressman Jim Baird represent me and my fellow Benton Countians. He is as fine a Congressman as I have known."

As someone who knows how to stand up against socialism and defend liberty, Jim is ready to keep up the fight and help deliver a conservative majority back to Congress.

TIPMONT

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and help one another in times of disaster, to make sure our power delivery systems are repaired as quickly, safely, and cost-effectively as possible."

"We take care of emergency needs at home first, but our crews are eager to help those in need," said Ford. "They take a tremendous amount of pride in representing Tipmont and the state of Indiana. They represent us well with how professionally and safely they work."

Regardless of the circumstance, it is important to remember safety around downed power lines.

Always assume a downed power line is still energized. If you see a downed line, stay away and contact your electric utility. Additionally, stay away from limbs or trees in contact with downed lines because they can be conductors of electricity.

The Indiana electric cooperative mutual aid program provides cooperative assistance in service

restoration from storms or other events that result in significant power outages.

ABOUT TIPMONT REMC

Tipmont REMC is a Rural Electric Membership Cooperative providing electric service to over 28,000 meters in eight Indiana counties including Tippecanoe, Montgomery, Fountain, Clinton, Carroll, White, Benton, and Boone. Headquartered in Linden, Indiana, Tipmont REMC is governed by a seven-person board of directors representing the membership that elects them.

Tipmont REMC also operates Wintek, a Cisco Premier Certified Partner. Wintek offers residential and business fiber internet service as well as state-of-the-art data center colocation, Cisco network design and implementation, and WAN/transport services. Wintek's office is located near downtown Lafayette with an additional 7,200 square foot data center on Lafayette's south side.

WEATHER

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later:

- Search your house for uninsulated pipes, especially in unheated areas. Consider wrapping pipes with foam insulation or electric heating tape but follow manufacturer's instructions carefully to avoid a fire hazard.

- Check to make sure your garage door and crawl space doors/vents are closed.

- Leave cabinet doors open in kitchen and bathroom areas to allow warm air to circulate and consider letting a faucet drip to keep water moving through the pipes. If you have young children, relocate any chemicals of cleaners that may have otherwise been out of reach behind the cabinet doors.

- Seal cracks and holes in outside walls and foundations with caulking, especially where cable TV or phone lines enter the house, to keep cold air away from pipes.

- Make certain the water to your hose bibs is shut off inside your house (via a turnoff valve), the lines are



drained, and the hose is disconnected from the spigot.

- Drain and shut off entirely the water to any unoccupied residence such as a summer or vacation home. A loss of power during a winter storm could cause pipes to freeze. If you intend to leave a property entirely without heat, be sure to drain all water to prevent the possibility of frozen pipes.

- Set the thermostat at no lower than 55 degrees if you're going out of town. Although you may be able to get away with a lower temperature, this setting is generally considered to be safe for pipes.

- Make sure you know where your main water shut-off valve is in case you need to shut your water off

in an emergency.

- Consider wrapping your water heater in an insulation blanket. While not really at danger for freezing, this can lower your heating bills.

Indiana American Water is also encouraging customers to keep fire hydrants clear near their homes and businesses when snowfall accumulates. This small step can save precious time if firefighters need to access it in an emergency. Remove snow and ice within a 3-foot perimeter of the hydrant and shovel a pathway from the hydrant to the street so that firefighters can access it quickly.

Additional information on preventing frozen pipes is available online at <https://www.amwater.com/inaw/water-information/>

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About Indiana American Water

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KAREN

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as soon as possible. But, there was no vaccine or really little or no help (at that time and for several years thereafter) for the medical problem the Griffith family suffered from, along with so many others in America at the time.

James "Wilbur" and Margaret Elizabeth (Westfall) Griffith were married in Fountain County the 24th of February in 1880, Wilbur born 17 Dec 1855 and "Maggie" 6 July 1860. It was a happy life they planned, he a farmer, she an exceptional mother of their seven children: E"Stella"; Eva, Charles Theodore, Mary, Nellie, Icy and Clarence, who barely made the 1900 census born that year in April and passing the next October on extreme diarrhea, his bowels hemorrhaging after a few days of being sick. This begins the sadness - one child down!

The article (and more followed) I read, that prompted this writing involved Nellie and Icy. Most of the Griffith children including these two were born in Fountain, but Wilbur and Maggie sold their farm and moved first to Wayne Township, then up above C'ville four miles to a farm, where they lost Eva of exhaustion at the end of a five-month bout with TB

(passed the 4th of July 1904 at age 20 years and one month). Second child down!

Next it was a move into Crawfordsville. I wondered if it was because of better doctors, or perhaps opportunities for the children, but both are guesses! In Crawfordsville, they owned their home at 1101 Lane Avenue, (I assume from good sales of his farms). The home I believe is gone now. Living there, the two sisters became very involved in working (Nellie ironically at the casket company and Icy in a printing office). As members of the First Baptist Church, the girls became excited for something of which our city became the designer, the concept spreading all over the state. This was the Community House I believe under the auspices of the church (as overseer of the young folks who were able to get together there to play, talk, study, similar to what we think of as YMCA or YWCA). Ours was the first in the state and people from all around (including some from Illinois) came to see how it was run. Although I didn't discover exactly what was the Fidelity Club they were involved in, I do know it was a part of the Community House, and think it was likely the



Photo courtesy of Karen Zach

girls' section. Definitely, they were good girls, who loved their church and having some fun, ready to be loyal and strict in helping the purpose of the Community House. Certainly, they were both quite active in promoting the CH and made so many friends, most not only crying but interacting with the family and aiding with the wake when the girls passed away.

Icy May seemed to have broken-out with the disease (tb) first in August of 1914. In comparison to our covid, who knows, whereas with tb, so many had it and it was so highly contagious. However, it may have been the remnants from her father passing with tuberculosis in late October of 1913. Nellie Sylvia contracted it

about a month following Icy and guess it would probably be obvious from where it came. Both had good days and bad, each taking care of the other, their mother (by the way who had been around all of them throughout the stages to their deaths but lived to Christmas Eve in 1934, age 74, passing from cancer in her gall bladder) of course overseeing, aiding, feeding, cleaning them. Luckily, Maggie was one of 12 children so she got a lot of support.

Toward the end of their confinement, the girls began to contemplate their doom, praying several times a day that they would pass at the same time, together, adverse to the idea of one living without the other. Icy

was the first to go at age 20 years 18 days (born Feb 6, 1895) at 11:30 in the morning on February 24th in 1915, followed by Nellie (age 22 years 11 months 6 days, born March 17, 1892) at 1 p.m. Neither knew of the others passing, both in a coma-state. Dr. F.O. Schenck was in attendance many days with them. Their mother gave the information on their death certificates, then as would be expected, collapsed. But, other family members and friends made sure she rested and was ready for the double funeral. Each sister was placed in her own casket for viewing, but when buried with all the others in the family in Union Cemetery west of Newtown on Aylesworth Road, they were in the same grave, information on the same stone and theirs match the combined stone of Eva and Clarence. Child 3 and 4 gone.

The next year, another of the Griffith children passed, and yes, of the same disease, this time it was their oldest, Stella dying March 19, 1916 (slightly over her 35th birthday). She did manage to marry (George Cruea) and had a child, Kenneth who was an engraver with Herff-

Jones and died in 1985, at almost 75. Stella (and brother Charles below) are two of the three children not buried in Newtown, she resting in Liberty Chapel, Elmdale. Child 5 gone.

This leaves us Charles Theodore who took care of his mother, was a carpenter and upon her death moved to Chicago and passed there in 1958 (buried in Hammond) at age 71 (no children).

Lastly, Mary married Chestley Rodgers and passed at just shy of 100 (buried Greenwood). She had one son John Rodgers who had a daughter and grandson at his death in 2001.

Seven children, two grandchildren and few greats was the tally for this wonderful couple. Certainly, there was little "go forth and prosper," because of that dread disease tuberculosis! Rest in peace each and every one, especially those precious full-of-life sisters, Icy and Nellie!

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