

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 119:89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. (KJV)

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Jessica and Jimmy Abbott smile happily on Veterans Day at the parade in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville. Thank you for your smiles!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

**1** The crew and the folks who chartered their boat got a rude awakening while fishing for Kingfish off the coast of New Zealand recently when a very large Mako shark took their bait instead, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. It was quite a surprise but nothing compared to what happened next: the shark jumped out of the water and landed on the bow of the boat flopping, flipping and giving the crew and their guests a scare and a fish story they can tell and retell for quite some time to come.

**2** Linden Depot Museum will be open from Nov. 25 through Jan. 1 on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The complex is a winter wonderland with 12 lighted Christmas trees outside and six inside. The staff has worked hard to prepare the museum complex for an enjoyable visit. The annual ornament this year is a golden spike. The museum is located at 520 N. Main Street, Linden, IN 47955. There is no admission cost - join in for the Christmas holidays.

**3** The salmon are swimming! The Indiana Department of Natural Resources said it is increasing Chinook salmon stocked in Lake Michigan by 50,000 starting in spring 2023. The change will increase the annual production target for Chinook from 225,000 to 275,000. Baitfish populations have rebounded from an all-time low in the mid-2010s after lake-wide stocking reductions made by all state agencies during the past decade. Staff from Mixsawbah State Fish Hatchery recently traveled to Michigan to obtain Chinook salmon eggs to meet the new production target. Fish from the eggs will be raised at Mixsawbah to be stocked in April 2023. They will spend one to three years feeding in Lake Michigan before returning to their stocking sites as mature spawning adults in the fall. More information on the hatchery is at [on.IN.gov/mixsawbah-sfh](https://on.IN.gov/mixsawbah-sfh) and more information on Lake Michigan fishing is at [on.IN.gov/lake-michigan-fishing](https://on.IN.gov/lake-michigan-fishing).

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The show is this Friday and Saturday Nov. 18 and 19 at 7 p.m., and Sunday Nov. 20 at 2 p.m. in the Southmont Auditorium.

## White Christmas Premieres At Southmont

Everyone's holiday favorite is sure to have you "dreaming of a white Christmas" when Southmont Jr.-Sr. High school performs Irving Berlin's classic musical WHITE CHRISTMAS, this Friday and Saturday Nov. 18 and 19 at 7 p.m., and Sunday Nov. 20 at 2 p.m. in the Southmont Auditorium. Based upon the enormously popular 1954 movie starring Bing Crosby and Rosemary Clooney, the

Tony Award-winning musical by David Ives and Paul Blake tells the heartwarming story of going to extraordinary measures to help others.

With a dazzling score of Irving Berlin standards, WHITE CHRISTMAS follows World War II veterans Bob Wallace (Waylon Gomez) and Phil Davis (Wyatt Woodall) from war-torn Europe to the heights of Broadway. The performing pair

discussed the joys and challenges of premiering such a beloved story for the community.

"I think the entire cast and crew has felt both genuine excitement and a real sense of responsibility when it comes to being the first to perform this show in our area," said Gomez, "and I'm very proud of where we'll be setting the bar."

➔ See SOUTHMONT Page A5

## The Pilgrimage To The Holy Land Begins ...



TIM TIMMONS  
Two Cents

Like a lot of you, I'm a mutt. My ancestors came from all over, but the majority came from the land of shamrocks and leprechauns, Ireland.

So it was that I've always wanted to travel there. Specifically, I yearned to go to County Kilkenny and County Wicklow and see if I can run into some cousins. I was determined, first chance I got, to head to Ireland.

Next week, we leave for Israel, the Holy Land.

What happened? Well, about a year or so ago things began to change. No, I don't like Ireland any less. I have not rebelled against my ancestors. For the

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The League of Women Voters, open to men as well as women, is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the Montgomery County LWV, visit: [www.lwvmontcoin.org](https://www.lwvmontcoin.org) or message to LWV, PO Box 101, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

Last week, the League of Women Voters' column celebrated Crawfordsville for its new park, and this week, we can tootle our trumpets for another fabulous feature of Montgomery County. For a minute, though, let's hold the sus-

pense. In about a week, many Hoosiers will gather around the table with friends and family to give thanks. Whether it's your favorite holiday or not, such gatherings may be opportune to talk turkey, not the one on the table, but the one that is as scary as any of "the talks" we have to have with kids and loved ones. This talk is the one about planning for the end-of-life.

It might be helpful to begin with the traditional "What are you grateful for this year?" and

## Mentoring With JUMP Is Fun!



The Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau is running a series of profiles on the kids who are on the waiting list for the JUMP program. These kids have been waiting months to be

matched with a mentor and are really looking forward to having an adult volunteer to spend time with them. The JUMP program is all about being present for a child and offering support and encouragement. This requires the adult volunteer spend a minimum of 4 hours per month and commit to one year of mentoring.

The name and age of the child

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Speaking of sports, here's a tip of the seed corn cap to all the high school boys and girls swimmers, cagers, gymnasts, and wrestlers! We love watching you compete!



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

See your dentist regularly - dental disease can contribute to a number of health problems like heart disease. 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](https://www.thepaper24-7.com).



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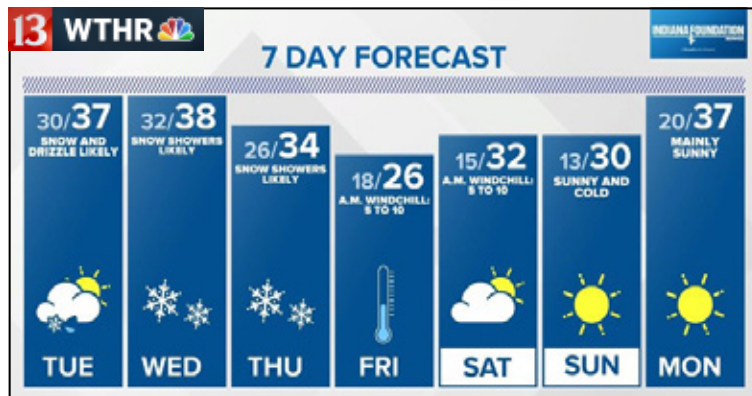
Are you a proud parent or grandparent? Got a great photo of your loved one? E-mail it to [news@thepaper24-7.com](mailto:news@thepaper24-7.com) along with the pertinent info (and your contact information so we can reach you if we have questions). C'mon, let's show off as many bright and smiling faces as we can and make clear exactly why Montgomery County is such a great place to raise a family!

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"There can be no higher law in journalism than to tell the truth and to shame the devil."  
Walter Lippman

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

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## OBITUARIES

### James LaFollette

Nov. 14, 2022 - Oct. 9, 1955

James "Jim" R. LaFollette, 67, passed away on Nov. 14, 2022 at home in Terre Haute.

He was born on Oct. 9, 1955 in Crawfordsville to James "Don" and Norma (Kell) LaFollette.

He was a graduate of Crawfordsville High School, Class of 1974 and ITT Technical Institute in Indianapolis graduate of Architectural Engineering Technology Associate Degree, Class of 1976. He worked for 27 years across the US, making detailed fabrication drawings for architectural building products for storefront and skylight systems and manual drafting and sketching skills. His greatest career achievement was working for Baker Metal Products, Inc., designing the drawings for windows in the Luxor Building in Las Vegas. He was a longtime member of the First Christian Church in Crawfordsville.

He loved caring for cats. He enjoyed photography, collecting and reading Stephen King books, listening to Beatles music and watching Dolphins football team.

Survivors include his sister, Janet Harrison; nephew, Aaron Harrison; niece, Aarika Harrison (Dalton Lorenzen); great nieces and nephews, Elias, Hayden, Kayden, Tony, Cecily and Davy; aunt, Karen Larr; cousins, Jenny Bigler (Ron) and Elizabeth LaFollette; second cousins, Cam, Max and Alex; and brother-in-law, Daryl Harrison.

He was preceded in death by his parents and uncle, Charles "Chick" LaFollette.

Visitation is scheduled on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022 at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington Street in Crawfordsville from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 12 noon. The service will be available to livestream on his obituary page at [www.SandersFuneralCare.com](http://www.SandersFuneralCare.com). Burial will follow at LaFollette Cemetery in Parkersburg. Memorial donations may be made to First Christian Church, 211 S Walnut Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Share memories and condolences at [www.SandersFuneralCare.com](http://www.SandersFuneralCare.com).



## Visit IndianaUnclaimed.Gov To See What Stuffing Awaits You This Thanksgiving Holiday

Stop, drop, and pass the rolls! Attorney General Todd Rokita invites Hoosiers to visit IndianaUnclaimed.gov to see if they have more than just casserole waiting this holiday.

"The last couple of years, Americans have been burdened with increases in their grocery bills, so extra cash in your wallet is a little gravy on top," Rokita said. "My office is committed to serving the people and protecting their individual liberty. Getting unclaimed property back in the hands of Hoosiers is a top priority."

Thanksgiving is perhaps one of the most widely celebrated holidays of the year, so let's give 'em pumpkin' to talk about this season. In 2021, Rokita's office returned over \$48 million in unclaimed property to its rightful owners. This year alone, the Office has returned over \$50 million.

This holiday combines some of our favorite things – no work, no school, the company of good family and friends,



Attorney General Todd Rokita

and of course, tons of great food. But while you're sitting around the table, it's also a good time to ask loved ones about assets.

Here's how to make sure your property doesn't go unclaimed:

- Keep a record of all bank accounts.

- Record all stock certificates and be sure to cash all dividends received.

- Record all utility deposits, including telephone, cable, and electricity deposits.

- Cash all checks promptly.

- Update your address with all businesses when you move.

- Talk to loved ones about any safe deposit boxes you own.

Once unclaimed property is in its custody, the Unclaimed Property Division at Rokita's office conducts outreach efforts to locate the rightful owners or heirs.

Individuals and/or

businesses have 25 years to claim money once it is reported to the Unclaimed Property Division.

Over \$700 million remains to be claimed, so it's time to put away the leftovers and find something else to be thankful for at IndianaUnclaimed.gov or text CLAIM to 46220 to search your name, family, or business.

You can also contact the Unclaimed Property Division at 1-866-462-5246 or [updmail@atg.in.gov](mailto:updmail@atg.in.gov).

You may also like and/or follow the Unclaimed Property Division on Facebook.

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# Duke Energy Provides \$34K To Support Veterans And Active-Duty Service Members

The Duke Energy Foundation is awarding \$34,000 in grants to seven Indiana organizations and initiatives focused on supporting Hoosier military veterans and active-duty service members. The grants support a wide range of veteran-serving organizations across the state, including those working to provide civilian career pathways, transitional housing and health care services for those who've served in America's armed forces.

"Duke Energy is, and always has been, a company focused on giving back to the communities we serve," said Stan Pinegar, president of Duke Energy Indiana. "On the heels of Veterans Day, we're proud to extend our support to organizations across Indiana that are delivering care and services to those who've answered the call to serve."

Liberty Place is one organization receiving funding through the Duke Energy Foundation. The New Albany-based nonprofit will use the funds to support southern Indiana veterans facing or experiencing homelessness by offering them a safe place to live while they get back on their feet. Residents at the center are offered a secure room of their own, along with meals, toiletries and around-the-clock support staff.

"We're committed to doing all we can to pay it forward to those who've served our country," said Kelley Troutman, executive director of Liberty Place. "It can be difficult for veterans to reintegrate into society when they come home from serving. Having the stability of a place to live allows them to regain their footing and make plans for the next chapter of their lives."

Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

- Bartholomew County Veteran Mentors (Bartholomew County) \$4,000 to provide mentorship and support for veterans seeking treatment from drug and alcohol abuse
- Chances for Area Youth / Hoosier Care

Innovative Readiness Training for Indiana Air National Guard Personnel (Vigo County) \$5,000 to support Indiana Air National Guard training to provide no-cost health care, dental and vision services for individuals in need throughout Vigo County and the surrounding communities

- Fill the Foxhole (Marion County) \$5,000 to send care packages to deployed troops during the holiday season
- Indiana Veterans Initiative (Statewide) \$5,000 to help former service members transition to civilian life by connecting them to Indiana employers and providing career-building resources
- Liberty Place (Floyd County) \$5,000 to provide transitional housing and support for veterans facing or experiencing homelessness
- Mary T. Klinker Veterans Resource Center (Tippecanoe County) \$5,000 to support veteran assistance programs in the Lafayette area
- Vincennes Rotary Foundation Association (Knox County) \$5,000 for new uniforms and materials to support military honors at veteran funerals

**Duke Energy Indiana**  
Duke Energy Indiana, a subsidiary of Duke Energy, provides about 6,300 megawatts of owned electric capacity to approximately 880,000 customers in a 23,000-square-mile service area, making it Indiana's largest electric supplier.

**Duke Energy Foundation**  
The Duke Energy Foundation provides philanthropic support to meet the needs of communities where Duke Energy customers live and work. The Foundation contributes more than \$2 million annually in charitable gifts to Indiana and is funded by Duke Energy shareholder dollars. More information about the Foundation and its Powerful Communities program can be found at [duke-energy.com/Foundation](http://duke-energy.com/Foundation).

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PUBLIC NOTICES

INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given, that the City of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana, by and through its Board of Works and Public Safety, herein referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed bids for the construction of the Frances Wooden Park Project.

Sealed bids are invited and may be delivered or forwarded by mail or other courier services addressed to the Clerk Treasurer, City of Crawfordsville, Attention: Terri Gadd, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, by Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 9:00am (Local time). All bids shall be opened and publicly read at the Board of Works Meeting on the second floor of the City Building at 10:00am (Local Time). Bids received after such hour will be returned unopened. All interested citizens are invited to attend and should any citizens require special provisions, such as handicapped modifications or non-English translation personnel, the City of Crawfordsville will provide such provisions as long as the request is made by Monday, November 28, 2022.

There will not be a pre-bid meeting for this project. All received written questions will be answered via addendums during the bidding phase.

The contract will consist of the following:

The scope of work for this project includes the renovation of an existing park, including the installation of playground equipment, concrete paving, playground surfacing, installation of a prefabricated shade structure, fencing, site furnishings, landscaping and additional on-street parking.

Plans and Specifications for the Project are on file and may be examined online at the below location beginning Friday, November 4, 2022.

Complete sets of bidding documents may be viewed at [www.hwcplanroom.com](http://www.hwcplanroom.com). Electronic copies of the bidding documents are available for download at [www.hwcplanroom.com](http://www.hwcplanroom.com) for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00. A completed printed set of bidding documents may be ordered at [www.hwcplanroom.com](http://www.hwcplanroom.com) at printing cost to the bidder plus shipping fees.

The work to be performed and the bid to be submitted shall include sufficient and proper sums for all general construction, mechanical installation, labor, materials, permits, licenses, insurance, and so forth incidental to and required for the construction of the facilities.

Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the Project and the name and address of Bidder. All bids must be submitted on the bid forms as identified in the Contract Documents and Specifications.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable bidder's bond made payable to the Owner, in a sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the highest aggregate bid, which check or bond will be held by the Owner as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded the contract, enter into the same with the Owner upon notification from him to do so within ten (10) days of said notification.

Approved performance and payment bonds guaranteeing faithful and proper performance of the work and materials, to be executed by an acceptable surety company, will be required of the Contractor at the time he executes his contract. The bond will be in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price and must be in full force and effect throughout the term of the Construction Contract plus a period of twelve (12) months from the date of substantial completion.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid, or all bids, or to accept any bid or bids, or to make such combination of bids as may seem desirable, and to waive any and all informalities in bidding. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least sixty (60) days.

All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the projects shall apply to the Projects throughout.

Bids shall be properly and completely executed on bid forms included in the Specifications. Bids shall include all information requested by Indiana Form 96 (Revised 2013) included with the Specifications. Under Section III of Form 96, the Bidder shall submit a financial statement. A copy of the proposed Financial Statement to be submitted with the bid is included in the bid documents section to these specifications. The Owner may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform the work and the Bidder shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as the Owner may request. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and to complete the work contemplated therein.

Each Bidder is responsible for inspecting the Project site(s) and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the Contract Documents and Specifications. The failure or omission of any Bidder to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation with respect to its Bid.

Bidder is required to submit with bid a written plan for an employee drug testing program that complies with IC 4-13-18-5 and IC 4-13-18-6.

Board of Works and Public Safety  
City of Crawfordsville

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Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP)

Notice is hereby given that the Crawfordsville Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified construction managers as constructor pursuant to Indiana Code 5-32 (Employment of Construction Managers as Constructors for Projects). The RFP is for the construction of a new administration center and maintenance improvements at other district facilities. The budgeted construction cost is \$3,200,000 and the work is to be completed by July of 2024.

The RFP document will be available, at no charge, beginning November 2, 2022. Please contact Rex Ryker at Crawfordsville Community School Corporation, address: 1000 Fairview Ave. Crawfordsville, IN 47933, email: [rryker@cvsille.k12.in.us](mailto:rryker@cvsille.k12.in.us), Phone: 765.362.2342 for receipt of the RFP. All correspondence regarding the RFP submittal shall be directed to Rex Ryker.

RFP submittals must be received no later than 9:00 AM, local time, on Tuesday, November 22, 2022. Submittals shall be addressed to Rex Ryker, Associate Superintendent and delivered to the Crawfordsville Community School Corporation's Administration Building, 1000 Fairview Ave. Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Responses received after the stated time will be returned unopened.

The selection process will consist of a review of each proposer's qualifications by Crawfordsville Community School Corporation's Evaluation Committee pursuant to Indiana Code 5-32.

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CRAWFORDSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
NOTICE OF SALE OF WARRANTS

NOTICE is hereby given that CRAWFORDSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION (the "Issuer") has authorized and will make one (1) or more temporary loans to meet current running expenses for the use of the Debt Service Fund, the Pension Fund, the Referendum Fund and the Operations Fund of the Issuer, in aggregate amounts not to exceed the following for the respective identified funds:

Debt Service Fund [for Warrants issued in anticipation of the receipt of current tax revenues levied for the year 2022 and in the course of collection in 2023]: \$3,491,484 maturing on June 30, 2023, December 29, 2023, or a date fixed by reference to the Issuer's receipt in settlement of the funds in anticipation of which any Warrant is issued, or any combination thereof, as determined by the Issuer's officer prior to their issuance.

Pension Fund [for Warrants issued in anticipation of the receipt of current tax revenues levied for the year 2022 and in the course of collection in 2023]: \$383,222 maturing on June 30, 2023, December 29, 2023, or a date fixed by reference to the Issuer's receipt in settlement of the funds in anticipation of which any Warrant is issued, or any combination thereof, as determined by the Issuer's officer prior to their issuance.

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Operations Fund [for Warrants issued in anticipation of the receipt of current tax revenues levied for the year 2022 and in the course of collection in 2023]: \$2,897,901 maturing on June 30, 2023, December 29, 2023, or a date fixed by reference to the Issuer's receipt in settlement of the funds in anticipation of which any Warrant is issued, or any combination thereof, as determined by the Issuer's officer prior to their issuance.

Such loans shall be at a per annum rate not to exceed eight percent (8.0%) (the exact rate to be determined by negotiations with the Indiana Bond Bank (the "Bond Bank")) subject also to, following their due date, an alternate rate as provided in a warrant purchase agreement entered into by the Issuer. The Issuer will issue temporary loan tax and/or revenue anticipation warrants to evidence such loans. The Issuer has appropriated and pledged the taxes and/or revenues to be received in such funds to the punctual payment of such warrants including the interest thereon. The Warrants will be sold to the Bond Bank, in Indianapolis, Indiana, pursuant to Indiana Code 5-1.5-8-1 on one (1) or more dates during 2023. Pursuant to Indiana Code 20-48-1-9, no action to contest the validity of such warrants may be brought later than fifteen (15) days from the first publication of this Notice.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Plan Commission of Montgomery County will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 23rd, 2022 at 4:00 pm in the Community Room of the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933 to hear amendments to Chapter 159, Article 13 Solar Farms and Facilities.

The amendments are available for viewing in the Building and Zoning office at 1580 Constitution Row, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933 (765-364-6490); office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, weekdays except holidays.

The public is invited to attend the hearing to comment on the proposed amendments. Oral comments concerning the amendments will be heard. Written comments and objections to the proposed amendments may also be submitted to The Montgomery County Building and Zoning Administration at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 ([marc.bonwell@montgomerycounty.in.gov](mailto:marc.bonwell@montgomerycounty.in.gov)).

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to attend, hear or present evidence at the public hearing and is in need of reasonable accommodation, Please Contact the Montgomery County Commissioners office at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 (765-361-2623).

This Notice Dated: November 7th 2022  
Marc Bonwell  
Building/Zoning Administrator  
Montgomery County, IN

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
To consider a Re-zone of Real Property in  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

The Montgomery County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 23rd, 2022, at 4:00 pm to consider a re-zone from Agricultural to Commercial of a property in Montgomery County. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933

Petitioner: Stephen Jones  
Purpose of Request-  
A request to re-zone a 27.6 acre parcel from Agricultural to Commercial  
Location: 100 N block of Nucor Road  
Parcel ID: 54-07-36-300-024-001-024  
Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed re-zone. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The Montgomery County Plan Commission may continue the hearing from time to time as may be found necessary. Citizens may file written comments or objections with Montgomery County Building/ Zoning Administration ATTN: Marc Bonwell, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 or by email at ([marc.bonwell@montgomerycounty.in.gov](mailto:marc.bonwell@montgomerycounty.in.gov)) prior to the public hearing. All such comments will be considered by the Plan Commission. A copy of the proposed re-zone is on file and may be examined at the Montgomery County Building and Zoning Administration office at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (765-364-6490), office hours are 8:00-4:30 weekdays except holidays.

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

This notice dated November 7th, 2022  
Marc Bonwell  
Building/Zoning Administrator  
Montgomery County, IN

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Montgomery County Plan Commission  
Notice of Public Hearing  
Preliminary Plat

The Montgomery County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on November 23rd, 2022 at 4:00 pm to consider a Preliminary Plat for Stephen Jones property. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933

Petitioner: Stephen Jones  
Purpose of Request- Preliminary Plat  
Location – 100 N block of Nucor Road  
Parcel ID's: 54-07-36-300-024 001-024  
54-07-36-300-024 008-024

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

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

This notice dated: November 7th, 2022  
Marc Bonwell  
Building/Zoning Administrator  
Montgomery County, IN

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STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MONTGOMERY SUPERIOR  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY ) COURT 1  
CAUSE NO: 54D01-1502-GU-8  
IN RE: THE GUARDIANSHIP OF ADDISON MARIE LEIGH AND  
CRUZ ALEXANDER LEIGH )  
SUMMONS TO APPEAR  
Comes now the Court on its own motion and finds that a summons to appear should be issued for Joshua Hawkins and Sheila Hawkins due to failure to file status reports.  
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a summons shall be issued to petitioners to appear for a rule to show cause on December 7, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.  
SO ORDERED NOVEMBER 1, 2022  
Heather L. Barajas,  
Judge Montgomery Superior Court 1  
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CRAWFORDSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
NOTICE OF SALE OF WARRANTS

NOTICE is hereby given that CRAWFORDSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION (the "Issuer") has authorized and will make one (1) or more temporary loans to meet current running expenses for the use of the Debt Service Fund, the Pension Fund, the Referendum Fund and the Operations Fund of the Issuer, in aggregate amounts not to exceed the following for the respective identified funds:

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STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MONTGOMERY COURT  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY )  
CASE NO. 54C01-2209-MI-000847  
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: )  
Hunter Sheidler-kerkhove )  
Petitioner )  
Public Notice of Hearing  
Comes no Hunter Sheidler-kerkhove, pro se, having filed a verifies Petition for Change of Name, and the Court finds the matter should be set for hearing.  
IT IS THEREFOR ORDERED that this matter shall be heard on November 22, 2022 at 9:30 am.  
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Roll

Noah Barnhart, Emerson Boaz, Dylan Brown, Paige Cash, Madison Dodson, Gage Galloway, Ely Hill, Ava Hollar, Nathaniel Hood, Caleb Hunsberger, Caidence Hutson, Haze Kashon, DeShawn Lewis, Lucas Lighty, Alexandra Long, Nolan Manlieff, Taylor McCollum, Jazmine Mercado, Marisa Moffitt, Shyam Patel, Jaydelyn Phillips, Hayden Riggins, Jaxin Wethington, and Margaret Yeager.

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Gavin Berry, Kyle  
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Chapman, Miranda  
Crowe, Ella Fritzen,  
Brooklynn Hamm, Paige

Hudson, Jarrod Kirsch,  
Brooklyn Kruse, Payton  
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Sophia Morris, Grace  
Moseley, Sydney Nei-  
deffer, Eva Rose, Israel  
Rose, Brent Runyan,  
Kennady Sanders, Emily  
Schaub, Samuel Sheetz,  
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Voorhees, and Gavyn  
Waldon.

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Annabel Anderson, Logan Bailey, Edgar Biddle, Ashley Broadstreet, William Bulan, Annabel Cain, Bryce Callis, Colin Campbell, Lillyann Carter, Sophia Craig, Chloe Douglas, Ross Dyson, Jordyn Frommer, Ellen Gable, Jose Hernandez-Sanchez, Kayla Hoffman, Jacob Hughes, Kennedy Isbell, Emma Jackson, Isabel Jankowski, Seth Kruse, Ashlyn Lee, Nathan McCoy, Corbin Meadows, Megan Raff, Shayna Ratcliff, Jacob Rice, Zurisadai Santana Roldan, Reagan Schultz, Russell Shipley, Gabriel Shirar, Zeb Snellenbarger, Tanner Stultz, Roman Utterback, Shanice Williams, Kyla Willis, and Tacie Woodall.

Sophomore High Hon-  
or Roll

Noelle Barnhart, Alek Bayless, Kres-  
tyn Bradford, James  
Brooks, Cade Cole,  
Justin Coleman, Sari-  
ka Gabhawala, Avery

Gayler, Ashlyn Godbey, Zachary Herron, Nichole Hoffman, Abbie Johnson, Zachary Johnson, Brooklyn Kerns, Hailey Kunz, Reagan Little, Ava Mershon, Ava Nunan, Bailey Patton, Piper Ramey, Zuleyka Rivera, Kayla Sankey, Julia Shea, Katelyn Shepherd, Jovie Simpkins, Jayden Thompson, and Callie Wright.

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## Freshman High Honor Roll

Tapia Ambriz, Owen  
Arthur, Ayden Braun,

Emma Brown, Kylee Bryant, Lillian Bryant, Hunter Colinger, Lacey Conover, Brylee Cowan, Hope Delp, Orion Durbin, Jaylyn Easterly, Jackson Grundy, Cambria Hall, Lucy Hess, Michelle Hoffman, Taylor Hudson, Grace Hughes, Zoey Jones, Trevor Morgan, Audrey Morris, Ariannah Norman, Macee Norman, Sophia Powell, Kyle Ratliff, Dusty Robinson, Kylie Sankey, Cassidy Thomas, Anabelle Verduin, Katelyn Woolwine, Nathan Woosley, and Cole Yeager.

Freshman A & B Hon-  
or Roll

Madison Angel, Colten  
Arnold, Jeramy Baity,  
Gabriella Bavone, Paytin  
Biggs, Keaton Brown,  
Hudson Claypool, Crew  
Cole, Riley Custer,  
Dane Elliott, Kiefer  
Ervin, Madison Evans,  
Alannis Garcia, Claire  
Grimes, Laine Hayes,  
Tayler Hembree, Kayden  
Hodges, Makenna Hut-  
son, Luke Kirkpatrick,  
Ashlynn Koons, Ella  
McManomy, Hailey  
Michael, Kale Mitchell,  
Jazmen Newlin, Braydin  
Osborne, Heaven Pruett,  
Kaleb Rescigno, Nicole  
Rhude, Vanessa Schul-  
tz, Sophia Shea, Taelyn  
Stephens, Gage Taylor,  
Keegan Tyler, Jackson  
Warren, Blake Welch,  
Chase Welshimer, and  
Emma Williamson.

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For his part, Woodall raved about the show's dance numbers, provided by choreographer Preston Dildine.

“This show is very dance heavy, which I love,” enthused Woodall. “We’re waltzing and swing dancing and salsa dancing. You name it, it’s in there!”

As the story begins, the successful Wallace and Davis song and dance duo encounter sister act Betty (Alivia Williams) and Judy (Stella Snook) Haynes at Jimmy's (Tovi Powell) club, and follow them to an idyllic Inn in Vermont. As seniors, Williams and Snook shared the special nature of performing as sisters in their final high school musical.

“Alivia and I have been in every musical together since 6th grade,” said Snook, “and this show is the perfect way to finish out our high school theater career.”

Best friend and cast-mate Williams concurred, expressing her own joy at the experience.

“Stella (Snook) and I have grown up together,” Williams said, “and we’re like sisters in real life. Getting to have her by my side for this show has been really special.”

When the foursome arrive in Vermont, Bob and Phil discover that the Pinetree Inn is run by their former army commander, General Waverly (Jimmy Clester), with help from his cantankerous housekeeper and former Broadway scion Martha (Kelsey Thompson), his precocious granddaughter Susan (Kylee Reeves) and his loveably slow-moving caretaker Ezekiel (Jordan Endicott). Unfortunately for the General, the temperature in Pinetree is a balmy 70 degrees, putting the winter ski lodge into which he has sunk his whole life savings on the verge of collapse.

Desperate to help their beloved General, the pair cook up a scheme to bring their entire Broadway show to the Inn for Christmas, including the beautiful but ditsy Rita

(Jessica Bradley) and Rhoda (Emma Phillips), and performers Marty, Gloria, Scooter, Mark, Connie, Loretta and Jim (Abby Sayler, Zoe Albertson, Thomas Woods, Mason Cass, Violet Shaw, Layla Gomez and Hunter Alesi).

The duo enlist the help of their old army buddy and Ed Sullivan show producer Ralph Shel-drake (Marlin Williams) and his assistants (Clair Simpson and Jolie Hoen-shell) to bring the former members of the 151st army division (Aaron Evans and Rachel Rhoads) back together to pack the show and help General Waverly avert financial ruin. However, as the full Wallace and Davis show company arrives, including stage manager Mike (Evelyn Zachary), seamstress Jane

(Avery Hannum) and the rest of the team (Addison Kendrick, Alicia France, Haiden Shoemaker, Indeya Albertson, Isla Stetler, Jessica Starnes, Lillian Davis, Madelyn Roberts, Molly Williams, Lennon Woods and Zane Meece), a misunderstanding about the pair's intentions sends Betty running away to New York.

Will the Inn, and the couples' budding romances, be saved? Will it finally snow? You'll need to head on down to Southmont to find out! Tickets for WHITE CHRISTMAS may either be purchased online at [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com) under Southmont or at the door beginning 40 minutes prior to performances. The production is artistically directed by Amy Woodall, musically directed by Sarah Fadil, and choreographed by Preston Dildine. Nicole Thompson and Angie Williams serve as the show's producers. Amarah Shannon, Isabella Cade, Noah Myers, Jacob Peck, Ally Wallace, Hunter Thompson, and Carrie Pool serve as stage crew. WHITE CHRISTMAS is presented through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.

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also to make this talk a ritual. Or, wait until later in the day, after tryptophan-induced naps over the cold turkey sandwiches, maybe as you deal out a game of euchre.

“Having shared what you’re grateful for in life, what are your end-of-life plans? What do you imagine will give you peace when you die? And how do you want to be buried?” Likely silence will ensue. Hopefully, no one chokes on their food. Give everyone about 30 seconds, and, if need be, lead by example. Share your answer to loosen the bottleneck of silence and thoughts.

Why do this? Because having clear plans communicated to your loved ones frees you up to live, and you give others the freedom to grieve.

It’s possible that fear of death, and the weirdness we associate with it, keep us from telling loved ones what we want, but money often lurks behind the conversation. Many Americans are unhappy with the funeral industry and the costs of burial, which is why direct cremation (cremation without the trimmings and services) has climbed significantly since the 1970s. The average funeral along with the plot costs close to \$10,000. A lot of trimmings that drive up costs – embalming, caskets, flowers, and vaults – are optional. These trimmings may seem like “requirements” to grieving people planning a funeral under duress.

Planning ahead takes back the control. About 54 percent of Americans surveyed by the National Funeral Directors Association said they prefer natural burials, which are far more affordable and simple. Here’s where Montgomery County wins kudos.

We are home to Oak Hill Cemetery, one of four sites in Indiana where anyone can be buried “green.” Indiana is somewhat remarkable when it comes to natural burial because it offers one of the highest densities of hybrid sites in the United States. This gives Hoosiers the freedom to be buried more affordably, more simply and without leaving a huge stamp of carbon waste in their wake.

Ask and you shall receive apparently. As of 2020, there are now 166 sites in the US that offer natural, conservation or hybrid burial grounds. Oak Hill Cemetery is hybrid because it offers both traditional plots that require a vault and a section of natural grounds. For those who prefer this, they may be buried unembalmed in a casket made of biodegradable materials (think wood, cloth, bamboo, wicker or heavy-duty cardboard). No concrete box will prevent them from natural decomposition.

In short, this is “green” burial. By definition, it means no artificial processes are used in handling human remains. It’s the form of burial that was common prior to the Civil War. Grave markers may be identified by GPS or allow for simple flat stones or trees, and the site is planted with native vegetation.

It contrasts significantly with expensive funerals and burials.

Every year in the USA we bury 827,060 gallons of embalming fluid (which is toxic and does not preserve bodies much more than a few days or weeks beyond the viewing). We also sink 90,272 tons of steel via caskets and vaults, 2,700 tons of copper and bronze in casket linings, 30,000,000 board feet of hardwood (including wood from endangered forests), and 1.6 million tons of reinforced concrete burial vaults. None of these are for public health and safety. (Green Burial Council)

Though direct cremations (again those without all the trimmings) are less expensive, each one cremation burns about as much fuel as a 500-mile car drive and releases 400kgs of carbon. (US Funerals Online)

In 2017, two people I loved died. A 51-year-old friend (husband and father of three kids) died from a heart attack and my sister died of cancer. Both were buried naturally, or mostly in my sister’s case.

Often, it’s hard to bury a heart attack victim this way, let alone have a viewing, because of the autopsy that is required. We were fortunate that he had a caring coroner, so we could conduct a funeral fitting to his faith tradition.

Because Indiana is one of eight states requiring a licensed funeral director to be present at the interment, his family retained a local director who provided transportation and helped with casketing and included it in the basic services, a common fee that often reaches close to \$2,000.

A woodworker in his congregation built his casket and his church held the services and provided the flowers and the meal for the memorial service.

In my sister’s circumstances, we could not arrange for a church close to where she died in Frederick, Md., she opted for a home burial. We hired the same casket builder and drove it to Maryland. That state’s rules allow for a family member to handle the body, so I obtained the burial permit and death certificate from her hospice nurse. Family members prepared her body and casketed her. The viewing and wake at home allowed each of us to spend long private times with her remains. She was interred by arrangement with a local cemetery, though they unfortunately required a partial concrete liner over her casket to reduce subsidence. The cost of both burials, including caskets and plots was close to \$2,000, rivaling direct cremation.

With this information in mind, perhaps holding the hard talk about everyone’s wishes will be a little easier. I doubt anyone would fault you if choose a different day than Thanksgiving.

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for this article has been changed slightly for privacy purposes.

Jenna is a 7-year-old girl who live in a home with 3 other siblings. Jenna likes to do almost everything on the check list. She especially likes to go to parks, swim, play with barbies and do arts and craft activities. Jenna’s favorite color is pink and

she wants to be a princess when she grows up. If she could have a special day to do anything she wanted she would like to go to the park, go swimming and eat at Applebee’s.

Jenna’s mom says she is outspoken, outgoing and quite a character! She said she enjoys playing outside and with her toys. Jenna’s mom says she does well

in school but struggles somewhat with reading.

Jenna is very talkative and easy to spend time with. She has a great imagination and would be perfect for someone who wants to mentor a younger child.

If you are a female over the age of 21 or a couple who would like to mentor Jenna, please contact Jill

Hampton at 362-0694 ext. 103 or email [jill@mcysb.org](mailto:jill@mcysb.org). To learn more about the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau, visit [www.mcysb.org](http://www.mcysb.org) or visit their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mcysb.org](https://www.facebook.com/mcysb.org).

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regular eight or nine of you who read these scribbles, the change of heart took place well before the open heart surgery. I can’t point to a specific event or time, but my faith started to take a more important role in my day to day life. My lovely wife of almost 40 years Linda and I now pray before meals. It’s drawn a few looks – some good, some uncomfortable – in public. There are other things, too.

First, some background.

I was raised Catholic. My grandmother had a trace of an Irish accent and was devout in her faith. I remember she would sweep off the porch and offer it up to God. I went to a Catholic grade school, became an altar boy and I’m sure would’ve stayed in that school system if junior high and high school had been offered.

When I went to college, I attended mass, albeit less frequently over time. And when I got married, my wife and I were from different (but similar) religions. We tried several different things because it was important to us that our children be raised in a church. One child was baptized in the Catholic faith and the other as a Lutheran.

Over the years, little by little, faith became less important. I never really stopped believing. I just stopped believing in prioritizing it.

I very much wish I could now write an explanation of when or why that changed. I can’t. Maybe it’s just age. A lot of folks seem to get more interested in a relationship with God as they get older.

Anyone who knows me knows I love quotations. More than a year ago I ran across one that stuck out. What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday?

Age? A quote? Maybe it’s that simple. I honestly don’t know.

All I do know is that my faith, my humanity, are more important to me now. Maybe, and I’m by no means an expert on the Bible and its teachings, it’s a bigger picture? Just look around the world today and you can see things are off

kilter. I’m not condemning – not my intent. But I sincerely believe we are on a bad path. Maybe it’s important some of us stand up and share what we believe?

Let’s be clear though. There’s no attempt to convert anyone, or even to tell you that one way is right and another way is wrong.

That’s way above my pay grade.

I’ve mentioned Pastor Alan Jackson in this space before and he said something that resonated with me. If you believe in God, then you know there is going to come a time when you will stand face to face with Him and be accountable for every sin you committed, every bad thought, word or deed. It’s a daunting – no, make that terrifying – prospect.

And it’s incredibly individualistic. So no dear friends, I am not at all about telling you what to believe or not. I am simply doing what my faith, my heart and my brain tell me is the right thing to do.

That’s what led to the switch in travel plans, and we depart for Israel Saturday. It’s the trip of a lifetime – and if it means I never get to Ireland now, so be it. Truth to tell, we probably shouldn’t spend the money on this – there’s a recession and a very unsure future. We’re doing it anyways.

I’ve reached out to the Israeli consulate to ask if I can do some interviews and photography while there. I don’t know what connectivity will be like, but I will try to send back some thoughts and pictures. If that doesn’t work, I’ll share when we return. And I’ll try not to make it as bad as sitting through some of the relatives’ vacation slide shows back in the 1960s.

I don’t know much more than that. It’s a pilgrimage and I guess by definition that means the outcome isn’t known. I’ll do my best to bring you along, if you like. It starts Saturday.

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