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**TODAY'S VERSE**

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

**FACES OF MONTGOMERY**

People who call our community their own.



Dick German, right, and Ron Hess of Rotary International smile brightly while serving hot chocolate. Thank you for your smiles!

**THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** This poor guy in Windham, NH got lucky, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Kevin Butler accidentally tossed his wife's wedding rings out with the trash. No sooner did the garbage truck leave, he found his wife searching for a paper napkin containing the rings. She'd wrapped them in the napkin to dry after cleaning them. Against all odds, Kevin made his way to the dump and told the general services director what had happened. Despite the fact that they would have to search through about 20 tons of trash, Kevin managed to spot his trash bag. They opened it and, luckily, came across the napkin containing his wife's rings.

**2** Patoka Lake will host its 35th annual eagle watch event on Jan. 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will include both indoor and outdoor activities. Indoors, see Patoka's resident bald eagle and other raptors as interpretive naturalists Dana Reckelhoff and Wade LeHue share the birds' story. There will be children's activities from 12:40 to 2:30 p.m. Outdoors, join wildlife specialist Brian Finch on a driving tour of sites bald eagles frequent. Finch will talk about the history of the bald eagle reintroduction program in the 1980s, and lunch will be provided. The cost for this event is \$25 per person. Advance registration is required by calling the Patoka Lake Nature Center at 812-685-2447. All reservations are final. No cancellations will be accepted. This event is limited to the first 65 registered participants.

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MCCF from L-R: Sarah Storms, Kelly Taylor, Gabriel Little, and Debbie Schaviatello

## MCCF Announces Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Recipient

The Montgomery County Community Foundation is pleased to announce that Gabriel Little has been named the 2023 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar for Montgomery County. He is a senior at Southmont High School and the son of Rhonda Little.

Each Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides for full tuition, required fees and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and required equipment for four years. The scholarship is for undergraduate students studying

on a full-time basis leading to a baccalaureate degree at any eligible Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university. Lilly Endowment Community Scholars may also participate in the Lilly Scholars Network (LSN), which connects both current scholars and alumni with resources and opportunities to be active leaders on their campuses and in their communities. Both the scholarship program and LSN are supported by grants from Lilly Endowment to Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) and Indiana

Humanities.

"I am so grateful and honored to be this year's Montgomery County Lilly Endowment Scholar," Gabriel said. "This scholarship shall give me the opportunity of a lifetime and I am forever grateful for it. As I look back, I realize that I could not have achieved this without the amazing teachers, friends, family, advisors, and the Montgomery County Community Foundation. Though I am still undecided where I want

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## Ball Saga #3 - Meet Abigail



**KAREN ZACH**  
Around The County

Meet Abigail Ball born 28 September 1812 and although she was not in a census that we would know where she was born (died 30 Sept 1846 before the 1850 census) it would be logical she was born where several of her brothers and sisters were and where parents lived and were married in Butler County, Ohio. We do know for sure that she married Edwin Quick (born 28 August 1805 in Westchester County NY son of Elijah and Sally Reynolds Quick) on November 21, 1830 right here in Montgomery

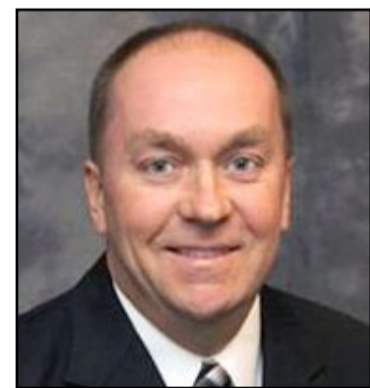


County. Although she was the mother of eight children, Salona did not mature to adulthood and others were fairly young at death.

So wish there was a picture of this gal or a story or two but at least she does have a pretty stone (photo from FindAGrave - thanks to Nancy Pickel) and although Ed was married twice more, they are both buried in Liberty with those children and

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## Mayor To Meet With The Public



Mayor Todd Barton

Continuing a practice he started since first taking office, Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton will once again make himself available to meet with the public.

This month's meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday at City Hall from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The meeting will take place in Barton's first-floor office at City Hall, 300 E. Pike St. The purpose is to open discussions with concerned citizens about anything to do with the city of Crawfordsville.

**HONEST HOOSIER**

17 Montgomery County shopping days until Christmas. How about a membership in all our local museums!



**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Walking at least six miles per week can help reduce age-related memory loss.

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**

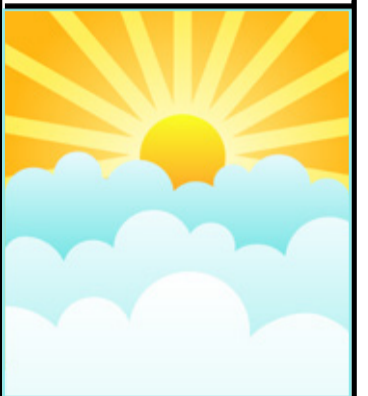
**Danielle Brook Francis**  
**Rich Wilcox**  
**William T. "Bill" Young**

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## The Daily Almanac



**Sunrise/Sunset:**  
RISE: 7:56 a.m.  
SET: 5:21 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures:  
High: 48 °F  
Low: 40 °F



Today is...:

- National Brownie Day
- National Lard Day



What Happened On This Day:

- 1941 President Franklin D. Roosevelt declares December 7 to be "a date which will live in infamy" and Congress declares war on Japan
- 1990 The Galileo spacecraft flies past Earth for the first time



Births On This Day:

- 1943 Jim Morrison American singer-songwriter and poet
- 1982 Nicki Minaj Trinidadian/American rapper and actress

Deaths On This Day:

- 1903 Herbert Spencer English biologist, anthropologist, sociologist and philosopher
- 1980 John Lennon English singer-songwriter, musician and producer

**THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE**

**Want To Go?**

Linden Depot Museum will be open now 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.

**TODAY'S QUOTE**

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day Their old, familiar carols play, And wild and sweet The words repeat Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"  
- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

**TODAY'S JOKE**

What did Mary Poppins want from Santa?  
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

**WTHR 13 7 DAY FORECAST**

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## ➔ OBITUARIES

### Danielle Brook Francis

May 24, 1980 - Dec. 5, 2022

Danielle Brook Francis, 42 of Crawfordsville, passed away Monday, Dec. 5, 2022.

She was born May 24, 1980 in Crawfordsville to Randy and Kaye Francis.

She graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1998. She never knew a stranger and could light up a room. Unfortunately, years of addiction darkened that light forever. We now only hold memories of our deeply loved mother, daughter, sister, granny and friend.

Survivors include her sons Cade Burris and Carson Burris, Parker and Drake; beloved grandson, Landon Lee Burris; mother, Kaye Francis; stepmother, Brenda Francis; sister, Leslie (Brandon) Peacock, Claire and Blaine; stepbrother, Frank Bowles; stepsister, Erin (Matthew) Myers, Edith; grandmother, Carol Francis; numerous cousins, aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her father, Randy Francis; granddaughter, Brooklyn Burris; paternal grandparents, Phillip Francis and Sharon Dawson; maternal grandparents, Richard and Helen Swearingen.

A gathering in memory is scheduled on Monday, Dec. 12 at Burkhart Funeral Home, 201 W. Wabash Ave., from 3 - 5 p.m. Memorial services will begin at 5 p.m.

Please consider making a donation in Danielle's memory to House of Grace in Thorntown.

<https://www.thorntowntrinitychapel.org/house-of-grace.html>

### Rich Wilcox

Nov. 26, 1959 - Dec. 4, 2022

Richie Lee Wilcox of Darlington passed away Sunday morning at home. He was 63.

Born Nov. 26, 1959 in Frankfort, Ind., he was the son of Keith Wilcox and Shirley Lanum Wilcox.

He attended North Montgomery High School.

Mr. Wilcox was an outdoors person. He liked to hunt, fish and be in the log woods. He was self-employed as a logger.

Survivors include two daughters, Tiffany Willis (Kyle) of Falls of Rough, Ky. and Candy Winchester; two grandsons, James Lee Willis and Tye Blankenship; granddaughter, Taylor Blankenship; father, Keith Wilcox of Darlington; brother, Gerald Wilcox (Sharon); two sisters, Christi O'Brien and Teresa Bowen (Ed); along with several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mom, Shirley Wilcox.

In keeping with his wishes, there will not be a public visitation or service. Arrangements were entrusted to Burkhart Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at [www.BurkhartFH.com](http://www.BurkhartFH.com).

### William T. "Bill" Young

July 18, 1942 - Dec. 2, 2022

William T. "Bill" Young, age 80, of Crawfordsville, passed away on Friday, Dec. 2, 2022 at Franciscan Health Lafayette.

He was born on July 18, 1942 to the late John S. and Mary Eileen (Boots) Young.

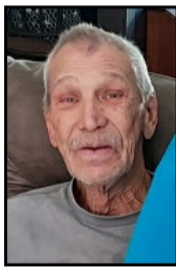
He graduated from New Market High School in 1960. He attended Indiana State University and proudly served his country in the United States Air Force Reserves. He married Cheryl Jane Miller on Aug. 22, 1970, he preceded him in death on Jan. 5, 2017.

He worked at Pizza Hut for several years until his retirement. During his time there, his store won several awards including being third in the Nation. He enjoyed being a clown going to company picnics conventions, and volunteering at hospitals. He was inducted into the Clown Hall of Fame. He loved spoiling his Yorkie, Pyper.

Survivors include his daughter, Tracie Young; his son, Ed (Melissa) Young; two grandchildren, Bethany and Jonathon Young; two brothers, Steve Young and James "Bob" Young; and a special friend, Judy Connor.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Rachel J. Rankey.

Visitation is scheduled at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S. Washington Street in Crawfordsville Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022 from 5 - 7 p.m. There will be a private family funeral service on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022. Burial will follow at a later date. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at [www.sandersfuneralcare.com](http://www.sandersfuneralcare.com).



## Ceres Solutions Has Been Honored With Industry Innovation Award

Ceres Solutions has earned the 2022 Business Innovation Award, presented at an industry conference earlier this month through Farm Journal. Ceres earned the award due to the team's dedication to helping drive new technologies as they work with farmers to gather, manage and utilize business data. As an organization, Ceres has also adopted programs to help elevate efficiency in service, transparency and sustainability for the future.

In this 10-year transformation, Ceres Solutions has applied a clear strategy of digitizing and then automating its business. Ceres Solutions' seed business served as the starting point. By digitizing its seed business, Ceres Solutions recognized three substantial gains: zero shrink, reduction in overtime and boosted employee morale.

"When the idea was brought to the team," says Uriah Paddock, Ag Seed Data lead, "I was a hub manager at that point, so I was thinking just how it would benefit my team. But now, having realized the benefits across our entire workflow—it helps everyone focus on the things that need to be focused on," he says. Product information, pricing, invoices and orders are now all digital.

The transition then expanded into crop protection, energy and other areas of the business.

"Something we do



Photo courtesy of Ceres Solutions

Left - right, Clayton Cunningham, Matt Clark, Uriah Paddock of Ceres Solutions

today that I didn't think was possible 10 years ago is we have a live inventory," says Clayton Cunningham, seed manager at Crops 63. "As soon as we dispatch something out to a farm, we have a live inventory of what went out, when and where. And then we can pull a report to see what went out that day specifically." And as for product ordering and delivery, having digital records with manufacturers helps both sides of the business forecast and stay updated on logistics.

Customers have benefited from the spread of innovation at Ceres. For example, "Our invoicing is much better—more timely, more accurate,"

Cunningham says. Ceres has abandoned shared spreadsheets and filing cabinets of paperwork for a paperless, streamlined experience. On the precision side, Ceres has worked to build 2.2 million acres of field boundaries for 450 users in its farm management information system. In 2022, Ceres doubled the number of farm plans it created with farmers.

Matt Clark, who oversees the precision ag and digital support team, says centralizing all the information and data management has streamlined how the business does things from collecting data to analyzing the data to sharing prescriptions. "Our field records used

to be in a file drawer," Clark says. "Now, we're able to view digital field records, share prescriptions and do everything we need to do very quickly." He says particularly in the past couple of years, doing business with farmers has changed as they seem to be more likely to engage with business partners digitally.

"We're looking at things for how it works agronomically, but also how scalable it is and can it easily replicate across our customer base," Clark says. "We want to be the expert trusted advisor for technology just like we have been for seed, chemical and fertilizer."

## Beware! 'Tis The Season For Puppy Scams

The Better Business Bureau urges consumers to exercise caution this holiday season when purchasing a pet online. BBB Scam TrackerSM reports indicate that consumers who purchase pets without seeing them in person, use hard-to-track payment methods like Zelle and accept extra charges like shipping insurance or special cages are at substantial risk of being scammed. Because purchasing a pet can be such an emotionally charged experience, BBB urges consumers to be on high alert for scams.

So far this year, pet scams in North America appear to be on the decline, even as losses exceed \$1 million and are expected to approach \$2 million. That total is down by a third since the peak of more than \$3 million during the pandemic in 2020-2021, according to BBB Scam Tracker. Pet scams historically make up a quarter of all online shopping frauds reported to BBB and are on track to be about 18 percent this year. As reports decline, however, average mone-



etary losses are climbing, with an average loss of \$850 in 2022, up 60 percent since 2017. BBB has tracked this swindle since 2017 when it issued an in-depth study, Puppy Scams: How Fake Online Pet Sellers Steal from Unsuspecting Pet Buyers.

BBB tips for researching puppy sellers:

- See pets in person before paying any money.
- Try to set up a video call to view the animal.
- Conduct a reverse image search on photos attached to ads.

• Research the breed to figure out the average market price.

• Check out a local animal shelter for pets to meet in person before adopting.

Who to contact if you are the victim of a puppy scam:

• Better Business Bureau - BBB Scam Tracker to report fraud online.

• Federal Trade Commission (FTC) - report-fraud.ftc.gov to file a complaint online or call 877-FTC-Help.

Your credit card issuer - report the incident if

you shared your credit card number, even if you did not complete the transaction. Monitor your statements and if you suspect fraud, ask for a refund. It is not guaranteed, but many credit card companies will grant one.

Petscams.com - [petscams.com/report-petscam-websites](http://petscams.com/report-petscam-websites) tracks complaints, catalogues puppy scammers and endeavors to get fraudulent pet sales websites taken down.

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All obituaries must come from a funeral home. A photo may be included and should be sent as a high-resolution JPEG.

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# State Launches Suits Against TikTok To Protect Children And Combat Threats From China

Indiana has launched two separate lawsuits against TikTok — both related to what the state says is false claims made by the company about its video-sharing app of the same name. “The TikTok app is a malicious and menacing threat unleashed on unsuspecting Indiana consumers by a Chinese company that knows full well the harms it inflicts on users,” Indiana Attorney General Rokita said. “With this pair of lawsuits, we hope to force TikTok to stop its false, deceptive and misleading practices, which



Attorney General Todd Rokita

violate Indiana law.” The first lawsuit alleges that TikTok has lured children onto the platform through a variety of misleading representations indicating that the app contains only “infrequent/

mild” sexual content, profanity, or drug references — when in reality the app is rife with extreme examples of such material. An essential part of TikTok’s business model is presenting the application as safe and appropriate for children ages 13 to 17. The second lawsuit asserts that TikTok has reams of highly sensitive data and personal information about Indiana consumers and has deceived those consumers to believe that this information is protected from the Chinese government and Commu-

nist Party. “In multiple ways, TikTok represents a clear and present danger to Hoosiers that is hiding in plain sight in their own pockets,” Rokita said. “At the very least, the company owes consumers the truth about the age-appropriateness of its content and the insecurity of the data it collects on users. We hope these lawsuits force TikTok to come clean and change its ways.” Rokita is seeking emergency injunctive relief and civil penalties against the company.

# Food Finders Food Bank Board Of Directors Announces Bunder’s Successor

After a national search, Kier Crites Muller has been selected as the new Chief Executive Officer of Food Finders Food Bank, replacing Katy Bunder upon her retirement at the end of 2022. Crites Muller will take over effective Jan. 1, 2023. Crites Muller was chosen after a thorough search process directed by the Food Finders Food Bank Board of Directors with input from staff and community stakeholders. The search committee received applications from across the country. Crites Muller has been at Food Finders for more than 11 years in various roles, including Chief Engagement Officer,

Chief Operating Officer, and Chief Philanthropy Officer. She has played a key role in Food Finders COVID-19 response, the launch of the Fresh Market and the Blue Jean Ball. “Kier stood out among a group of quality candidates,” said Food Finders’ Board Chairperson Jim Priest. “She is a talented, innovative leader who has shown great flexibility in helping Food Finders navigate incredible challenges. She is dedicated to eliminating hunger and food insecurity in our service area. We think she is the right person to continue Katy Bunder’s work.” Bunder has served as Chief Executive Offi-

cer for Food Finders for 14 years. Under her direction, Food Finders experienced unprecedented growth and increased annual food distribution from 1.6 to 11.7 million meals. Bunder expanded fundraising to support new programs and was instrumental in adding wrap-around services for food pantry clients. She led two capital campaigns that enlarged the warehouse, added program space, and opened the Fresh Market food pantry. “It is difficult to put Katy’s impact into words because it has been so significant,” said Priest. “She has been the catalyst for programs and services that are vital to thousands of

our neighbors every year. She has found innovative ways to better serve the community and has never been afraid to try something new if she thought it could help. I would like to thank Katy for her dedicated service to our community.” Bunder is confident that the food bank will continue its excellent service under Crites Muller’s leadership. “I see the Board’s selection of Kier as the next CEO as an endorsement of the work our team has done over the past decade,” said Bunder. “I know that the food bank will be in very capable hands and those living with food insecurity will be well cared for.”

## Meeting Notes

### Board of Works and Public Safety Meeting

The City of Crawfordsville Indiana  
 Dec. 7, 2022 at 10 a.m.  
 City Building 300 E Pike St Crawfordsville  
 I. Approval of the minutes from Nov. 30, 2022.  
 II. Approval of the claims for the week of Dec. 5, 2022  
 III. Old Business  
 A. Notice of Award for the Frances Wooden Park Project  
 IV. New Business  
 A. Roger Bush requesting to place a dumpster at 207 W. Jefferson Street beginning Friday, Dec. 9 until

Monday, Dec. 12  
 B. Discussion of an agreement between the City and the Animal Welfare League  
 C. A Resolution for the Crawfordsville Fire Department to transfer from category to category  
 D. A Resolution of the Authorizing Wastewater Budget Billing  
 E. Adjustment for the City Building’s Wastewater bill  
 F. Discussion of an agreement between the City and Language Line Services, Inc.  
 G. Open bids received for the Solid Waste Disposal agreement  
 V. Department Heads  
 VI. Adjournment

## Meeting Notes

### Crawfordsville Community School Corporation

Board of Education – Regular Meeting  
 Dec. 8, 2022 at 6 p.m.  
 Mollie B. Hoover Elementary – 1301 S. Elm St., Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
 AGENDA  
 I. Roll Call  
 II. CHARACTER COUNTS!SM Corporation – Pillar of Respect  
 III. Pledge of Allegiance  
 IV. Building Principal Report - Principal Marci Galinowski - Mollie B. Hoover Elementary  
 V. Consent Agenda: Approve Previous Meeting Minutes, Construction Accounts Payable

Voucher, Payroll Claims Vouchers, Register of Accounts Payable Voucher, and Surplus Items  
 VI. Old Business  
 VII. New Business  
 a. Consider Participation in Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System (TRECS)  
 b. Consider Construction Manager for Administration Building Project  
 VIII. Personnel  
 a. Consider Resignation of Addison Conard - Assistant at Nicholson  
 IX. Change of Position  
 X. Assistant Superintendent Report  
 XI. Superintendent Report  
 XII. Other  
 XIII. Board Member Communication  
 XIV. Patron Comments  
 XV. Adjournment

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# Republicans Still Largely Support Gov. Holcomb, Though Less Than Before

By Casey Smith

Less than half of Hoosiers who were interviewed for a new statewide survey said they approve of the job Gov. Eric Holcomb is doing in state office, according to a new report released Monday.

Even fewer of the surveyed Hoosiers approve of the overall job of President Joe Biden.

The 2022 Hoosier Survey was conducted by Indiana Public Broadcasting and Ball State University's Bowen Center for Public Affairs. The non-partisan public policy survey — first conducted in 2008 — intends to gauge public opinion on pressing issues facing Indiana residents.

This year's Hoosier Survey featured interviews with 600 Indiana adults aged 18 and older. The interviews — conducted between Oct. 21 and Nov. 8 — were done online and by telephone. The margin of error is plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Survey topics for the latest iteration of the survey included demographics, approval of elected officials, abortion, wages and income, public health, environment, polarization, and civic engagement.

**Approval rates**  
Holcomb, a Republican, was re-elected by a wide margin for a second term as governor in 2020. He still remains fairly popular among Hoosiers — about 48.7% of people in the Hoosier Survey approve of his job performance, while just 34.7% disapprove.

Of those surveyed, 65% who identified as Republicans approved of Holcomb's job, while 22% disapproved.

Roughly 17% of all who were surveyed didn't know Holcomb or had no opinion of him.

The latest approval numbers are a dip from survey response statistics in 2017. Less than a year into office, Holcomb had a high net approval rating, with 52% of Hoosiers approving and only 13% disapproving of his job performance.

The previous survey results showed many Hoosiers were still getting to know Holcomb — approximately 35% of Hoosiers expressed that they didn't know whether they approve or disapprove of his job performance yet.

In 2019, Holcomb continued to have a high net approval rating, however, with 50% of survey respondents approving and only 17%

disapproving of his job performance.

Since then, the governor has drawn criticism — even from those within his own party — mostly over COVID-19 restrictions like mask mandates and the stay-at-home order.

Results from the 2020 Hoosier Survey indicated that 60% of people interviewed supported limiting the governor's emergency powers by restricting the term of emergency orders to 30 days unless an extension is approved by the General Assembly.

Biden's most recent approval rating in Indiana is comparatively worse — just 35.3% of those surveyed in 2022 approve of the president's job. About 58% of Hoosier respondents disapprove.

About 43% of people polled approve of the Indiana legislature's performance. On the flip side, 44% said they do not approve of the General Assembly's work.

The Indiana General Assembly's job approval rating was at 45% in 2019, according to Hoosier Survey results. The legislature's disapproval rating at that time was 19%, marking its lowest point in the history of the survey.

**Abortion**

A majority of Hoosiers surveyed, 56.7%, said they believe abortion should be legal in all or most cases. Most Hoosiers — more than 76% — find abortion to be an "important" or at least "somewhat important" issue.

Hoosier voters were almost evenly split on whether they would vote for a candidate that has a different stance on the issue, with 48% saying they would not and 52% saying they would or might still vote for such a candidate.

There was additionally overwhelming support for exceptions to allow abortion when the woman's life is at risk or the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest. Even in the case where a child could be born with defects or health problems, 62% of people who responded to the survey said they still believe an abortion should be legal.

A temporary injunction has put Indiana's new abortion ban on hold until at least January. Under that injunction, the state's previous abortion law stands — allowing abortions up to 20 weeks — while the matter continues to play out in court.

**Wages and income**

Overall, Hoosiers responded that their wages and income appear to be doing well.

Almost 40% of Hoosiers who took the survey said they would be able to pay for a \$1,000 unexpected expense from savings, while almost 54% said they would have to cut costs or take some form of loan.

Almost 56% of Hoosiers said they pay 40% or less of their income toward their mortgage or rent, and 63% reported never being late on a rent or mortgage payment.

**Public health and the environment**

Hoosiers overall support their public health departments, according to the survey. Over 80% rated them in the 6-10 range on a 10-point scale, with 10 being "extremely important."

Hoosier views on marijuana are favorable, too, with more than 85% of respondents saying that marijuana should be legal in some form, and 15% saying it should be illegal.

Concern for the environment also seems to be high — 51.2% of Hoosier Survey respondents said they believe protecting the environment should take precedence over economic growth.

Almost 60% of those

surveyed said too little is currently being done to protect the environment, and just 5% said "too much" is being done. Most Hoosiers took a middle ground when rating the quality of the environment in Indiana, though, with almost 64% calling it only "good" or "fair."

**Civic engagement and polarization**

Overall, Hoosier Survey participants said they like the communities they live in. Almost 80% rated their local community as a "good" place to live. Most respondents reported talking to their neighbor at least a few times a month.

Still, nearly 16% of Hoosiers said they never talk to their neighbor. Further, over 60% of those who were interviewed said they do not volunteer locally or belong to any community groups or organizations.

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**KAREN**

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his father.  
 Their oldest son, Nathaniel rests at Liberty Chapel, as well, born May 30th in 1832 and passing 4 April 1895, Montgomery of course! Nathaniel followed in his father's footsteps, being a farmer and he raised lots of stock, as well. I was impressed with this fellow that he had the common township school education but after he was married, he went for a year to Merom Union Christian College. He married a local gal, Catherine Groendyke who mothered their children (Flora; Jessie died age three; Clara; Thomas B. who also died age three; Abby died at six months; Nathaniel and Daisy (died a few months old as well, her mother passing two days after her birth). Nathaniel married Sweak Cook in 1877. Nathaniel was a member for decades of the New Light Christian Church. His second wife was a Campbellite Christian. Nathaniel owned 262 acres of land and in politics (rare for this area) was a Greenbacker. (Beckwith History). Nathan died within a mile of his place of birth and loved his community, country and church, passing as one of the county's most respected folks.  
 Abigail Ball's second son was Stebbins Quick born the month and day of my dad (26 August) in 1833. Quite a brilliant man, he was well loved by his neighbors and all with whom he came in contact. He was quite charitable to anyone who needed his help. Although his obituary does not mention he was in the Civil War, his brother's 1881 Beckwith article says Stebbins was indeed in the 72nd Indiana Volunteers for six months but was discharged on account of disability. His pension papers note he was in Co E of the 73rd beginning his pension June 3, 1876 and wife Cynthia received it for just a couple of months before her death. Don't know if that had anything to do with Stebbins's fairly young death (lacking a few days to his 63rd birthday) which occurred after an operation. At age 20, Stebbins married Cynthia Utterback (30 Nov 1836), who was the daughter of Harmon and

Anna Wilson. Evidently, she was sick at Stebbins' death and passed away in November that year not yet 60 years old in great pain with cancer of the stomach. A member of Liberty Chapel, she and Stebbins are also buried there. They were parents of five daughters (Florence, Abigail, Rhoda, Elizabeth and Allie) three passing young with Rhoda marrying Aaron Monroe (and Miles Lewis having a daughter Maude who married William Squire Merrell and mothered four sons and two daughters) and Elizabeth marrying George Petro (Children: Harmon who died at age 18 and Bertha).  
 Next we have Margaret Jane (12 Jan 1848 - 12 Oct 1878 buried Liberty Chapel) who married Omer Mason - although I had a note she mothered six children I could only find Abigail; Charles; Bodie (died age 3); Dora (died in infancy); and Monroe. These children went on to Wisconsin; Illinois and Kansas except Monroe stayed right here.  
 Martha Ann Quick born 30 June 1836 married in MoCo April 1854 to William Jasper Teeter. They moved to Canton, Mississippi where both passed (she in Jan 1920 but is buried in the IOOF Cemetery in Monticello, Ind). They had three children Abigail, Alice and Dennis (who was the first rural mail carrier from Monticello to Winamac). His obit says he began teaching at age 10 but wow is that hard to believe.  
 The next of Abigail's children did not stay here but married Henry Gates Wildman (1840-1886) and they moved to Piatt County, Illinois. Sarah Ellen Quick was born 29 May 1842 and died in Piatt County also in 1886 on July 3rd from a wild man's (Henry) horrid hands. He had sent the older children into Bement to attend a fourth of July celebration. He then picked a quarrel with Sarah and she started to leave him but he persuaded her to come back and he then took her into the kitchen, severing her head almost off. Next, he told their two little ones to go next door and tell their neighbors that he had killed his wife. He then

tried to kill himself in the cornfield but the knife was dull from his earlier deed. He did leave a trail that the neighbors followed and found him. He was not expected to live but he did. It took a huge posse to stop a large mob not finishing his botched job however. Later (in October ready for trial) that deed was finished off. They were parents of four sons (Harvey, Herbert, Francis and Walter) and three daughters (Edwina, Emma and Hulda). Oddly, Henry had a wonderful wife, children and a large farm and threw it all away. How sad. Another tragedy in this family was that Harvey was a well-to-do-very loved man at Elwood, Nebraska and while his (Dec 1905) family was gathered around the fire side his 15-year-old son was holding a small rifle, cleaning it and accidentally shot and killed his father. Harvey left eight children.  
 Hulda Quick married 2 May 1866 to John T. Utterback. John would father ten children but only three with Hulda before her death (Nancy, Edwin and Leonette) 28 August 1879. Nancy married Arza Sherman McClamrock and mothered three to grow to quite an age (the last almost 102) Lester, Lucile and Evelyn. Edwin went to Iowa where he passed away in Dec 1937 and Leonette married Charles Austin Tiffany mothering at least George (died age 4) and Claudine (died age 11).  
 Since the last child (Albert Johnson Quick) of Abigail's was born in September 1846 and she died then it was probably due to childbirth complications. He passed away Oct 10 in 1924 and is also buried at Liberty Chapel, he and wife Lovilla having at least one child, Earnest who had at least one child, Earnest.  
 Nice family but so sad about her one daughter and so many early deaths. Rest in peace, sweetie!  
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**MCCF**

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to go, I am excited to study biomedical and biological engineering and one day become a medical researcher. Once again, I am truly blessed and thankful for this great honor. I will always strive to show the same kindness I have receive from this great community."  
 Gabriel has been involved in a variety of clubs and organizations throughout his high school career, with a great deal of time spent in 4-H and the Southmont FFA. He has served as chapter treasurer and secretary and received numerous honors in soils, crops, and floriculture. In addition, Gabriel is active in Boy Scouts as an Eagle Scout, a member of the Montgomery County Certified Emergency Response Team, FEMA Youth Preparedness Council, and volunteers regularly with local organizations. This includes Blue Star Mothers, Sons of the American Legion, Montgomery County Civitan Club, and the Animal Welfare League.  
 Gabriel has a talent for public speaking and received the Voice of Democracy Award his junior year, as well as multiple honors at the Indiana State Fair Speech Contest. When he isn't busy with school or volunteer activities, Gabriel enjoys beekeeping and even has his own hive! He was a former Teen Ambassador for beekeeping through Purdue University.  
 To be considered for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, students must be a resident of Montgomery County, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.85

on a 4.00 scale, and be in the top 10% of their graduating class at an accredited Montgomery County high school. Gabriel, along with 24 other local applicants, participated in a highly selective review process that evaluated academic achievement, student activities and leadership, and two essay responses. Finalists were also required to appear before the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Community Foundation for two interviews. Concluding the process, the scholarship committee narrowed the field of applicants and submitted the finalists' names and applications to Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. (ICI) for final selection of the recipient.  
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