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**TODAY'S VERSE**

1 Corinthians 13:13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (ESV)

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Jessica Roninson smiles next to 14-month-old Miranda Leahy while waitressing a busy day at the Breakfast Co. Thank you for your smile, Jessica!

**THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** Today is 22nd annual National Wear Red Day to raise awareness about heart disease. Wear Red Day is always the first Friday in February, which is American Heart Month. By wearing red, we raise awareness that heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, responsible for 1 in 3 deaths. We also raise awareness that a majority of cardiac events may be prevented with healthy lifestyle choices. Millions of people, including celebrities and media personalities across the country, will wear red in celebration of National Wear Red Day.

**2** U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) joined all 48 of his Senate Republican colleagues in introducing a formal challenge to the Biden administration's Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule through a Congressional Review Act (CRA) joint resolution of disapproval. The resolution comes after the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced a new rule in December 2022 repealing the Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR), and changing the definition of Waters of the United States in a way that will expand federal regulatory authority. "The EPA's decision to rewrite the WOTUS rule will create red tape for Hoosier farmers and builders who need regulatory clarity," said Young. "This is an unnecessary bureaucratic overreach that I have long opposed, and I will fight to check these unfair, confusing, and costly regulations."

**3** In 2012 Italian pizza chefs set the record for the largest pizza known to man -- a very hungry man, of course. It measured 13,580.28 square feet, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Not to be outdone, America's Pizza Hut chain outdid the Italians by baking a 14,100 square foot pizza pie on the floor of the Los Angeles Convention Center. They layed out the dough, topped it with cheese and sauce and then used heat lamps to bake the [tasty?] treat. Why did they do it? The chain wanted to break the Guinness Record and tell us that they were bringing back its Big New Yorker pizza -- a somewhat bigger version of their standard pizza pie -- that they discontinued 25 years ago.

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**Chamber Of Commerce Celebrates The Sugar Creek Music Hall**

Last Saturday, the Crawfordsville/Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce celebrated the recently established Sugar Creek Music Hall with a ceremonial ribbon cutting.

The Sugar Creek Music Hall is owned by Rich Bell and located at 1428 Darlington St. in Crawfordsville, occupying the same building as Kickin' Axe, with whom they are partnered. The venue features an elevated main stage featuring local artists, open mic night, tribute

bands and line dancing. These events have brought over 100 people at each event. Children are welcome at this venue. They have a packed February with performances so check them out on Facebook or their website.

The facility shared with Kickin' Axe offers a variety of amenities, including The Sharpening Stone Bar, billiards, cornhole, darts, a concession area, and, coming soon, a mechanical bull. With all this in mind, the hall is undoubtedly one of the popular places

to visit in the county for those looking for a fun-filled evening with spectacular live music and more.

For additional information about the Sugar Creek Music Hall, visit their website at sugarcreekmusicall.com, or email them at sugarcreekmusicall@yahoo.com. For additional information regarding the chamber, visit the website at crawfordsvillechamber.com or email Stacy Sommer at ssommer@crawfordsvillechamber.com.

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The City Of Crawfordsville Announces Its Official New Brand

**The City Of Crawfordsville Announces Its Official New Brand**

The City of Crawfordsville has announced its official new brand, including a fresh seal, logo and tagline, allowing the city to better market itself and engage with the community and its visitors.

The seal is a modern dedication to the historical General Lew Wallace Study & Museum, the logo reflects the

Crawfordsville blend of downtown charm with the outdoor recreation offered to visitors and residents, and the city will promote the new tagline, "Crawfordsville. Be Here. Be Known," emphasizing that Crawfordsville is an ideal destination where anyone can make

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**Butch Remembers The Guy That Got Off Easy**



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

(NOTE: The names used in this article are not the real names.)

Each night on the news, we hear about the rampant crime,

including murders, in the large cities, including Indianapolis. Montgomery County is not crime free. A look at the daily police blotter confirms that unfortunate fact. A wide variety of crimes occur sporadically, many of which are drug and alcohol related, but serious felonies and homicides are rare. Sometimes the perpetrators are caught. Sometimes they aren't. Here is one I will never forget...

As a deputy sheriff, one evening I was dispatched to a report of a person who had

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**HONEST HOOSIER**

Could someone, anyone, explain to me why the IRS needs more money and more resources? Wouldn't most of us agree it needs to be trimmed down?



**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

If you work the night shift, put on your sunglasses before going out into the sun until you get home and go to bed. 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.



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**TODAY'S QUOTE**

"You've got to continue to grow, or you're just like last night's combread -- stale and dry."  
Loretta Lynn

**TODAY'S JOKE**

How did one orca ask another orca to be their valentine?  
They said, "whale you be mine?"



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## OBITUARIES

### Lonnie Herbert Shelton

April 21, 1940 - Jan. 31, 2023

Lonnie Herbert Shelton, 82, of Crawfordsville, Indiana passed away on Jan. 31, 2023 in Indianapolis, Ind.

He was born on April 21, 1940 in Crawfordsville, Ind. to Clifton and Minnie (Nance) Shelton.

He married the love of his life, June Kay Fields, on Sept. 9, 1960 in Corinth, Mississippi.

He proudly served in the United States Army from 1957-1959 in Germany. He was a self-employed brick mason for almost 25 years and retired from Raybestos in 2006.

He was a member of the Friendship Baptist Church in Crawfordsville, Ind. He loved riding motorcycles, was a former member of the American Motorcycle Association and in his early years enjoyed drag racing his motorcycle.

Survivors include his wife, Kay Shelton; three sons, James Shelton (Laurie), Joseph Shelton (Paula) and Jonathon Shelton; grandchildren, Jacqueline Shelton-Fiore, Katherine Shelton, Kimberly Fiorentino, Candice Edgington, Emily Fruth, Sierra Shelton and Chance Shelton; great grandchildren, Korbin, Kaylee Logan, Cooper, Ripley, Savannah, Xavier, Madison and Joshua Jr.; brother, Thomas Shelton; and sister, Nancy Phillips.

He was preceded in death by his parents; eight siblings; and granddaughter, Chloe Shelton.

Visitation will be held at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care on Friday, Feb. 3 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 2 p.m., with Pastor Chris Hortin officiating and military honors presented by the Army National Guard and American Legion Post 72. Burial will follow at Indian Creek Hill Cemetery outside of New Market. Share memories and condolences at [www.SandersFuneralCare.com](http://www.SandersFuneralCare.com).

### Samuel Wayne Bayless

Jan. 16, 1949 - Jan. 31, 2023

Samuel Wayne Bayless "Sam or Sammy" to some, 74, of New Market and Crawfordsville, got his wings at Franciscan Health Lafayette on Jan. 31, 2023.

He was born Jan. 16, 1949 at Culver Hospital in Crawfordsville, delivered by Dr. Kirtly. His parents were Irvin Samuel Bayless and Mary B. (Hutchison) Bayless.

He first married Cheryl Trimble on May 21, 1972; they had two children, Kimberly Bayless of Crawfordsville and Robert "Rob" of Medford, Oregon. They have three grandchildren, Jady, Chloe and Elliott Bayless.

He later married to Susan Cook Sylvester Jones; she has two children, Colleen and Scott.

He then married Peggy Skinkle Rich; she has four children, Jay, Jeremy, Linda and Jamie. Together, they greatly loved Hanna Rich Alexander and her son, Waylon Isaiah. Peggy also had grandchildren, Gavin, Isabelle, Olivia and Logan Rich.

He met Karen Jane Scott on April 17, 2015. She has a son, David. After 2 dates, Sam had a heart attack on May 15, 2015. Karen was at his bedside and stayed with him until he was released from the hospital. He decided he better keep her so they were married in the eyes of the Lord in a pioneer wedding on July 25, 2018.

He graduated from New Market High School, Class of 1967. He then went on to college at Indiana State, graduating in 1971 with a BS Degree in Education. After college, he taught two years at Southmont High School. He then worked at Crawford Industries for 8 years; he did woodworking at this time for a hobby. He later worked for Charlie Kenny Construction for several years. During which, he started his own company, Bayless Specialties, doing screen printing and flea markets part-time. After leaving Charlie Kenny, he went full-time with screen printing and construction work until 2005. He then worked at Home of Friendless Animals until 2011. In 2013, he happily retired.

He is a member of Whitesville Christian Church and the Montgomery County Pioneer Association.

Survivors include his children, wives and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; aunts and uncles; step son, Jeremy Rich; and cousin, Sandy (Bayless) Brown.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to Home For Friendless Animals, AWL, Montgomery County Pioneer Association, or Whitesville Christian Church Youth.

Visitation will be held on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023 from 12 noon until the time of the service at 2 p.m. at Whitesville Christian Church, 3603 S Ladoga Road outside of Crawfordsville with pastors, Mike Whitacre and Andy Schindler officiating. Burial will follow at Waynetown Masonic Cemetery. Share memories and condolences, [www.SandersFuneralCare.com](http://www.SandersFuneralCare.com).



# Ivy Tech Lafayette Introduces New Entrepreneurship Program

According to the Small Business Administration, about half of all small businesses fail within the first five years of operation. Common reasons include inadequate funding, poor planning and management missteps. In Indiana, there are more than half a million small businesses that employ more than 1.2 million workers.

To assist new and existing small businesses across the region, Ivy Tech Community College Lafayette will begin the first cohort under the Garatoni School of Entrepreneurship and Innovation in March. The Garatoni School was developed in partnership with Regional Innovation and Startup Education (R.I.S.E.). The School was piloted at four Ivy Tech campuses for the 2021-2022 academic



year and the Ivy Tech Lafayette campus has been added to offer the program this semester.

Ivy Tech Lafayette will kick off the first cohort on March 20 at Matchbox in downtown Lafayette. The first courses will include entrepreneurial foundations, mindset and awareness, and new venture devel-

opment. Students gain insight into starting a business or making their current business more successful.

The courses will be led by instructor Mark Lowe, an entrepreneur who has launched six businesses since 2003. "The courses are non-traditional in the sense that they take

students through the process from an initial idea through a business plan, financing, and to launch," said Lowe. "It's a workshop environment to help students create a business plan and see it through to actual launch."

Other activities include touring local businesses and meeting founders, networking with entrepreneurs, banks and venture capitalists, and hearing from guest speakers. Students will have the opportunity to pitch their business ideas in front of investors.

For more information on the Garatoni School of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, contact Mark Lowe at [mlowe2@ivytech.edu](mailto:mlowe2@ivytech.edu) or (765) 426-3855, the School office at (765) 269-5700, or visit [www.ivytech.edu/study-entrepreneurship](http://www.ivytech.edu/study-entrepreneurship).

# IHCDA Announces Emerging Developers For Rental Housing Tax Credit General Set-Aside

The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) has announced the selection of two emerging, first-time developers to participate in the 2023 Rental Housing Tax Credit (RHTC) General Set-Aside. On January 12, 2023, developers presented to a selection committee consisting of IHCDA's Executive Director and four single parents currently enrolled at Ivy Tech Community College.

Developers were required to propose a detailed housing concept that identifies and addresses challenges present in their community. The committee selected two developers to receive financing from IHCDA:

2 Thirty-Eight Properties, LLC. is a newly formed housing development company of Frederick "Fred" Yeakey, who has a background in education and community building that spans over 16 years.

Housing Concept: Anthony Grimes Apartments & Family Center, a new housing community using tax credits where families can recover and heal together from addiction. The proposed loca-

tion is 1435 E. Mickley Avenue in Indianapolis and will create up to 34 units for single parents and their children.

Chateaux 14 Development, LLC. is a housing development company owned by Devereaux Peters with a mission of "relentlessly seeking financial solutions for underserved communities through development."

Housing Concept: The Monreaux Apartments will address the need to create and support more budding small businesses and entrepreneurs while creating affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families in the newly revitalized downtown South Bend area.

The process targeted developers who are Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE), Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB), or Service-Disabled Small Business (SD-VOSB). An emerging, first-time developer is defined as a developer that has never received an allocation of tax credits.

First-time RHTC developers often face financial and institutional

barriers to entering the development industry and obtaining financial resources. Through this initiative, IHCDA seeks to intentionally build capacity for emerging developers.

"Affordable housing is critical to Indiana's success, and is a huge piece in fulfilling IHCDA's mission," said Jacob Sipe, Executive Director of IHCDA. "We are always thrilled to work with new partners in pursuit of that mission, and I am particularly proud of the overwhelming response we received on this project. Developers from around the state constructed innovative, collaborative housing solutions to community challenges, and it was heartening to review so many great concepts."

Sipe described the perspectives and experiences of the selection committee, which chose the two finalists from eight presentations, as invaluable to the process: "These single parent students know firsthand what opportunities and challenges their communities face and how decent, safe, and affordable housing can help families to thrive in their

neighborhoods, schools, and jobs."

The students on the selection committee are participants in the Ivy Parents Achieve Success with Support (I.PASS) Program at Ivy Tech Community College Muncie-Henry County.

"We are excited that IHCDA selected Muncie Ivy Tech students as selection committee participants," said Ivy Tech Community College Chancellor Jeffrey D. Scott. "We continue to encourage our students to build social capital and network while they are taking courses at Ivy Tech. We know our students have positive impact in their communities, and the state of Indiana now and into the future. We are committed to providing valuable marketable student experiences as they build their resumes."

The next step for the selected developers is to finalize their housing concepts and submit that information to IHCDA. All developers not selected will receive technical assistance and training from IHCDA to assist them as they continue implementing solutions in their communities.

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# Professor Thompson Grades Big Ten Hoops

It's time to issue mid-term grades for Big Ten Conference basketball.

Entering the season, Indiana and Illinois were supposed to be teacher's pets. The Hoosiers' Trayce Jackson-Davis was the odds-on favorite for Big Ten Player of the Year honors.

A funny thing, though, happened on the way to the awards ceremony.

The team generally picked to finish fifth in the league, the team that lost its backcourt and an All-American big man, once again proved to the so-called experts that one overlooks Purdue at your peril.

With either nine or 10 games remaining on most schools' conference schedules, only the Boilermakers merit professor Thompson's highest grade.

## Purdue: A

You know it's a special season in West Lafayette when a national sports writer declares the national player of the year race over before Feb. 1. "This has been Zach Edey's race to lose since the third week of the season, when Purdue went from unranked to undefeated and vaulted into the top five on the back of Edey's dominant play at the PK85," writes Matt Norlander of CBSsports.com.

"Barring (and God forbid) any severe injury, the 7-foot-4 junior center from Toronto is going to galumph away with all of the awards and become just the third Boilermaker to win national player of the year. When the unsolvable problem that is Zach Edey rightfully receives his trophies in March and April, he'll join a pair of Purdue legends who played six decades apart: John Wooden and Glenn Robinson.

"Any window that might have been narrowly open for Gonzaga's Drew Timme, Kansas' Jalen Wilson or Indiana's Trayce Jackson-Davis was elbowed shut Sunday after Edey got elbowed in the lip on his way to a career-high 38 points and 13 rebounds vs. Michigan State."

Edey has been so brilliant that many overlook the impact the freshman starting backcourt of Westfield's Braden Smith and Fletcher Loyer have had. Without Smith and Loyer, Purdue would be a good team. With them, the Boilermakers hold a three-and-a-half game lead over Illinois and Rutgers in the Big Ten Conference standings.



**KEN THOMPSON**  
Columnist

Loyer is the Boilermakers' second-leading scorer at 12.8 points a game and is shooting better than 36 percent from 3-point range. Smith is third at 9.5 points per game while also averaging 4.8 rebounds and just over four assists.

**Illinois: B**  
At times this season, the Fighting Illini have resembled a failed chemistry experiment. Coach Brad Underwood's reliance on the transfer portal to rebuild his squad has left him frustrated at times.

Following a December loss at home to Penn State, resulting in an 0-2 conference start, Underwood publicly criticized his team.

"The lack of leadership on this team is zero, it is none. Inexcusable," Underwood said. "We have been atrocious in practice, maybe the two worst days of practice leading up to a game I've been part of and that's leadership. Plain and simple, leadership. Put it bold damn print, leadership, lack of. And no effort, that's what happens in this league when you have none of that."

Illinois has won seven of eight to get back in the conference race. The next five games will determine if the Fighting Illini can stay in contention. A 4-1 mark seems imperative with trips to Iowa, Penn State and Indiana in that stretch along with a gimme against Minnesota and a tough home game with Rutgers.

**Northwestern: B**  
The Wildcats' upcoming schedule may end up taking the shine off what has been the other great story of the Big Ten season.

Tuesday night's loss at Iowa knocked Northwestern out of a share of second place. During the next six games, the Wildcats host Michigan, Purdue, Indiana and Iowa. In between are trips to Wisconsin and Ohio State.

Boo Buie (15.9 ppg.) has emerged as the go-to scorer with six Big Ten games of 20 or more points. Chase Audige is close behind at 15.7

points a game.

## Rutgers: B

The only team to beat Purdue so far this season (by one point in Mackey Arena), the Scarlet Knights' inability to defeat Iowa will probably cost them a shot at the league title. Winning at Indiana and at Illinois next week could change things, however.

Big man Clifford Omoruyi has had an All-Big Ten caliber season at 13.4 points and 10 rebounds a game. Cam Spencer is one of the league's best 3-point shooters at nearly 42 percent.

## Indiana: B-minus

Inconsistent is the best way to describe the Hoosiers. Look good at Illinois, struggle to defeat an extremely short-handed Minnesota team. Tuesday night's 11-point loss at Maryland was the direct result of getting little other than another strong performance from Jackson-Davis (18 points, 20 rebounds).

Shooting remains an issue and teams will put pressure on Indiana to make a basket outside of 15 feet the rest of the way. Jalen Hood-Schifino may well be Big Ten Freshman of the Year but the Hoosiers can't win with 1 of 14 shooting nights from him.

## Maryland: B-minus

Losing three out of four Big Ten games to start January left the Terrapins no margin for error. Unlike the cluster of teams fighting for second place, Maryland is the best bet to move up thanks to a pretty soft February schedule.

At Minnesota. At Michigan State. Home with Penn State and Purdue. At Nebraska. Home with Northwestern and Minnesota.

If there was a Big Ten Transfer of the Year award, one of the favorites probably would be Jahmir Young. The Charlotte transfer is averaging 16.6 points a game, including 20 against Indiana.

The bigger question is how will coach Ralph Willard backtrack his remarks earlier this week, declaring Trayce Jackson-Davis the Big Ten's best player, before Purdue comes to town Feb. 16?

## Iowa: B-minus

The good news: Iowa leads the Big Ten in scoring at 81.3 points a game.

The bad news: The Hawkeyes are dead last in scoring defense at 73.3, more than three points ahead of 13th-place Michigan.

In two sentences, we've described the Fran McCaffery era in Iowa City.

The Hawkeyes have three outstanding players in Kris Murray (20.6 ppg, 8.6 reb.), Patrick McCaffery (11.8 ppg.) and Filip Rebraca (14.0, 8.5). Unfortunately for Iowa, the unbalanced Big Ten schedule gives it only one shot at Purdue, and it's in West Lafayette.

## Penn State: C

Jalen Pickett is almost a certain first-team All-Big Ten selection next month. He's a stat stuffer, averaging 17.6 points, 8.0 rebounds and 7.0 assists before Purdue held him to 12 points and five rebounds in Wednesday's 80-60 loss.

However, the Nittany Lions haven't had a winning streak since New Year's Day. They'll finish with a winning record in former Purdue assistant Micah Shrewsberry's second season, but there's still a lot of work to be done in State College.

## Michigan: C

More was expected from the Wolverines with Hunter Dickenson, Jett Howard and a highly regarded recruiting class.

But Michigan has reached the season's mid-point having lost five of seven even though Dickenson has been his usual reliable self (17.7 ppg., 8.5 reb.). Howard is among the league's best 3-point shooters and is averaging nearly 15 points a game.

Losing transfer point guard Jaelin Llewellyn to a torn ACL was an early setback but his replacement, freshman Dug McDaniel has been solid. The schedule turns favorable this month with a trip to Northwestern, followed by home games with Ohio State, Nebraska and Indiana. Go 4-0 and Michigan's chances of making the NCAA tournament improve.

## Michigan State: C

It may be time to start wondering if Tom Izzo's magic in East Lansing is running out. Puzzling strategy (not double-teaming Zach Edey once, but twice) and recruiting disappointments have put the Spartans on the brink of Big Ten irrelevancy for the third consecutive season.

There is talent on the roster (Tyson Walker, Joey Hauser, A.J. Hoggard, Malik Hall) but there's no one who puts fear into opponents like Cassius Winston, Miles Bridges, Denzel Valentine, etc. There are enough victories left on the schedule that Michigan State

should make the NCAA tournament (Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio State) but is that enough for a proud program that has one national championship and eight Final Fours under Izzo?

## Wisconsin: C

One year removed from a surprising Big Ten title with one of the oldest rosters in the country, the Badgers have lost six of seven.

Freshman Connor Essegian (Central Noble) has been a pleasant surprise, shooting 43 percent from 3-point range and averaging 10.5 points. Injuries have hampered leading scorer Tyler Wahl (12.6), but veteran Chucky Hepburn (12.3 ppg.) has been solid.

## Ohio State: C-minus

Brice Sensabaugh is a contender for Big Ten Freshman of the Year, ranking second in the nation among all freshmen at 17.6 points a game.

But the Buckeyes have collapsed since Purdue beat them 71-69 on Jan. 5, losing six out of seven since then. An 11-10 overall record has led to some grumbling about coach Chris Holtmann.

## Nebraska: D

Two hard-fought games with Purdue have pretty much been the season highlight for the Cornhuskers, who are well on their way to a fourth consecutive losing season under Fred Hoiberg.

## Minnesota: F

When injuries haven't limited the Gophers, their lack of team play has defined this season. Who would have thought fans would look back fondly at the Richard Pitino era?

## Billy Packer and Purdue

Of all the tributes to Billy Packer following the Wake Forest legend and college basketball analyst's death last week, none mentioned the impact he had on Purdue basketball.

In the mid-1960s, Packer was a young assistant coach under Bones McKinney at Wake Forest. Integration was slowly chipping away at the obstacles for African-Americans to play at major universities in the south. So, using a 1960 point-shaving scandal in college basketball as an excuse, the Atlantic Coast Conference voted to require a score of 750 in the Scholastic Aptitude test for admission. The bar was raised to 800 in 1964.

Future NBA player Herman Gilliam was in Wake Forest's backyard playing for segregated

Atkins High School in Winston-Salem, N.C., in 1964. McKinney and the

Demon Deacons desperately wanted Gilliam. Packer was assigned the task of recruiting Gilliam, but there was a problem – that 800 test score.

"Herman was an exceptionally talented player, and there was no question in my mind that he had the character and ability to do the academic work," Packer told Larry Keech of the Greensboro News & Record in 1996. "Heck, he probably would have been a better student at Wake than I had been."

Looking out for Gilliam's best interests, Packer told him he needed another option in case his final attempt to get the 800 score on the SAT fell short.

"He had an aunt living in Indianapolis, so I called Bob King, an assistant coach at Purdue," Packer recalled. "He hadn't seen him play, but I told him Herman was good enough to help any college team and explained the situation. King checked with his head coach, George King, and they called back to agree to the bargain.

"Herman scored 792 on the boards. It was heartbreaking for all of us, but at least he had that option."

By falling eight points shy of admission to Wake Forest, Gilliam came to Purdue and teamed up with Rick Mount and Billy Keller to provide the nucleus for the Boilermakers' 1969 national runner-up team.

Gilliam, who died in 2005, later earned All-Big Ten honors and went on to a long NBA career.

## Karlaftis honored

Former Purdue All-American George Karlaftis has been selected to the Pro Football Writers Association All-Rookie Team.

Karlaftis, who went 30th overall to AFC champion Kansas City, joins No. 2 overall pick Aidan Hutchinson of Detroit as the defensive ends on the squad.

During the final seven games of the regular season, Karlaftis recorded six sacks. His 48 quarterback pressures ranked second to Hutchinson among rookie edge rushers.

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# Indiana Wesleyan University Subsidiary Eleven Fifty Academy Names Executive Director

Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU) and its National & Global program have appointed long-time business entrepreneur John Qualls as executive director of Eleven Fifty Academy to continue its mission of building a diverse tech talent ecosystem to support Hoosier employers.

Previously an executive at Eleven Fifty Academy, Qualls will lead the work of Eleven Fifty Academy, which will be positioned within a new 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that will operate as a separate legal entity under the IWU umbrella. Qualls will remain involved with his Organizational Culture Design firm PurposeHQ as it transitions to new leadership, with Natalie Engledow serving as president.

"I am extremely grateful for IWU's trust in me to lead the academy's effort to rapidly prepare our students for opportunities in the tech workforce, while also transforming their lives for their benefit as well as the communities where they work and live," Qualls says. "I look forward to connecting with industry leaders, government officials and

philanthropic organizations who all share the vision of boosting tech talent in our state."

Qualls's immediate focus is to re-engage current students to ensure their completion of the program with minimal interruption. He also will focus on actively marketing and recruiting new students who are exploring alternative pathways for learning, with new program start dates starting February 13th and new starts each month. Qualls wants to ensure the program offers the most flexible delivery model, which will include both hybrid and virtual options to reach the broadest array of students.

"Our students enjoy the flexibility of online courses but know they learn better in person," Qualls says. "We agree, and are designing innovative approaches to leverage the IWU multi-state campuses to do so."

Qualls's long-term goals are to ensure students receive industry-relevant skills by continuing to engage industry leaders and updating the program in real-time, putting a focus back on helping students find their purpose, build

character and develop leadership skills that he believes are a significant differentiation for Eleven Fifty Academy's graduates from other coding boot camps. "It's not just technical skills; we need to give them the skills to hit the ground running both technically and professionally," states Qualls.

"We believe John is the right person to spearhead Eleven Fifty Academy through this transition as he has a great understanding of what made the academy successful from the start," says Dr. Eileen Hulme, an Eleven Fifty Academy board member and Chancellor of IWU-National & Global. "In addition, he brings expertise and industry relationships with the tech community, which continue to help us reshape the program while providing students an affordable pathway to rapidly gain critical skills needed in today's tech workforce. Eleven Fifty Academy has a bright future under John's leadership."

IWU's Board of Trustees previously voted in December 2022 to acquire Eleven Fifty Academy assets, including the curriculum,

current and prospective student lists and the contractor faculty. Since then, Qualls has led a transition that assumes responsibility for the continued education of students scheduled to complete their training in March 2023. IWU hopes to build relationships with program alumni and offer both current students and alumni an opportunity to continue their educational journey through IWU's various programs.

About John Qualls An accomplished business leader, John Qualls is the founder of PurposeHQ, a consultancy that helps businesses and their people align to realize their maximum potential. Prior to that, he served for four years as president of Eleven Fifty Academy. He serves on the board of directors for the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and has previously served on the boards of the Venture Club of Indiana and Techpoint.

A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Qualls has held positions at a variety of startups and consulting firms after studying computer science at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

# Indiana's Largest Safety And Health Conference Returns

Workplace safety doesn't happen by accident. It requires planning and teamwork from people at all levels of an organization. The state's largest safety and health event takes place later this month and can help businesses mitigate risks, improve safety and stay current on key issues.

The 2023 Indiana Safety and Health Conference & Expo on February 27-March 1 will feature more than 70 educational sessions to keep Hoosier workers safe on the job. Among the pressing topics to be discussed: effective safety communications, strategies that work, supervising lessons and common misconceptions.

The three-day event is presented by the Central Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) and Indiana Chamber of Commerce in partnership with INSafe Indiana and the Coalition for Construction Safety. Indiana Safety & Supply Co. is the conference sponsor.

"We can't wait to welcome safety professionals from across the state and are grateful for our impressive slate of speakers who will share insights and offer motivation," relays Kerri Begley, vice president of business education and events for the Indiana Chamber. "Attendees can

be assured they'll be heading back to work armed with a great deal of new information to help their workforce remain safe."

The conference's two keynote speakers are Indiana Motor Speedway President Doug Boles, who will impart the importance of safety in the racing industry, and Patrick Nelson, CEO of Loyalty Point Leadership. Nelson will present a roadmap for organizational safety through individual empowerment and explain how to leverage a leadership strategy that has resulted in a 57% reduction in the total recordable incident rate or TRIR (for Fortune 500 organizations).

The forklift rodeo returns for another year. Forklift operators will showcase their driving abilities in an obstacle course February 28 and complete challenges as quickly and efficiently as possible. All forklift rodeo participants must be certified to operate a lift.

On day three of the conference, the 2023 Governor's Workplace Safety Awards will be presented during the lunch hour.

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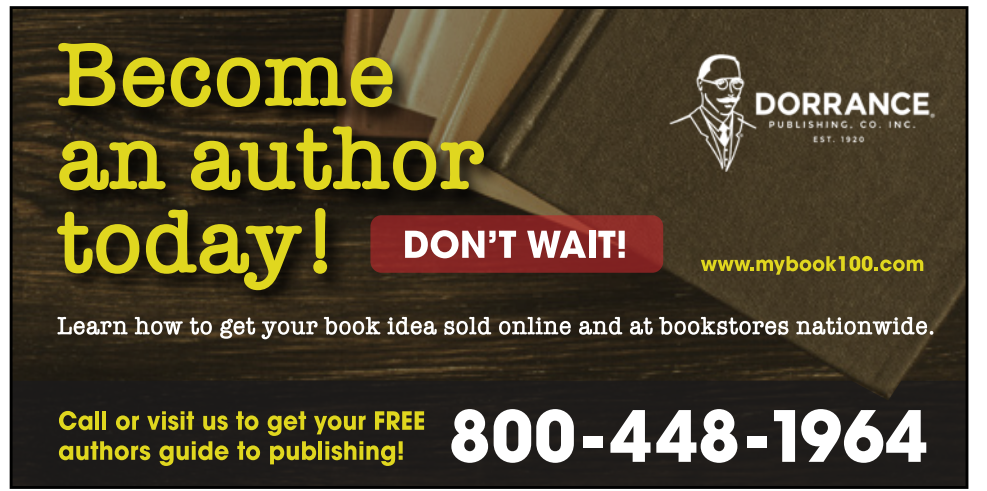
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Detailed Receipts 2022			
Governmental Activities	Payroll Withholdings	Other Receipts / 1234 - Payroll Withholding	\$434.96
<b>Total Other Receipts</b>			<b>\$434.96</b>
<b>Total Payroll Withholdings</b>			<b>\$434.96</b>
	Township	General Property Tax	\$6,026.95
		Vehicle / Aircraft Excise Tax Distribution	\$388.85
		Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax Distribution (CVET)	\$590.00
		Local Income Tax (LIT) Certified Shares	\$14,071.00
		Other Taxes / 7330 - 2022 LIT CS SUPPLEMENTAL	\$971.00
<b>Total Taxes and Intergovernmental</b>			<b>\$22,047.80</b>
		Donations, Gifts, and Bequests	\$800.00
		Other Receipts / 2344 - voided check	\$650.00
		Other Receipts / 2345 - Excess Levy	\$244.00
<b>Total Other Receipts</b>			<b>\$1,694.00</b>
<b>Total Township</b>			<b>\$23,741.80</b>
SP FIRE TER GEN		Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax Distribution (CVET)	\$77.50
<b>Total Taxes and Intergovernmental</b>			<b>\$77.50</b>
<b>Total SP FIRE TER GEN</b>			<b>\$77.50</b>
SP FIRE TER EQU		Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax Distribution (CVET)	\$39.50
<b>Total Taxes and Intergovernmental</b>			<b>\$39.50</b>
<b>Total SP FIRE TER EQU</b>			<b>\$39.50</b>
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>			<b>\$24,293.76</b>

CERTIFICATION  
 State of Indiana  
 SS:  
 Montgomery County  
 I, Peggy Whitacre, Trustee of SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP, Montgomery County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report contains the information requires by Indian code 36-6-4-13, and is complete, true and correct: that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me, and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. A complete abstract that contains the statements required under Indiana Code 36-6-4-13(a)(5) and (a)(6) is available for inspection in the county auditor's office.  
 I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.  
 Peggy Whitacre, Sugar Creek Township Trustee  
 Telephone: 765-376-7939  
 Date this report was to be published: February 1, 2023  
 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP at its annual meeting this 17th day of January, 2023  
 John Gable, SUGAR CREEK Township Board Chairman  
 This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Toanwhip Board at its annual meeting, this 17th day of January, 2023.  
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	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan. 1, 2022	Receipts	Disbursement	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec. 31, 2022
Governmental Activities	1234	Payroll Witholding	\$355.52	\$434.96	\$385.24	\$385.24
	3	Rainy Day	\$4,104.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,104.09
	4	Township	\$61,270.30	\$23,741.80	\$19,481.68	\$65,530.42
	5	Township Assis- tance	\$6,102.09	\$0.00	\$632.59	\$5,469.50
	8604	SP FIRE TER GEN	\$146.95	\$77.50	\$146.95	\$77.50
	8692	SP FIRE TER EQU	\$78.05	\$39.50	\$78.05	\$39.50
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$72,037.00</b>	<b>\$24,293.76</b>	<b>\$20,724.51</b>	<b>\$75,606.25</b>

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Sugar Creek Township, Montgomery County, Indiana				
Disbursements by Vendor 2022				
Fund Name	Category	Paid To	Amount	
Payroll Withholdings	Personal Services	Internal Revenue Service / 944 Payroll Taxes	\$290.72	
		PERF withholdings	\$94.52	
	<b>Total Personal Services</b>		<b>\$385.24</b>	
	<b>Total Payroll Withholding</b>		<b>\$385.24</b>	
Township	Personal Services	Peggy Whitacre / Trustee Salary	\$3,150.00	
		Molly Campbell / Deputy Trustee Salary	\$650.00	
	Personal Services	Deborah Lough / Board Salary	\$150.00	
		John Gable / Board Salary	\$150.00	
	Personal Services	Charles Anderson / Board Salary	\$150.00	
		PERF Employee Benefits	\$352.80	
	Personal Services	PERF Employee Withholdings	\$94.52	
		<b>Total Personal Services</b>		<b>\$4,697.32</b>
	Supplies	Post Office / Stamps	\$58.00	
		A. E. Boyce / Printing of new checks	\$186.75	
	<b>Total Supplies</b>		<b>\$244.75</b>	
	Services and Charges	G & G Agency / Bond	\$145.00	
		Journal Review / Advertising	\$174.12	
	Services and Charges	The Paper of Montgomery County / Advertising	\$106.33	
		Peggy Whitacre / Office Rent	\$1,000.00	
	Services and Charges	Adam Hampton Lawncare / Cemetery Mowing	\$5,000.00	
		Wilcox Tree Service / Cemetery Maintenance	\$2,000.00	
Services and Charges	Indiana Township Association / Dues	\$150.00		
	<b>Total Services and Charges</b>		<b>\$8,575.45</b>	
Other Disbursements	Darlington Public Library	\$2,000.00		
	Darlington Youth Sports	\$750.00		
Other Disbursements	Town of Darlington / shared expense of recycle bin	\$900.00		
	Ginny Jones / 4-H	\$1,200.00		
Other Disbursements	Montgomery Co. Treasurer / Ditch Assessment, cemetery	\$24.00		
	US Treasury / Payroll Taxes	\$196.16		
Other Disbursements	Excess Levy	\$244.00		
	Reissue of voided check	\$650.00		
<b>Total Other Disbursements</b>		<b>\$5964.16</b>		
<b>Total Township</b>		<b>\$19,481.68</b>		
Township Assistance	Township Assistance	Wright Hardware	\$632.59	
		<b>Total Township Assistance</b>		<b>\$632.59</b>
		<b>Total Township Assistance</b>		<b>\$632.59</b>
SP FIRE TER GEN	Other Disbursements	Franklin Township	\$146.95	
		<b>Total Other Disbursements</b>		<b>\$146.95</b>
		<b>Total SP FIRE TER GEN</b>		<b>\$146.95</b>
SP FIRE TER EQU	Other Disbursements	Franklin Township	\$78.05	
		<b>Total Other Disbursements</b>		<b>\$78.05</b>
		<b>Total SP FIRE TER EQU</b>		<b>\$78.05</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>\$20,724.51</b>	



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# Education Bills to Overhaul School Curriculum Advance in Legislature

By Casey Smith

Broad career readiness initiatives, changes to K-12 literacy curriculum and incentives for up-and-coming teachers are at the heart of multiple education bills advancing through the Indiana legislature.

State lawmakers in House and Senate education committees collectively took up more than a dozen bills on Wednesday. Most of those measures advanced or are scheduled for committee votes next week.

Here's a snapshot of the latest education-related developments at the statehouse.

## Progress — and concern — for Career Scholarship Accounts

The House education committee approved, 8-4, a wide-ranging bill that seeks to "reinvent" high school curriculum. Bill author Rep. Chuck Godrich, R-Noblesville, said his proposal — a priority bill for the caucus — aims to narrow the "skills gap" between Hoosiers and employers.

The bill seeks to expand work-based learning in Indiana high schools, like apprenticeships and internships.

It would also create career scholarship accounts that are similar to Indiana's school choice voucher program. Grants could be used by students in grades 10-12 to pay for career training courses, apprenticeships and certifications outside of the student's school district.

The amount each participating student can receive to pay for apprenticeships, coursework, or certification would be based on a calculation of the state dollars that their school receives.

Democrats pushed back on the bill, however, saying language around credentialing programs is still too vague.

## New teacher incentives

House lawmakers additionally supported two bills that seek to increase state scholarship dollars available to future teachers.

One of the proposals would increase certain

scholarship amounts in an effort to attract more students into teaching — particularly black, indigenous and people of color (BIPOC).

Attracting educators of color has been an ongoing concern for local schools and policy makers. Indiana had 79,120 full-time teachers in the 2019-20 school year, according to state data. Of those, 92% were white.

Those who testified in support of House Bill 1637 said the increased dollars would help BIPOC educator recruitment — good news for Indiana's ongoing teacher shortage. Supporters said the bill would also provide much-needed support to address achievement gaps among Hoosier students of color.

The bill passed 12-0 out of the House education committee.

A separate measure, House Bill 1528, would allow Hoosiers in an alternative teacher certification program to apply for up to \$10,000 under the Next Generation Hoosier Educators scholarship program.

The bill passed 13-0 with an amendment to limit the program to \$1 million. Democrats expressed concern that the funding won't be enough. Rep. Bob Behning, R-Indianapolis, who chairs the committee, said the current spending ceiling is intended to keep the bill from getting killed in the the fiscal-minded ways and means committee.

## Automatic enrollment for 21st Century Scholars program

Another bill heard in the House education committee would automatically enroll eligible Hoosier students in the 21st Century Scholars program — a statewide grant program that funds student attendance at two- and four-year schools.

House Bill 1449, authored by Rep. Earl Harris Jr., D-East Chicago, unanimously passed the committee and now heads to the full House for further consideration.

"Thousands of students a year miss out on opportunities that 21st Century Scholars can provide for

them," Harris said. "Not having this funding there to help with education — for a lot of a lot of people — means they do not continue their education ... it affects the future of our workforce here in the state of Indiana."

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb made automatic enrollment in the 21st Century Scholars program a priority within his 2023 legislative agenda. Administration officials said auto-enrollment shouldn't be a cost to the state for six to seven years.

**Science of Reading bill draws mixed testimony**  
Senate Bill 402, filed by Sen. Aaron Freeman, R-Indianapolis, would define the "science of reading" and require schools to adopt such curriculum.

The "science of reading" is defined in both bills as the successful integration of concepts such as phonics, vocabulary and comprehension in reading.

Although Indiana lawmakers and education advocates have repeatedly said the state needs to take action to improve the state's dismal literacy rates, some provisions in Freeman's bill drew hesitation, especially from teachers.

The Indiana State Teachers Association (ISTA), the state's largest teachers union, specifically pointed to language in the bill that directs schools to post reading materials online for inspection by parents.

"Our main point of contention in this bill is a requirement that every single material used in connection with K-8 reading must be placed on a website at the beginning of the school year and updated each semester," said Jerrell Blakeley, ISTA's director of government, community, racial and social justice. "I think there's an opportunity for us to get to a common sense solution that furthers the agenda of the bill, as well as to — I can't believe I'm saying this — deregulate aspects of teaching in Indiana."

Freeman told the committee he's meeting with teachers and education groups to address concerns

about that portion of the bill. The proposal could come up for a committee vote as soon as next week.

## Other bills on the move

In the Senate education committee, lawmakers approved a bill to bring the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program to the entire state. The bill passed 11-0 and now goes to the appropriations committee.

Additionally, Senate Bill 480 passed narrowly, 7-6, onto the full Senate. The bill seeks to streamline numerous teacher regulations. Democrats and teacher union representatives said it also makes "concerning" changes to discussable items during collective bargaining.

All four Democrats on the committee voted against the bill, along with GOP Sens. Jean Leising, R-Oldenburg, and Dan Dernulc, R-Highland.

Sen. Jeff Raatz's SB 380 also passed the committee in a 9-4 vote and heads to the Senate chamber. State senators heard mixed testimony last week on the bill, which places restrictions on high school graduation waivers and doubles down that schools can have dress codes.

An amendment to the bill approved by the senate committee on Wednesday would further require districts to post high school graduation rates online. The latest draft of the bill also sets a 10% cap on the number of students who can graduate from a school with a waiver before July 1, 2027. After that, the cap drops to 5%.

Another bill that seeks to help Hoosier students regain access to their college transcripts was put on hold, however. Raatz said lawmakers are continuing to have discussions about provisions in the bill.

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# Just Plane Ugly



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Funny Bone

I'll be honest. I do not like to travel. I like being there; I don't like getting there. As we sat in one airport waiting to board, I made the huge mistake of buying a magazine containing an article called: "Your Feel-Good Vacation." This feature detailed all the potential woes of reaching your destination. Here were a few:

**TRAVELER'S DIARRHEA:** Apparently, seven out of ten vacationers experience this, which is why aisle seats on a plane are requested more than window seats, especially on overseas flights. One infectious disease specialist is quoted as saying that "many people are de-railed by this problem." My guess is that even more have been de-planed and de-boated. But I suppose it happens on trains, as well. This doctor suggests you take a drug called bismuth subsalicylate with you on the trip. But in a real emergency, I'd suggest just saying Pepto Bismol to the druggist in a foreign country. You might not have a great deal of time to mess with pronunciation. The doctor also suggests you do not drink tap water or eat local fruits and veggies that may be contaminated, but he obviously did not read the warning in the next paragraph.

**CONSTIPATION:** This is a different doctor (I know, medicine is so specialized). He says that four out of ten people suffer from this on a trip. Hold on! If seven out of ten people have the first problem and four out of ten have the second problem, that means one person has both problems. Or does that mean he doesn't have any problem? It does mean that four out of ten

people do not need an aisle seat. This guy also suggests eating lots of fruits and vegetables. Do these doctors ever talk to each other?

**BLOOD CLOTS:** Here's another cheery paragraph in the article. It begins by telling readers who travel by plane to stand often and stretch—so always take an aisle seat. Sadly, most of those seats are taken by people who have you-know-what. If you end up in the middle seat, you should be okay since the guy on the aisle won't be there much of the time. Are you following this?

**MOTION SICKNESS:** Once again, an aisle seat is recommended. But, if travelling by car, sit by a window. If you drank heavily in college, you already know this.

**BACK PAIN:** An orthopedic surgeon says to be careful when lifting your carry-on bags into the overhead compartment. You can hurt yourself or in some cases take out an entire family in the seats below. "To protect your back, hold your bags close to your body before lifting." Holding your bags really close is overall some good advice, especially if you are landing or connecting in New York City.

Finally, the article includes a photo of suggested travel drugs and how they will appear if you pack them neatly into a designer bag that they are offering for \$39.95. There's Miralax, Ricola, Dramamine, Lomotil, Benadryl and Metamucil, to name a few. The magazine warns you not to buy these in a foreign country, because they may be counterfeit, but if you have been buying health and beauty products from a dollar store your whole life, you have probably built up a pretty good tolerance.

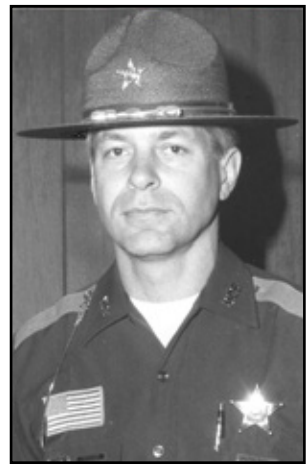
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been shot at a residence south of Crawfordsville. I knocked on the door of the house trailer, and not knowing any details, I stood at an angle, my hand on the grip of my Smith and Wesson revolver. A few seconds later, a man opened the door... "Joe's dead... it was an accident... I didn't do it." On the living room floor was a man... laying motionless.

After frisking the fellow who let me inside and searching the other rooms in the trailer, I examined the victim, who was laying face up, with what appeared to be a bullet hole in the middle of his forehead. He eyes were wide open, and he was, indeed, deceased. I radioed dispatch and requested the Sheriff head to the scene. As I read the witness his Miranda rights, he sat on the couch and lit up a cigarette. I asked him what happened. "Billy shot him. He had a gun and was playing around. He was pointing it at Joe... and the gun went off. He didn't aim to shoot him. It was an accident." As this fellow told me about the incident, he was very nervous, which is understandable, but he also never looked me square in the eyes... a sign of deception.

"Where is Billy now?" I responded. "He took off. He knew he would be in trouble even though



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it was an accident." "Did he take the gun with him?" "I don't know... yes, I think so." "What is Billy's last name?" As he lit up another cigarette, he told me the shooter's last name. I knew immediately who he was referring to... he was a suspect in several burglaries and was also thought to be a drug dealer, which is about as low as anyone can get.

In short time, the Sheriff, along with several other officers, arrived at the scene. Photos were taken, items were dusted for fingerprints. The victim was taken to the morgue, and the witness was transported to the jail for further questioning. As darkness fell, a search then ensued to locate the shooter in the nearby house trailers, some of which were vacant. No luck, so then a search of the surrounding wooded area began. This

proceeded slowly and cautiously, as we assumed the shooter still possessed a gun. He was finally apprehended the next morning, taken in for questioning, and subsequently admitted that he had shot the victim... "It was an accident... I swear."

I was not present during the questioning of the accused. I was also not present during the questioning of the witness. After a while, you just get a gut feeling of when someone is telling the truth or not... their actions, eye contact, mannerisms. I was good at interviewing suspects and solving cases. I was absolutely certain the witness had not told the truth. I was also never asked to testify in court.

The result? The shooter was convicted of involuntary manslaughter/ criminal recklessness with a deadly weapon. To the best of my knowledge he served two or three years in prison, and was released. A few years later, I was at the jail when the city police arrested... guess who... the witness to the shooting... for public intoxication. While he was being fingerprinted, I walked over next to him. I couldn't resist, "Was it really an accident when Billy shot your friend Joe?" He hesitated and then looked straight at me, "No, Joe owed Billy drug money. Billy pulled

out his pistol and made him get on his knees. He told him he wanted the money now... or else. Joe begged him not to shoot, but Billy shot him right between the eyes." I paused, "Then why didn't you tell the detective this?" "Because Billy told me if I said one word about it, he would kill me... sometime... somewhere... one way or another."

I knew it. I just knew it. I am confident that if I had been given the chance to interview the witness, I could have gotten the truth out of him. I don't blame the detective. He was good at his job. But the first responding officer to a serious crime has the most information and has details in his mind that other officers do not have.

To this day, not counting this incident, there are four unsolved murders here in Montgomery County. Billy got off easy. The law of double jeopardy excludes the possibility of him being charged again for what he did. But when he and the other four murderers face God some day, they won't get off so easy.

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a lifefor themselves.

"The City of Crawfordsville is a small, historic town with opportunities to attract diverse Hoosiers and beyond," said Mayor Todd Barton. "That is the essence we wanted to capture with the new brand. We wanted to reflect our forward-thinking community. This community encompasses so many facets, and this brand not only nods to our history, but celebrates our progress, innovation, and quality of life."

To accurately reflect the community, the City of Crawfordsville incorporated citizens' opinions and perspectives throughout the rebranding process. Several steps were taken in crafting the new brand and logo including conducting extensive research to benchmark cities of similar size, demographic and economy; surveying local businesses, resi-

dents, leaders and visitors to determine the overall story; hosting a forum with key stakeholders to discuss the overarching perception and community needs; determining an asset analysis of interpreted strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats; and finalizing key messaging to increase traction and a positive perception of the community.

Collectively, the new brand - logo, tagline and seal - will work together to tell the story of Crawfordsville within the community and also those visiting. Each play a role in sharing the qualities that make Crawfordsville a place to live, work, play and visit.

Follow the City of Crawfordsville on social media to engage with the new brand and stay tuned over the next couple of months as the brand begins to rollout city-wide.