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### TODAY'S VERSE

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

### FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Darlisa Steele, owner of C'Ville Docs offered a smile to one of our roving photographers while received her Readers' Choice 2023 award! Thanks Darlisa!

### THREE THINGS You Should Know:

**1** The Montgomery County Relay for Life is dedicated to helping communities attack cancer. Through funds donated, time given, or awareness raised, communities are teaming up to make a difference. The annual event is scheduled for Sept. 16, from 12 pm - 8 pm in Crawfordsville. You can participate by forming a team, raising money and celebrating at the event while honoring survivors and remembering lives touched by purchasing a luminaria. Please help spread the word to help them grow the success of this event! Click the button to visit the website to register a team and for more information.

**2** The Indiana Department of Transportation Closed State Road 75 Over Muskrat Creek, near Dover. Crews will be performing bridge work. The road will be closed between S.R. 32 and County Road 200 N. through mid-August, weather permitting. The official detour follows S.R. 32 to I-65 to U.S. 52 to S.R. 47 and back. This contract was awarded to Calumet Civil Contractors, Inc. It also involves HMA overlay work on S.R. 75 through Thorntown. The entire contract is expected to be completed in October of 2023.

**3** Breakfast Before Business is scheduled for July 10! Thank you to Hoosier Heartland State Bank for sponsoring and hosting breakfast at their Success Center at 1623 South US 231 in Crawfordsville. Come join other chamber members for making connections and bring your business card for the collage! Please RSVP before June 30th due to the holiday!! Note: Location for breakfast is at HHSB Success Center.

## Market Street Train Problem Topic Of Meeting

By DeAntha Wright-Thornburg  
news@thepaper24-7.com

HWC Engineering staff of Indianapolis held a Public Input Meeting at Fusion 54 on Tuesday evening in another attempt to find a better solution for the train problem at the Market Street crossing.

Since April, a survey has been posted on the city website asking for public input. The survey includes such questions. Have you ever been stopped or delayed by the train? Have you ever been late for work or picked up your child from daycare because of a stalled train? The public can still respond to the survey until July 11. Thus far, more than 1,500 residents have responded to the online survey.

Forty-three percent said they drive this route at least 10 times a week. Ninety-six percent said they were delayed, while 72 percent say they have

been late for work. Thirty-one percent said they had been late getting a child to school or daycare. Ninety-five percent said they take an alternative route when the train is stopped. Sixty-three percent have seen drivers drive around the crossing arms.

This has been problematic for years. HWC staff asked the public if the trains have negatively impacted their lives.

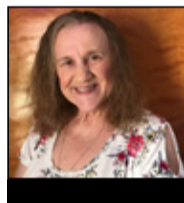
There is no easy solution; past administrations have tried. The city is seeking a solution to the crossing. Mayor Todd Barton invited the HWC Engineering staff as an avenue to apply for FRA Federal Planning Grant. The city is building a case for why this project should be addressed. Once the information is gathered, the grants are submitted from all over the U.S. One is selected as the best possible use of monies. Grant monies will be awarded the following year.

Ninety-nine percent of the population favored finding a solution to the stalled trains. HWC began monitoring the Market Street crossing more than nine months ago. During that time, more than 1,341 were cargo trains, 207 were passenger trains and 157 were maintenance vehicles. More than 14,960 vehicles cross the track every day.

HWC staff will complete the survey data and submit the grant application in October. The National Committee will review the grant application. HWC Staff shared that the recipient will be awarded a grant sometime in 2024.

Barton encouraged all residents to take the five-minute survey. Public input can make a real difference in our being awarded the grant. The website survey is; <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/crawfordsville-railroadwill> take you directly to the survey site.

## Milton Byron Waugh



**KAREN ZACH**  
Around The County

While researching for the September Montgomery Memories, I found 5-6 men who were interesting but didn't quite fit into one of our topics, thus I decided my favorite (love

his unusual name) would be our subject for the Around The County Article this week. Enjoy learning about Milton Byron Waugh from the Darlington area of our county.

Milt was born in this county on the 11th of February in 1837 and died here 20 October 1904, the son of Milo (from Ross County, Ohio) and Elizabeth (Kious) Waugh, a native of Fayette County, Ohio. Milton was married (13 August 1857 in Clinton County) to Sarah Saulsberry who was the mother of their seven children. At a reasonable length of time after Sarah's death (30 August 1892), Milton married Margaret Herron 18 Oct 1894 (MoCo of course). He and Sarah lived together for about 35 years as she was a fairly young 55 at her death (obit). Well loved, her funeral was huge with over 175 buggies going to the Plainview Cemetery near Colfax for her burial (as more than one obit states) but instead they are buried together in Oak Hill but

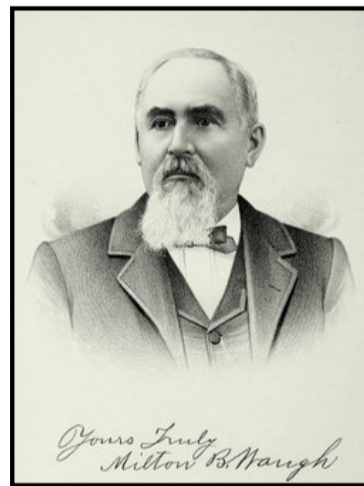


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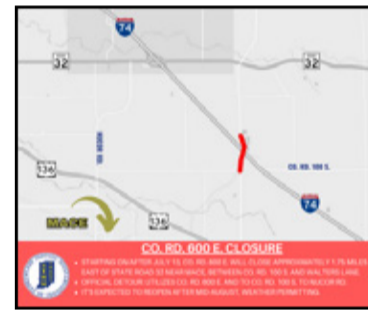
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still the 175 buggies went that way instead (or he later moved her)! The second wife (Margaret Herron who was about his age and I believe had not been married until that time) is buried there, as well.

So, with a wife, and son, James Milo, he joined up at the first call for soldiers of the Civil War. First was Co K, 11th Infantry which were known as the Indiana Zouaves for six-months. When their time was up, several re-upped for three years with the group when it was reorganized. Not sure how quickly but a bit later, he joined Co B 116th Indiana Infantry that group being in a few good tiffs (Walker's Ford; Blue Springs; Tazewell) losing

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## County Road 600 E. And County Road 625 W. To Close



Graphic courtesy of INDOT

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces County Road 600 E. will close over I-74, along with Co. Rd. 625 W. over I-74 for bridge work starting on or after Thursday, July 13.

Co. Rd. 600 E. will close approximately 1.75 miles east of State Road 32 near Mace, between Co. Rd. 100 S. and Walters Lane. The official detour utilizes Co. Rd. 600 E. and to Co. Rd. 100 S. to Nucor Rd. It's expected to reopen after mid-August, weather permitting.

Co. Rd. 625 W. will close approximately 2.53 miles east of S.R. 25. near Waynetown, between Co. Rd. 350 N. and Co. Rd. 450 N. The official detour utilizes Co. Rd. 625 N. to Co. Rd. 450 N. to S.R. 25 to U.S. 136 to Co. Rd. 650

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## The Daily Almanac

**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 6:19 a.m.  
SET: 9:22 p.m.

**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 90 °F  
Low: 66 °F

**Today is...**  
• Hug Holiday  
• National Camera Day  
• National Bomb Pop Day

**What Happened On This Day**  
• 2007 Apple releases the first iPhone.  
• 1995 The Space Shuttle Atlantis docks with the Russian space station Mir.  
• 1990 Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) are banned to protect the ozone layer.

**Births On This Day**  
• 1936 Harmon Killebrew American baseball player  
• 1798 Giacomo Leopardi Italian poet

**Deaths On This Day**  
• 2003 Katharine Hepburn American actress, singer  
• 1967 Jayne Mansfield American model, actress, singer

## 2023 Montgomery County Open Class

It's that time of year again... fair season! Montgomery County Homemakers are hosting open class. Don't know what the open class is? Well, the open class is an opportunity during the Montgomery County fair for everyone to bring in a project or projects and have them judged. Open class is a great opportunity to show the community of Montgomery County what your passions or hobbies are. Maybe you try something new in open class and find out that you are naturally talented in that area. A champion will be chosen from each of the 18 classes, and all ages are welcome to participate, even those already participating in 4H. There is something for everyone, some of the classes include: culinary arts, flower arrangements, fine arts, gardening, sewing, photography, woodworking etc.

To participate pick up a registration form at the Montgomery County Purdue Extension office. There is a small registration fee of \$4 for each project.

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### HONEST HOOSIER

Why is it that saying God bless America - which I said yesterday - makes people say that's insulting to other nations? It'd take an awfully long time to mention 194 others, wouldn't it?



### TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Alcohol has almost twice the calories per unit weight than carbohydrates and almost as much as fat. 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](http://www.thepaper24-7.com).



### INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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### THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

#### A Request From The Mayor:

Mayor Todd Barton is asking residents of Crawfordsville and MoCo to fill out a survey about the railroad crossing on Market St, in C'Ville. Use this link to fill out the quick survey; <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/crawfordsvillerrailroadwill>

### TODAY'S JOKE

The crusty old general wasn't well liked by his troops. Right before he retired he addressed them, saying he knew they couldn't wait until he died so they could mess on his grave. One buck private in the back yelled, "No sir, when I get out of this outfit I'm never standing in a long line again!"

### TODAY'S QUOTE

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."  
-Ronald Reagan

### OBITUARIES

John W. Conkright

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## OBITUARIES

### John W. Conkright

January 28, 1956, Monday, June 26, 2023

John W. Conkright of Linnsburg passed away Monday night in the ER at Franciscan Health. He was 67.

Mr. Conkright worked at the county highway department for over 27 years. He enjoyed NASCAR and hanging out in his garage tinkering. He loved taking golf cart rides with his grandson and any activities that involved his sons or his grandson.

Born Jan. 28, 1956 in Crawfordsville, he was the son of John B. Conkright and Evelyn Eloise Anderson Conkright. He graduated from Southmont in 1975.

Surviving family includes: two sons, Ryan Conkright and Kyle Conkright; mother, Evelyn Conkright; grandson, Kellin Conkright; three brothers, Gary Conkright, Tim Conkright and Bill Conkright; two sisters, Julie Ratcliff and Susan Whelan.

He was preceded in death by his father, John B. Conkright; step-father, Ellery "Butch" Conkright; sister, Judy Carrington.

Visitation will be from Noon to 2 PM Sunday, July 2nd at Burkhart Funeral Home, 201 West Wabash. Services will begin at 2 PM, led by Pastor Todd Randles. After the service, he will be laid to rest at the Mace Cemetery.

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



## F.C. Tucker West Central Celebrates Top Realtors: John Downey And Katie Viers Recognized For Outstanding Performance

F.C. Tucker West Central announces their May Listing and Sales Leaders.

F.C. Tucker West Central, a leading real estate company in Central Indiana, is proud to celebrate the accomplishments of two of its standout realtors: John Downey and Katie Viers. John was honored as Sales Agent of the Month for May, while Katie earned the title of May's Listing Agent of the Month, recognizing both for their exceptional performance and dedication.

A life-long resident of Montgomery County, John Downey has over a decade's experience in real estate, having closed 58 transactions totaling over \$11.4 million in sales volume in 2022 alone. John's commit-



KATIE VIERS

ment to excellence and remarkable customer service has made him an invaluable part of the F.C. Tucker West Central team. His achievements exemplify the dedication and hard work that sets F.C. Tucker West Central apart in the local real estate industry.

Similarly, Katie Viers, a proud Crawfordsville transplant, has carved out a niche for herself in the real estate industry over the past four years. Katie



JOHN DOWNEY

is dedicated to helping clients make Crawfordsville their home, just as she did. With three children, Katie understands the importance of finding the perfect family home and is committed to continually educating herself on the latest market trends to best serve her clients. Her outstanding performance in May earned her the coveted title of Listing Agent of the Month.

"Chad Hess, Broker/Owner at F.C. Tucker

West Central, said, "John and Katie's exceptional performance underlines their dedication to our clients and showcases their deep understanding of the local Montgomery County real estate market. It's more important than ever for consumers to use the knowledge and expertise of local REALTORS® when buying and selling their homes. We're proud of John and Katie's achievements and the high standards they set."

For all your real estate needs, talk to John today at 765-230-6335 or visit his website at [TalkToTucker.com/John](http://TalkToTucker.com/John). Downey. Likewise, reach out to Katie at 219-776-5120 or browse listings at [TalkToTucker.com/Katie.Viers](http://TalkToTucker.com/Katie.Viers)

## Meeting Notes

### Board Of Public Works And Public Safety Meeting

City of Crawfordsville June 28, 2023 at 10 AM

I. Approval of the minutes from June 21, 2023.

II. Approval of the claims for the week of June 26, 2023.

III. Old Business

a. Agreement with Crawfordsville Community Schools for School Resource Officers from the Crawfordsville Police Department

IV. New Business

a. Whitesville Christian Church requesting to close Pike Street at Pike Place on August 19, 2023 from 2-8pm for a Community Summer Festival

b. Animal Welfare League requesting to close Green Street at Backstep for a Tails and Tunes Fundraiser on July 29, 2023

c. Resolution accepting Shelley Drain by City Stormwater

d. Darrell Portwood, Pastor of New Hope Church, requesting to close Pike Street at Pike Place for an event on July 5, 2023 from 6-8pm

e. Resolution approving pay cycle change for Crawfordsville Fire Department

V. Departments Heads

VI. Adjournment

## Notice Of Executive Session Meeting

The Town Council of the Town of Ladoga will hold a closed executive session meeting on Wednesday July 12, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 121 East Main Street, P.O. Box 187, Ladoga, Indiana, 47954. This executive session is being held pursuant to

I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) to receive information about and interview prospective employees.

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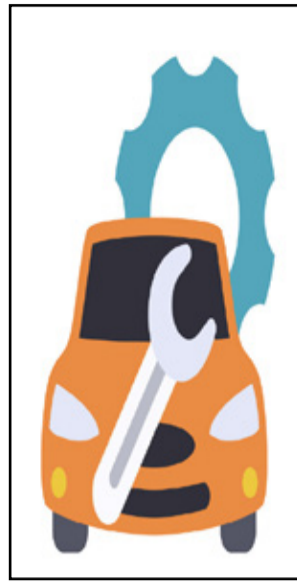
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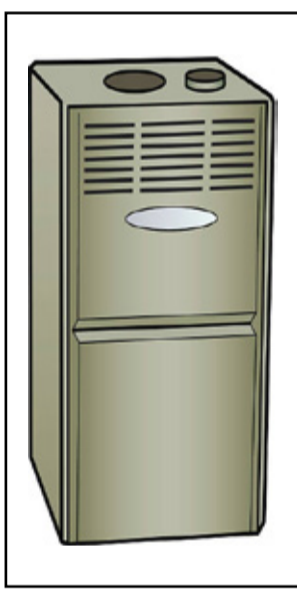
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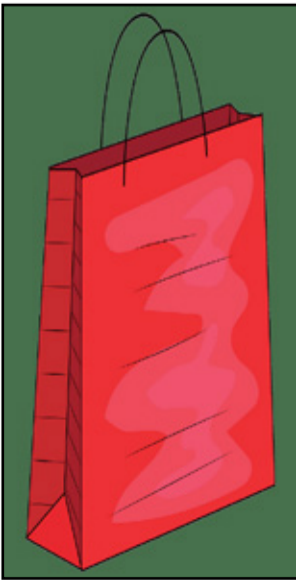
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# Hurdles Of Mass Production On Unprecedented Scale

## EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: Can we mass produce heat pumps with the same effort as when the country retooled to make tanks for World War II?

Environmental advocates are bullish on heat pumps as a better choice for home heating than the traditional options. "Heat pumps use only about a third as much electricity as baseboard electric heaters and considerably less energy than gas or oil furnaces," reports Bob Schildgen in Sierra magazine. "You don't need gas or oil to operate a heat pump, as it relies only on electricity."

Heat pumps were rare just a decade ago, but nowadays are now much more common. "The share of new homes using an air or ground source heat pump as the primary means of providing heat has increased, going from 23 percent in 2000 to 40 percent in 2021," reports the National Association of Home Builders. "Meanwhile, the share relying on a forced air system has slipped, going from 71 to 58 percent in the same time frame." And in 2022, sales of heat pumps outpaced sales of gas furnaces for the first time ever.

While production is certainly ramping up on its own due to rising demand, the federal gov-

ernment could spearhead a more concerted effort to mandate a national switchover akin to retooling manufacturing for the WWII war effort. Of course, doing so would be no small task. During World War II, Americans mobilized their industrial capabilities to an unprecedented level, converting existing factories and building new ones to produce large numbers of tanks, planes and other military equipment. Similarly, to mass-produce heat pumps, it would require a substantial expansion of manufacturing capacity, including retooling existing factories or constructing new ones.

Another hurdle to overcome would be building up the supply chain. Heat pumps require various components and materials, including compressors, heat exchangers, motors and refrigerants. Ensuring a consistent and reliable supply of these components would be essential to meet production demands. Finding large numbers of skilled workers to be trained in the intricacies of producing heat pumps would be yet another challenge to ramping up production World War II-style.

Perhaps the largest impediment of all to ramping up heat pump production way above current rates is mustering

the political will to bring federal and other subsidies to bear in funding the effort. Similar to wartime efforts, substantial government support and coordination would be essential to drive the mass production of heat pumps. This support would include financial incentives, regulatory measures and collaboration between government agencies, manufacturers and research institutions. Such an endeavor could contribute significantly to addressing climate change and transitioning to more sustainable energy systems.

-CONTACTS: Clean Energy 101: Heat Pumps, rmi.

org/clean-energy-101-heat-pumps/; "Almost Even Split Between Natural Gas and Electric Heating Systems in New Homes," eyeonhousing.org/2022/09/almost-even-split-between-natural-gas-and-electric-heating-systems-in-new-homes; "How Can Air Source Heat Pumps Help Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions Even in Cold Climates?" nahb.org/blog/2021/06/How-Can-Air-Source-Heat-Pumps-Help-Reduce-Greenhouse-Gas-Emissions-Even-in-Cold-Climates.

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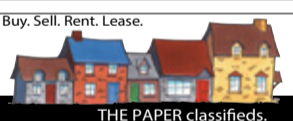
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one in battle and 64 by disease. He returned to the family farm and got to work, raising crops but his specialty was Clydesdale horses and Shorthorn cattle.

Not exactly sure when Milton and second wife moved to Crawfordsville but Milt in 1894 had a large amount of wheat stolen (evidently by Daniel White of the Darlington area, too), as it seemed White felt it was easier to let the other guy do the work but he could reap the rewards. In the fall of 1895 White's father-in-law (Almond Davis) took his name off of White's recognizance bond and was planning on letting him rot in jail as he felt the man's quilt. That may have been when and the reason why Milt moved into C'ville (definitely about that time as he and 2nd wife were to "reside among us upon their return from their wedding tour through California" - Review 10 Nov 1894 p2) originally planned for mid-March but was not until May but in March, he did send home a huge box of fruits, shells, stalactites and quite a "nice lot of goodies and relics." For sure, it didn't take Milton long to wrack-up many friends as he appears as the city treasurer in the 1900 census having been elected two years before. Think they had been living in "Maggie's" home on Washington Street.

Milt was involved with various farmers' groups, being president of the board of directors at the end of the 20th century of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of FoCo and MoCo and had served in that position several times, determined to make it the ideal insurance for the farmer.

Milton loved his children, four daughters and three sons. Milt's father Milo passed away in May 1859 and his son whom he named James Milo was born less than two months later. He helped Milton deal with that loss as a bright, fun little one. James graduated from Purdue and made a successful career of engineering. John M. born 20 Nov 1861 on the Colfax-area farm and died in Colfax on the 4th of July in 1942. He married Sarah Jane Clouser and they were parents of I believe, two children, Lloyd and Maude. The first daughter was Emma O. born 14 Oct 1863 (if one was smart in math you could

probably figure when Milton was home from the service) married Fielden Rice (one daughter Clare) and passed away in Dec 1922 - buried Darlington IOOF. Next was a daughter Mollie b Sept 14, 1865, married John D. Shriver, a farmer and stock raiser with a 200-acre farm in Tippecanoe. Next was Martha whom they called Mattie (April 5, 1867) who married William Fisher also a farmer of the township. Clara Belle was next born 11 April 1869 married on Valentine's Day, 1889 to William M. Reeves a local lawyer. Lastly was Frank William born 13 March 1872 and married Eleanor Stuckey. A prominent farmer, active in the Masonic Lodge, like his parents he was an avid member of the Colfax Methodist Church. He was father of two daughters (Aver and Alva). May be more grands but these are the ones I caught.

Milt was fairly involved in politics way back in the 1870s. In 1874 he helped to create the Reform group in the area. He was elected secretary of their county convention. One of the speakers noted that both the Republican and Democratic party were composed of rings and cliques and weren't working for the better of the citizens of the country. John Mitchell noted that he was a Republican and knew that they had strong principles and believed in what they purport-ed - temperance; people against monopolies; free schools; then said, "For years to come the contest will be between the Republican and Democratic parties and there is no room for a third party." That said, I returned to the happenings of 2023.

Well, I loved Milton Byron Waugh's name and am impressed with the man. One good looking fellow (see photo from FindAGrave added by Sandra Lennox), he was also generous, smart, religious, active for his community, and was one to be looked up to in each aspect of his life! Bless ya' Milton Byron!

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W. It's also expected to reopen after mid-August, weather permitting.

This contract was awarded to Pioneer Associates, Inc. It involves bridge work on six different bridges in Boone, Hendricks, Tippecanoe and Montgomery Coun-

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Open class check-in will begin on Thursday, July 13th from 4:00-

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