

TODAY'S VERSE

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



Happenings

Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024

CRAWFORDSVILLE SCHOOLS Winter Break
NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOLS Winter Break
WABASH COLLEGE Wabash College basketball vs. Denison, at Wabash, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024

CRAWFORDSVILLE SCHOOLS Winter Break
NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOLS Winter Break

Friday, Jan. 5, 2024

CRAWFORDSVILLE SCHOOLS Winter Break
NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOLS Winter Break
WABASH COLLEGE Wrestling at NWCA National Duals

Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024

WABASH COLLEGE Wrestling at NWCA National Duals Basketball at Wooster, 2 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 8, 2024

CRAWFORDSVILLE SCHOOLS Staff Development, No school
NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOLS Teachers Return

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024

CRAWFORDSVILLE SCHOOLS Students return
NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOLS Students Return
SOUTHMONT SCHOOLS School Board at Corporate Office, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024

GOVERNMENT Drainage Board at Government Center (US 231 North), 9:30 a.m.
WABASH COLLEGE Wabash College basketball at Ohio Wesleyan

Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024

ATHENS ARTS Learn how to paint a watercolor outdoor scene (1-3 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. - reservation required)
CRAWFORDSVILLE SCHOOLS Crawfordsville School Board at Willson Preschool Center, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 12, 2024

WABASH COLLEGE Swimming vs. Illinois Wesleyan at Wabash, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024

WABASH COLLEGE Swimming vs. Valparaiso and Univ. of Indianapolis at Wabash, noon
Wrestling at Manchester Spartan Classic
Basketball vs. Hiram at Wabash, 2 p.m.
Robotics Trivia Night, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024

NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOLS North Montgomery High School Robotics Fundraiser at Fieldhouse, 2 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 15, 2024

CRAWFORDSVILLE SCHOOLS No school MLK Day

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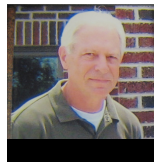
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TV Shows in the Good Ol' Days....



BUTCH DALE Columnist

Here's a question for you...If you have cable or satellite TV, how many times have you flipped through all of the channels and remarked, "There's nothing on..."? Well, there are certainly hundreds of listings, but very seldom is there anything GOOD to watch. Not only that, many of the programs are too graphic and violent...or dumb...or simply infomercials. I realize there is a tendency for people to proclaim "the good ol' days" were better. Sometimes that is true. Sometimes it is not. But with regards to television shows, those of us who grew up in the 1950s and early 1960s know the answer. I was born in 1948, just when television was beginning. Dad bought a TV before he installed an indoor toilet, if that tells

you anything. The very first shows that I remember watching were Howdy Doody (with Buffalo Bob and Clarabell the clown), Miss Frances Ding-Dong School, The Lone Ranger, and The Gene Autry Show. My folks watched Toast of the Town (later renamed The Ed Sullivan Show), Texaco Star Theater (starring Milton Berle...Aka "Uncle Miltie"), Your Show of Shows (with Sid Caesar, Imogene Coca, Howard Morris, and Carl Reiner), The Jack Benny Show, Burns and Allen (with George and Gracie), Dragnet, and I Love Lucy (can we ever forget Ricky, Lucy, Fred, and Ethel...heck NO!)...all of which appeared on TV prior to 1952. By the time I turned four, I was also tuned in to The Roy Rogers Show, The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet, and of course The Adventures of Superman, which was my favorite. (I jumped from our roof with

my Superman cape attached, but discovered I could not fly!) My wife told me she watched most of these shows, but one of her favorites, (she being a little cowgirl) was also Annie Oakley...naturally! In the mid-1950s, several other great TV shows appeared, such as Make Room for Daddy (with Danny Thomas), Father Knows Best (with Robert Young and Jane Wyatt), Lassie, The Phil Silvers Show, Gunsmoke, Alfred Hitchcock Presents, The Red Skelton Show, and my Dad's favorite show...The Honeymooners (with Jackie Gleason, Audrey Meadows, Joyce Randolph, and Art Carney). About the same time, kids started watching The Mickey Mouse Club (many boys fell in love with Annette Funicello!) and teenagers tuned in to American Bandstand with Dick Clark.

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Cognitive Bias and How We Vote

Happy New Year! This may be an election year with more high drama than most years. As various outlets report on polls, we will hear leads like, "It's the top issue for Americans, one that often decides presidential elections - the economy" (NPR), and it will influence us in what some brain scientists call our "lizard brain" - our limbic system which is the section of the



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brain that taps into our instincts, our emotions and sublimates the rational part of the brain we use to challenge those. Voting, it seems, "is not a mindful process. Wired for physical survival, our brains are vigilantly reactive to threat, social status, and ingroup-outgroup affiliations," writes Melanie Greenburg of Psychology Today. "Humans are, at heart, and by history, social and territorial beings," writes Greenburg, making us more socially influenced than we often realize. We are vulnerable to

cognitive biases at the intersection of our limbic system and our social nature. Cognitive biases are "the way a particular person understands events, facts, and other people, which is based on their own particular set of beliefs and experiences and may not be reasonable or accurate" (Cambridge Dictionary). Researchers also define cognitive biases as errors in rational thinking that affect our decisions. Because our ways of understanding have deep roots in our

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Seniors should get rid of throw rugs or at least tape them to the floor. 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



THREE THINGS You Should Know

- 1 According to the good folks at the Crawfordsville Montgomery County Chamber, Breakfast Before Business 54 is back! This coming Monday at 8 a.m. on the 3rd floor of Fusion 54 is the place to be. You can introduce yourself with a brief update from your organization and hear a presentation from the sponsors while enjoying Breakfast Pizzas from Wildfire348! Bring a business card for the collage that will be displayed in the Informant newsletter and Facebook!
2 Just because it's the dawn of a new year, don't forget the needs of pets waiting for a forever home at the Animal Welfare League. Those furry friends and the wonderful human volunteers could really use a hand - supplies, food, monetary donations, etc. Go by (1104 Big 4 Arch Rd.), call (362-88460, surf the web (www.mcawl.com) or follow them on Instagram (@mocoawl). They'll tell you what they need and make it easy!
3 Time is running out for some lucky person to claim their \$50,000 Powerball prize. A \$50,000 Powerball ticket sold at 920 W. 38th St. in Anderson matched four out of five white balls for the July 17, 2023 drawing. No one has claimed the prize yet and the ticket expires Tuesday, Jan. 16 and must be claimed no later than 4:30 p.m. by that date at the Hoosier Lottery Prize Payment office located at 1302 N. Meridian St. in Indianapolis. All Hoosier Lottery Draw game prizes must be claimed within 180 days of the drawing. The winning Powerball numbers for Monday, July 17, 2023, are: 5-8-9-17-41 with the Powerball of 21

TODAY'S QUOTE

"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often." Winston Churchill

TODAY'S JOKE

What are cows saying about now? Happy Moo Year!

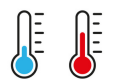
THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The Indianapolis Home Show is coming back to the Indiana State Fairgrounds for the 102nd time and guess who will have free tickets once again? That's right, your favorite Montgomery County newspaper! Mark the dates on your calendar - Friday, Jan. 19 through Sunday, Jan. 28. This Indiana tradition is the oldest home show in North America and to get your FREE tickets from us, all you'll have to do is send us a selfie with your smiling face, our front page (electronic or print) and your name and contact information. And hey, if you want to say something nice about us, we wouldn't object! Don't send it yet. Watch for the contest beginning in a few weeks.

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset

RISE: 8:06 am SET: 5:31 pm



High/Low Temperatures

HIGH: 38°F LOW: 26°F



Today is...

- National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day
Festival of Sleep Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1959 Alaska becomes the 49th U.S. state. The territory had been bought from Russia in 1867 for a mere \$7.2 million.
1957 The first electric watch is available. The Hamilton Electric 500 came in "modern" asymmetrical designs to reflect the revolutionary technology.



Births On This Day

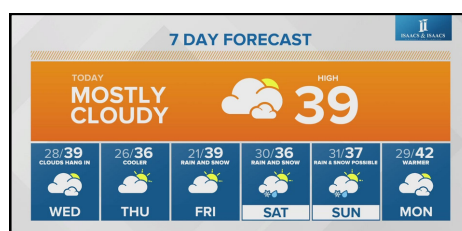
- 1956 Mel Gibson - American/Australian actor, director, producer, screenwriter
1892 J. R. R. Tolkien - English philologist, author

Deaths On This Day

- 2005 Will Eisner - American illustrator
2003 Sid Gillman - American football player



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VSO Reports on Monthly Activity for December



JOE ELLIS
 Guest Columnist

Well the weather is starting to get colder. I have had 47 phone calls into my office this month and I had a total of 13 visitors into my office.

We had a total of six veterans go to their appointments this month. I will be at the American Legion Post 72 in Crawfordsville, In on the 11th of January from 1 to 4 p.m. and then I will be at the VFW Post 1431 in Crawfordsville, In On the 18th of January from 1 to 4 p.m .

We delivered a total of 37 Bags to the Nursing Homes on 14 of Dec and I had Gary Bell, Ron Keedy (who took pictures) and we had John and Sharon Zlotucha. And we took the bags to Wellbrook, Ben Hur, Lane Place, Whitlock Place, Bickford Place and Hickory Creek.

The Affordable Connectivity Program is a discount for WiFi for those that qualify . Go on line at [https://www.fcc.gov/acp]https://www.fcc.gov/acp to check it out this a low income WiFi program that could give you up to 30 percent off if you qualify

Joe Ellis is the Veterans Service Officer for Montgomery County. You can reach him at (765) 361-4133 or by e-mail at Joe.ellis@montgomerycounty.in.gov.

FOR THE RECORD

WAYNETOWN'S 2024 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The Waynetown Town Council has released its meeting schedule for 2024. All meetings are held in the Waynetown Community Room, 106 N. Vine St. Except for January, the meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month. This month's meeting is scheduled for Jan. 17. All town council meetings for 2024 begin at 6:30 p.m.

2024 schedule
 Jan. 17, Feb. 14, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11.

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Public Invited to Book Club Party Tonight

On Wednesday, January 3, community members interested in reading are invited to a party! Come on down to Backstep at 7 pm to celebrate reading and civic participation at a New Year's Party! The Well Read Citizen Book Club invites you to bring along a wrapped used book that you've enjoyed and learned from—and are ready to pass on to others. We'll toss the wrapped books into a pile and have some good White Elephant fun. You'll meet others who like to read and like to talk about ideas. Now well into its second year, the Well Read Citizen Book Club meets monthly on the first Wednesday of the month to talk about books that members of the group themselves suggest. Selections have been wide-ranging and attendees enjoy lively discussion, sometimes debate, and always excellent snacks. A warm community has developed among people who have met for the first time at a meeting of the Well Read Citizen Book Club.

What books might you like to recommend? Maybe some of this year's selections will include the books pictured here. Do these covers intrigue? Maybe mental health is of concern or interest to you. Jane Anne Phillips' 2023 novel Night Watch set before, during, and most centrally after the Civil War, introduces readers to a little known and highly humane treatment method practiced for 40 years or so in this country in "insane asylums." This mental health issue comes to the fore in the midst of a riveting love story birthed on a plantation just before the Civil War. Or, maybe you are an artist of some kind and are interested in how art can express history and tell stories that are

harder to tell in other ways. If so, maybe you'd like to read or recommend Winfred Rembert's Chasing Me to My Grave, a book that won the Pulitzer Prize for memoir in 2021. Rembert, who passed away that same year, tells stories of the Jim Crow South of the mid-20th century like no other artist. This gorgeous book contains 75 of the artist's powerful paintings along with his life story. Maybe Indiana history is a special passion of yours? This year Timothy Egan, highly acclaimed writer and winner of the National Book Award for earlier historical research work, has brought us Fever in the Heartland, a book that Eric Larsen has called "a riveting saga of how a predatory con man became one of the most powerful people in 1920s America, Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, with a plan to rule the country..." And, reader, Egan finds the heart of this story in Indiana. Did you know that Indiana had more KKK members in the early '20s than any other state? The book's subtitle is: The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America and the Woman Who Stopped Them." Interested? Maybe you'd like to suggest that the Well Read Citizen Book Club read that one. Readers, it's up to you. What book(s) would you like to discuss with others as you get to know members of your community better? Bring your ideas or just your curiosity to the Well Read Citizen Book Club New Year's Party next Wednesday. And do bring a wrapped book to exchange! If you forget your book, not to worry, there are always a couple extra in the pile. The Well Read Citizen Book Club is hosted by members of the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County.

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SHERIFF'S MERIT BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Merit Board is scheduled for Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the Sheriff's office.

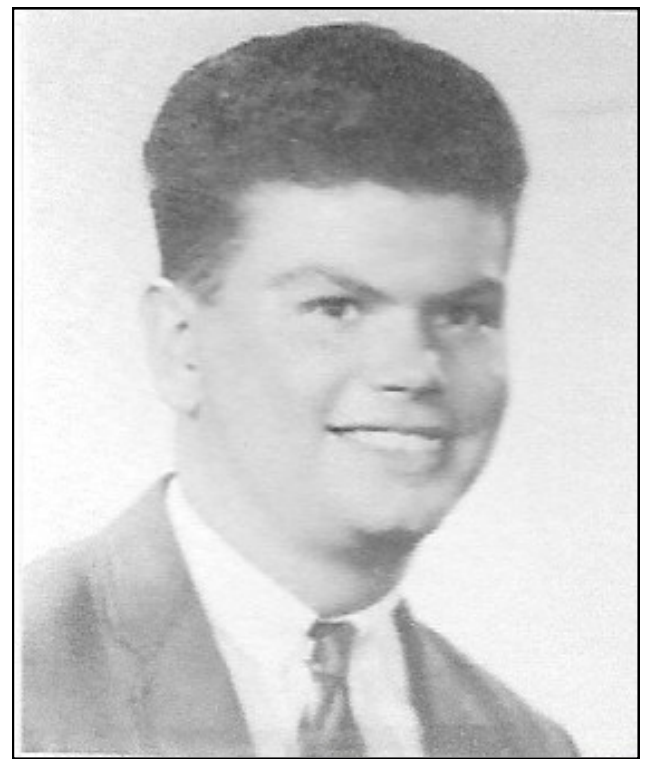
Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Reading and approval of minutes
3. Old Business
4. New Business - Election of Officers
5. Crash Review
6. Adjourn

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Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do you recognize this person?

(Hint: He is very well known, especially at 4-H fair time!)

Answer on Page A4

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COPAYS AND DEDUCTIBLES MAY APPLY

More Hoosiers Graduating from High School

The Indiana Department of Education recently released the 2023 state graduation rates, with data showing 88.98% of Indiana students in the Class of 2023 graduating, up from 86.52% in 2022.

“Earning a high school diploma is essential to unlocking a successful future,” said Gov. Holcomb. “In the years since the pandemic, educators across the state have worked hard to ensure our students -- our state's future leaders -- are more prepared than ever to emerge from high school and thrive. Through this work, Hoosier educators are helping students gain the knowledge and skills, as well as the confidence they need to determine their destiny.”

Overall, the 2023 statewide graduation increased by nearly 2.5 percentage points. A spreadsheet with statewide-, corporation- and school-level graduation data is available here. Below are some of the key areas of success from this year's graduation data:

- 2023 represents the second-highest graduation rate since Indiana began collecting data in 2012.
 - The state's highest graduation rate was in 2016 at 89.1%, which is 0.12 percentage points higher than the class of 2023.
- Statewide, graduation rates increased for:
 - Black students – from 77.52% in 2022 to 82.43% in 2023 (4.91 percentage point increase);
 - Hispanic students – from 83.86% in 2022 to 86.41% in 2023 (2.55 percentage point increase);
 - English learners – from 85.60% in 2022 to 87.72% in 2023 (2.12 percentage point increase);
 - Students in special education – from 76.39% in 2022 to 83.24% in 2023 (6.85 percentage point increase); and
 - Students receiving free and reduced price meals – from 83.74% in 2022 to 88.74% in 2023 (5 percentage point increase).

- The non-waiver graduation rate improved from 80.58% in 2022 to 84.92% in 2023, which is a 4.34 percentage point improvement. Per Indiana Code (IC 20-32-4-4.1), to qualify for a waiver, a student will have been unsuccessful in completing postsecondary-readiness competency requirements by the conclusion of his/her senior year. This includes:
 - A student who was in the process of completing a competency at one school that was not offered by the school to which the student transferred; and
 - A student who has attempted to achieve at least three separate postsecondary-readiness competencies.

continue to make improvements to ensure Indiana has a diploma that maintains rigor while also increasing seamless pathways for students as they pursue employment, enrollment or enlistment leading to service.”

Due to differences between federal and state accountability equations and standards, IDOE also released 2023 federal graduation rates. In 2023, Indiana's federal graduation rate was 87.52%.

	Federal Graduation Rate	State Graduation Rate	Honors Diploma (Academic, Technical, or IB)	Non-Waiver Rate
2023	87.52%	88.98%	31.13%	84.92%
2022	85.12%	86.61%	38.71%	80.58%
2021	85.75%	86.69%	39.6%	78.78%
2020	87.0%*	87.69%*	40.3%*	N/A**
2019	86.4%	87.29%	39.8%	76.73%

*Note: Graduation rates in 2020 reflect the State Board of Education's waiver of the Graduation Qualifying Exam requirement for the 2020 cohort, which could not be administered due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to this waiver, caution should be exercised when comparing graduation rates to rates in 2020.

**Note: Since the Graduation Qualifying Exam requirement was waived for students graduating in 2020, there is no non-waiver rate for that year.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CRAWFORDSVILLE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Crawfordsville will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, in the Common Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, to hear the request for a use variance from the schedule of uses of the City Zoning Ordinance to allow a dog grooming business in an R-1, residential zoning district.

The property location 807 Curtis Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana (Parcel No: 54-10-05-442-084.000-030)

The petition is on file and available for examination (and purchase at cost) in the Department of Planning & Building Services on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (765.364.5152); office hours are 8:00-12:00 noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m., weekdays except holidays.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to comment on the proposed request. Oral comments concerning the request will be heard. Written comments and objections to the requests may also be submitted to the Director of Planning & Building Services, City of Crawfordsville, at the address above prior to the hearing and will be considered.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to attend, hear or present evidence at the public hearing and is in need of reasonable accommodation, please contact the Crawfordsville Department of Planning & Building Services at the address or phone number above so accommodation can be made.

Department of Planning & Building Services
Megan Huckstep, Director, City of Crawfordsville.
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The property location 227 E Main Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana (Parcel No: 54-17-32-443-001.000-030)

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The property location 403 W Main Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana (Parcel No: 54-07-31-444-044.000-030)

The petition is on file and available for examination (and purchase at cost) in the Department of Planning & Building Services on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (765.364.5152); office hours are 8:00-12:00 noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m., weekdays except holidays.

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SECTION 00 02 00 – NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Kettelhut Construction, Inc. shall accept bids for the New Administration Building and Site Improvements project located in Crawfordsville, Indiana, pursuant to Indiana Code 5-32.

BID PACKAGES:

- No. 1 – General Trades
- No. 2 – Wood Framing / Wood Truss / Windows – Materials
- No. 3 – Masonry
- No. 4 – Structural Steel / Metal Fabrications
- No. 5 – Woodwork / Casework / Countertops - Materials
- No. 6 – Dampproofing
- No. 7 – Fluid-Applied Membrane Air Barriers
- No. 8 – Roofing
- No. 9 – Firestopping
- No. 10 – Joint Sealants
- No. 11 – Doors / Frames / Hardware - Materials
- No. 12 – Entrances / Storefronts / Glazing
- No. 13 – Gypsum Board / Insulation / Ceilings
- No. 14 – Tiling
- No. 15 – Resilient Base / LVT / Carpeting
- No. 16 – Painting
- No. 17 – Specialties - Materials
- No. 18 – Signage
- No. 19 – Residential Appliances – Materials
- No. 20 – Projection Screens – Materials
- No. 21 – Roller Shades
- No. 22 – Mechanical
- No. 23 – Electrical
- No. 24 – Earthwork / Site Utilities
- No. 25 – Asphalt Paving
- No. 26 – Fencing & Gates
- No. 27 – Landscaping

BID SUBMISSION

Kettelhut Construction, Inc. will receive bids for all Bid Packages included herein on Thursday, February 8, 2024 until 2:00 p.m. EDT.

All bids must be submitted via Kettelhut Construction Inc.'s secure Pipeline bidding site prior to the 2:00 deadline. Bids received after the deadline will not be accepted. Bids may be withdrawn or revised prior to the bid deadline, but no bids shall be revised or withdrawn for a period of 60 days thereafter.

All bidders shall contact Kettelhut's office (765-447-2181 or kci@kettelhut.com) a minimum of five days prior to this deadline to verify they are actively registered in their Pipeline database and have received an Invitation to Bid which are both required in order to submit a bid on this project. In order to submit a bid, the actual person submitting the bid on Pipeline must have received an e-mailed invitation sent directly to their address. Please see Sections 00 01 00 Instructions to Bidders and 00 01 10 Supplementary Instructions to Bidders of the project specifications for additional instructions and requirements for submitting bids on this project.

Bids combining multiple Packages are allowed, but will only be accepted if the bidder also includes bids for each individual Package included. All Packages included in combination bids must be clearly identified on the Pipeline Combination Bid Form and separate Bid Forms must be submitted for each individual Package and combination thereof.

See critical dates and times listed below (all Eastern Standard Time):

1. Documents Issued for Bid: Friday, January 12, 2024
2. Pre-Bid Meeting: To Be Determined
3. Bids Due: Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. EDT

The following documents are required to be completed in full and submitted with each bid proposal by the above referenced bid issue due date and time:

1. Indiana Contractors Bid for Public Work Form 96 (Attachment C)
2. Bid Package Bid Form (Form on Pipeline)
3. Drug Testing Affidavit (Attachment D)
4. Bid Bond – 5% of Bid Amount – Not required if Bid Package is less than \$200,000.00

The following documents are required to be completed in full and submitted for each bid proposal within 24 hours after bid due date and time. Deliverable via email to Greg Helms at gmh@kettelhut.com.

- 1. M/W/VBE Participation Forms
- Statement of Proposed M/W/VBE Utilization
- Waiver Application – Good Faith Effort

2. List of Subcontractors with Corresponding Scope of Work (Section 00 43 00)
3. List of Material Suppliers (Section 00 43 00)

All Bid Packages over \$100,000.00 will be required to include an add alternate for Performance and Payments Bonds for 100% of their base bid, including alternates. Performance and Payment Bonds may be required for select Bid Packages based on Owner and Kettelhut Construction, Inc.'s discretion.

The project has established goals for Minority Business Enterprises, Woman Business Enterprises, and Veteran Business Enterprises. Each bidding contractor shall reference Section 00 01 10 – Supplementary Instructions to Bidders.

PREQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

1. All bidders will be required to complete the Kettelhut Construction Prequalification Form prior to submitting a bid proposal. Please verify prequalification status by contacting Kettelhut Construction, Inc. kci@kettelhut.com
2. Kettelhut Construction, Inc. reserves the right to receive and review financial statements during the bidding process and throughout the duration of the Project

ACCESS TO BIDDING DOCUMENTS

1. Access to Bidding Documents will be provided by Kettelhut Construction through their Pipeline website. Invited bidders will be able to access, view, download and print Bidding Documents free of charge.
2. Bidders must contact Kettelhut Construction in order to access the Bidding Documents through the Pipeline website.
3. Contact Ms. Jennifer Suite at jas@kettelhut.com with inquiries regarding use of the Pipeline website.
4. One set of Bidding Documents consists of one set of specifications and one complete set of drawings; and shall be made available via electronic media as noted above. Hard copies are to be printed at the bidder's expense.

The Construction Manager reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or to waive any irregularities and informalities in the bid responses.
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54D01-2308-MF-000791 wherein U.S. Bank National Association was Plaintiff, and Tamara Bouissey, was Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 14th day of February, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 600 Memorial Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana.

The South 47 1/2 feet of Lot Numbered 10 as the same is known and designated on the recorded Plat of Peter H. Patterson's Addition to the Town of Pleasant Hill, now Wingate, as the same appears of record in Deed Record 7, Page 122, in the Office of the Recorder of Montgomery County, Indiana. Also, the vacated street pursuant to Ordinance No. 2005-1, 2005 dated May 3, 2005 and recorded May 12, 2005 as Instrument Number 200503023.

More commonly known as: 208 S Main Cross St, Wingate, IN 47994
Parcel No. : 54-04-22-111-013.000-012

Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.

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By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54D02-2206-MF-000449, wherein Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper was Plaintiff, and Michael Reinken, et al., were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 14th day of February, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, 600 Memorial Dr., Crawfordsville, IN 47933, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana:

LOTS 42 & 43, AS THE SAME ARE KNOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE RECORDED PLAT OF SHERWOOD FOREST, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA, AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD IN DEED RECORD 182 PAGE 413 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA

More Commonly known as: 2946 W Shore Dr, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
Parcel No. 11-35-222-060.000-025

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.

“Subject to all lines, encumbrances and easement of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause 54D02-2206-MF-000449 in the Superior Court of Montgomery County, Indiana.”

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Local Groups Getting Almost \$1 Million to Support Child Care

Crawfordsville Schools and the Community Foundation are the recipients of almost \$1 million in grants from the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning. Crawfordsville Community Schools are getting \$200,000 and the Montgomery County Community Foundation is getting \$698,576. The grants are part of a total of \$18.1 million in employer-sponsored child care grants to 64 businesses, community groups and school corporations. The initiative, part of Gov. Eric Holcomb's 2023 Next Level Agenda, is mobilizing employers and communities to create or expand child care offerings that address the needs of working Hoosiers. "We wanted those who know first-hand the critical needs of their employees, and those who are best positioned to partner in their communities, to create child care solutions for their workforce, and they delivered," Gov. Holcomb said. "This effort harnesses the combined efforts of businesses, community groups, and schools that want to support working Hoosiers' careers and our youngest learners across the state." Thirty-three employers plan to provide on-site child care to their employees, and 13 will offer child care tuition benefits to their workers. The remaining awardees plan to support child care for their employees in a variety of other ways, such as reserving seats at partner child care

centers. This round of awardees will receive 72% of available funding from the \$25 million fund. Round two awardees – which will be announced in early 2024 – will receive the remaining funds. Thirty large employers with 1,000 or more employees will receive up to \$750,000 each. Twenty-five mid-sized employers with between 100 and 999 employees will receive up to \$350,000. And nine small employers with between 20 and 99 employees will receive up to \$50,000. "I look forward to seeing all the inventive approaches to child care come to life in communities across the state, and partnering with more businesses, community groups and schools on this important, collaborative effort to support children, their families and the state's economy," said Courtney Penn, OECOSL director. "Birth to age 5 are the most critical in a person's life, and now more of our next generation will receive early education that is crucial to their brain and social development." The program, a partnership with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, uses a portion of the state's remaining federal relief funds from the COVID-19 pandemic and is part of the state's broader efforts to strengthen the early care and education sector, providing support for today's workforce and investing in tomorrow's. The program is also supported by the Indiana Manufacturers Association.

Witham Press Release

Witham Health Services, with offices in Crawfordsville, Frankfort, Jamestown, Thorntown, Whiteston, Zionsville and of course Lebanon, is offering the following Community Education and Support Group class information for this month.

- Tai Chi for Health – Will be held weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center. Please call the Wellness Department at 765-485-8126 for more information. Cost is \$5.00 per Class.
- Fight Smart – Designed to reduce the risk of any chronic disease you may be facing. Held weekly on Tuesdays and Thursday's at 10:00 a.m. at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center. Class is Free through the Community Foundation Grant.
- Restorative Yoga – is held weekly on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center. Please call the Wellness Department at 765-485-8126 for more information on scheduling and pricing.
- Flow Yoga – held weekly on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center. Please call the Wellness Department at 765-485-8126 for more information on scheduling and pricing.
- Breastfeeding Support Group – is held weekly on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the VIP Dining Room.
- Individualized Breastfeeding Support is available with a Lactation Consultant. To schedule an appointment and for pricing, call 765-485-8411.
- Alzheimer's Support Group – Tuesday, January 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the VIP Dining Room.
- Cancer Support Cooking for Wellness – Tuesday, January 16th at 1:00 p.m. in the South Pavilion Wellness Center.
- Cancer Support Group – Monday, January 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the North Pavilion Conference Rooms. Parking is Parking Lot and exterior door is marked 39.
- Grief Support Group – Tuesday, January 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the VIP Dining Room.
- Diabetes Self-Management Class – Call the Diabetes Education Department at 765-485-8120 for individualized class, scheduling and pricing.
- Rock Steady Boxing 1 & 2 - held weekly at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center. Please call the Wellness Department at 765-485-8126 for more information on scheduling and pricing.
- Rock Steady Boxing 3 & 4 - held weekly at 9:45 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center. Please call the Wellness Department at 765-485-8126 for more information on scheduling and pricing.
- Silver Sneakers – held weekly at 11:15 a.m. on Mondays for those 65 or older at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center. Please call the Wellness Department at 765-485-8126 for more information on scheduling and pricing.
- Silver Sneakers Cardio - held weekly at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesdays for those 65 or older at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center. Please call the Wellness Department at 765-485-8126 for more information on scheduling and pricing.
- Silver Sneakers Chair Yoga - held weekly at 11:15 a.m. on Thursdays for those 65 or older at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center. Please call the Wellness Department at 765-485-8126 for more information on scheduling and pricing.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

Answer: Mike Parks

(auctioneer, pastor, and all-around nice guy, who graduated from CHS in 1966)

Hoosier Businesses Face New Reporting Requirements

Secretary of State Diego Morales wants Hoosier business owners to be aware of new federal reporting requirements going into effect over the next two years. Starting in January, new businesses registered in Indiana must report beneficial ownership information to the Federal government within 90 days of formation. Businesses registered in Indiana prior to January 2024 will be required to report beneficial ownership to the Federal Government starting in 2025. The Indiana Secretary of State's Office has deployed a webpage with resources to guide businesses on how to comply with new requirements under the Federal Corporate Transparency Act ("CTA"). Enacted by Congress in 2021 as part of the National Defense Authorization Act, the CTA includes reforms to anti-money laundering laws and is intended to help prevent and combat money laundering, terrorist financing,

corruption, and tax fraud. The CTA establishes a beneficial ownership reporting requirement for corporations, limited liability companies, and other similar entities formed or registered to do business in the United States. Beneficial ownership reports must be filed with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), a bureau within the U.S. Department of Treasury. FinCEN has a comprehensive website, tools, and a call center to help businesses determine their filing requirements. Businesses registered in Indiana are advised to check with a corporation service company, accountant, CPA, or Attorney for individual guidance on the reporting requirements. The implementation date and deadlines are currently being discussed by federal lawmakers. The Indiana Secretary of State's office will keep Hoosier businesses informed with updates.

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In 1956, the game show The Price is Right appeared and was an instant success. Other popular game shows were Truth or Consequences, Password, The \$64,000 Question, and What's My Line. During the next three years, more westerns appeared on the screen...including Wagon Train, Have Gun Will Travel, Maverick, The Rifleman, Rawhide, and the most popular--Bonanza, but there were also many more. Ward, June, Wally, and Beaver also showed up in 1957 in Leave It to Beaver, and in 1958 The Donna Reed Show was a big hit, too. To add a little drama to TV, shows such as 77 Sunset Strip, The Twilight Zone, Alfred Hitchcock Presents, and The Untouchables became part of the evening entertainment. Some of the other new TV shows in the early 1960s included Dennis the Menace, My Three Sons (with Fred MacMurry), The Dick VanDyke Show, Mister Ed, Car 54 Where Are You?, Petticoat Junction, The Beverly Hillbillies, and one of the all-time great shows--The Andy Griffith Show (with Andy, Barney, Ellen, Thelma Lou, Aunt Bea, Opie, Howard, and the rest of the gang). In the mid-1960s, we also watched Gilligan's Island, The Munsters, The Addams Family, I Dream of Jeannie, and Gomer Pyle...GOLLLLLY! And in

Rockville Looking for Matching Grant

Rockville will soon beautify its downtown if this crowdfunding campaign reaches its goal of raising \$12,500 by Feb. 28, 2024. If successful, the project led by the Town of Rockville will receive a matching grant as part of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority's (IHCDA) CreatINg Places program. "These proposed enhancements will add beauty and a sense of place to Rockville's charming downtown area, just in time for the bicentennial celebration," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Affairs. "Downtown is a point of pride in this community, and we are thrilled to see continued investment in the future of Rockville." Funds from this campaign will be used to beautify downtown Rockville with new landscaping, flag poles and banners that will complete the transformation of Jefferson Street. "The Town Council is

1967, the Carol Burnett Show became one of TV's biggest hits. I just loved Carol, Harvey Korman, Vicki Lawrence, and Tim Conway! The news programs in those days reported honest-to-goodness news...not the biased and slanted news we are fed today. You could trust John Cameron Swayze and Walter Cronkite. The first Indiana channel was WFBM (now named WRTV-6). The Indiana news celebrities who I remember most in the old days include Howard Caldwell (news anchor), Tom Carnegie (sports), and Bill Crawford (weather). Of course many kids remember Curley Myers, Harlow Hickenlooper, and Cowboy Bob, just to name a few. Three of the most popular cartoon shows were The Flintstones, The Jetsons, and The Woody Woodpecker Show. Television has come a long way since those early days. Technically we are far better off, but to what avail? Almost all of those early TV programs could be enjoyed by the entire family. No vulgar or crude humor. No cursing. No perverted sex. No wokeness. There was some violence in the westerns and the dramas, but nothing like today. With our big bowl of buttered popcorn and our bottle of Coca-Cola, we ENJOYED watching TV...Yes, it WAS better in the good ol' days!

excited to see the transformation of the former Jacks & Jacks lot and we hope to raise enough money for the matching grant through CreatINg Places," said Dave Brown, Rockville Town Council President. "We are excited to see businesses, organizations and residents invest in our town." Since the CreatINg Places program began in 2016, projects have raised more than \$9.8 million in public funds and an additional \$8.1 million in matching IHCDA funds. The program is available to projects located in Indiana communities. Non-profit entities (with 501c3 or 501c4 status) and local units of government are eligible to apply. Eligible projects must have a minimum total development cost of \$10,000, where the recipient will receive \$5,000 in IHCDA matching funds should it successfully raise \$5,000 through Patronicity. IHCDA will provide matching grant funds up to \$50,000 per project.

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socialization and emotional intelligence, we can be susceptible to "the candidate that most effectively targets these aspects of our natures," Greenburg notes. Numerous studies point to at least 11 cognitive biases to be aware of, starting with two top-Cs" -- confirmation bias and concision bias. Confirmation bias' roots go back to ancient Greece, described by historian Thucydides, in The History of the Peloponnesian War as "a habit of mankind to entrust to careless hope what they long for and to use sovereign reason to thrust aside what they do not want." In 1960, psychologist Peter Wason documented and named it confirmation bias, as we now know it. We demonstrate cognitive bias when we favor or seek out information that affirms our pre-existing beliefs. It causes us to downplay the weight and amount of evidence to the contrary of our value, or we reject, forget or ignore that evidence. Its influence has been confirmed in numerous studies, including a 1970 Stanford study about capital punishment where researchers gave numerous students with opposing views studies riddled with false data -- one said capital punishment deters crime, the other said it has no noticeable effect on deterrence -- and researchers found that participants were skeptical of data that differed from their pre-existing opinions. A more recent study documents the effect of the algorithms used to deliver content on the internet. Since humans wrote the algorithms that serve internet users more of the content we prefer rather than fairly balancing what we see, we tend to fall into "filter bubbles" where we're shielded from information that challenges our beliefs and fed information that confirms our existing opinions (The Decision Lab). SIDEBAR: From 1949 to 2011, the FCC required broadcasters to both "devote some of their programming to controversial issues of public importance and allow the airing of opposing views on those issues" meaning that programs covering politics had to include opposing opinions on any topic discussed and to determine the spectrum of views, including speakers who best represented those views. "Additionally, the rule mandated that broadcasters alert anyone subject to a personal attack in their programming and give them a

chance to respond, and required any broadcasters who endorse political candidates to invite other candidates to respond," reported Dylan Matthews of the Washington Post shortly after the doctrine was eliminated. A number of experts attribute the elimination of the Fairness Doctrine to polarization in U.S. politics. Concision bias "occurs when the focus is placed mainly on surface-level knowledge or only one small aspect of an issue. The rest of the conversation and nuance is lost because of the attention given to those minor aspects," writes Shiksha Sharma for Callhub.io. In short, we get only talking points or soundbites without thoughtful pushback. Not unlike this are other observed and documented biases, which often interact. The World Economic Forum and the Visual Capitalist educate voters about eight more interacting biases that affect our voting -- authority bias, the Dunning-Kruger effect, availability cascade, halo effect, declinism, framing effect, groupthink and false consensus. With authority bias, we trust or are influenced by authority figures, regardless of whether they are experts in a topic or issue beyond their specialization. For instance, when a doctor who specializes in cardiothoracic medicine provides medical advice on epidemiology. Though medical experts may share skills in reading medical journals or studies, they lack the specialized knowledge to observe gaps in reporting. They may be as susceptible as any of us to the over-confidence that is the Dunning-Kruger effect. This rational error makes us think we understand the nuances and depths of complex topics because we have limited knowledge about the topic. 1997's Wag the Dog starring Robert DeNiro and Dustin Hoffman illustrates availability cascade. In the movie, political operatives scheme to distract voters from a candidate's sex scandal by fabricating a war. It echoes legends about William Randolph Hurst's yellow journalists instigating the Spanish-American War, but operatives in Wag the Dog use the constant hint at a non-existent bomber. What starts as "there is no such thing as the B-3 bomber" becomes "what about the B-3 bomber?" The idea of the bomber accumulates credibility as it

spreads, which is the availability cascade in action. Then there's the halo effect where what we think of a person makes us more or less inclined to believe them. When Hollywood writers went on strike in 2007-2008, producers turned to reality TV. Shortly afterward, The Apprentice became a massive money-maker for Donald Trump, who was on the financial brink. The faltering businessman, previously the model for Back to the Future II's Biff Tannen, the short-tempered, vindictive mogul who destroyed the marriage of Marty McFly's parents and turned McFly's mother into a plastic surgery trophy wife miserable in her marriage. Back to the Future was originally a nostalgia movie in a period when declinism was becoming a common appeal in rhetoric. Declinism conjures an ideal past, the way we wish we were. Back to the Future dared to jump back into the world of "Ozzie and Harriet" and "Leave It To Beaver" and show the flaws, foreshadowing our own imperfect present with Marty McFly's baby uncle in his barred playpen foreshadowing his future imprisonment. Declinism taps into negativity bias, where the power of the negative energizes the populace more than the positive. Fear, violence, disgust and negativity are known to have far more immediate power over our "lizard brains," triggering immediate reactions. The fear of decline, the specter of violence, the disgust and discomfort that trigger negativity are easily tapped according to Callhub.io, an organization that helps political candidates leverage human psychology to win campaigns. "Here's how you can leverage negativity bias," Callhub.io's blog educates. "Find loopholes and flaws in your opponent's stance on issues. Run attack advertisements. Draw comparisons between their failures and your achievements in particular areas. For example, if they failed to be more empathetic to a situation you empathize with." Callhub.io also advises candidates that "people who are easily disgusted are more likely to describe themselves as politically conservative." Their research reports that "people who rate high on disgust sensitivity were more likely to oppose LGBTQ+ folks. People lower on the disgust sensitivity scale were likelier to be more tolerant of differences." They

provide guidance on how to leverage disgust sensitivity: "Understand where your voter base falls on the disgust sensitivity scale average. Use this information to strategize campaigns that either trigger their disgust sensitivity in your favor or against your opponent. Use disgust sensitivity to sway swing voters. Test out campaigns aimed at swing voters in your constituency and understand how they respond to your messaging." In short, they are teaching how to exploit the framing effect -- the bias where we draw conclusions based on how an idea is presented -- or groupthink, which is how like-minded thinkers conform to a way of thinking about the issue or others. Our struggle as human beings is to be aware that our rational minds fail to balance our social nature, our emotions and our instincts. In such circumstances, we can be open to the notion that we could be unduly influenced by what messages dominate our attention, which messages we are not seeing and how political operatives leverage their messages. We can approach voting with the gravity that our most democratic, patriotic act -- voting -- requires. We can both educate ourselves with opposing viewpoints and be aware of when we are being manipulated.

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Clint Jones Joins Park and Recreation

The City of Crawfordsville named Clint Jones as the new Director of Sports and Fitness for the Parks and Recreation Department. Jones, a Scottsburg, Indiana native previously worked for the University of Louisville's football program as a Student Equipment Manager as well as a Pricing and Signage Coordinator for Dick's Sporting Goods. "I am looking forward to creating more fun activities and programs for the City of Crawfordsville," said

Jones. "I believe sports and recreation are great ways to create relationships and live life to the fullest, so I am excited to spread my love for sports with everyone." He attended the University of Louisville and graduated May of 2023 with a degree in Sports Administration. As the Director of Sports and Fitness, Jones will be responsible for organizing, managing and directing various recreational, athletic, fitness programs and special events for the Parks and Recreation Department.





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