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TODAY'S VERSE

2 Corinthians 5:6,7 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: For we walk by faith, not by sight

Meet Socks



Socks is a gorgeous 10 month old female black domestic shorthair cat available for adoption at The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL) since 7/24/23

Montgomery Minute

Want to learn more about Mexican history through your taste buds? Then just a few days before Cinco de Mayo the Crawfordsville Library is the place to be.

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Butch Learns About Birds and Bees



BUTCH DALE Columnist

OK, you "baby boomers," think back to the good old days when your folks sat you down and explained the "facts of life"...



education classes, and likely no mention of that topic in any health classes. In freshman biology class, there was a short chapter on human reproduction...

gender roles. The term "sexual intercourse" was never even mentioned. The coach usually showed the boys an old military film about venereal diseases...

Ho-hum... By that time, we knew all there was to know about sex. Well, we thought we did. We had learned the old-fashioned way.

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Making Fuel From Methane



The League of Women Voters, open to men as well as women, is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government.

On April 22 the world observed Earth Day, and plenty of organizations celebrate with tree planting or education on other sustainable methods. Why

not throw our League of Women Voters hat in the ring, starting with a humorous hook? Some folks may remember that childhood shenanigan of attempting to light their flatulence on fire.

Those small amounts of this powerful greenhouse gas in our flatulence come from the organic compounds in our food.

Why so much? First, consumers demand meat, often every day at every meal. Why does it matter? "Because of its chemical composition, methane has a much higher global-warming potential than carbon dioxide does..."

When organic materials end up in a landfill, they begin to break down anaerobically, that is, without nature's recyclers, bacteria and microbes...

See LWV on Page A3

Comprehensive Plan Hearing Today

After almost a year of public meetings and input, the update to the County's Comprehensive Plan (Plan) will have a public hearing at the County Plan Commission meeting this afternoon at 4 pm.

The Comprehensive Plan

acts as the guiding document for decisions related to growth and development. The plan states: "Montgomery County aims to position itself as a thriving resilient community with a focus on economic prosperity, residential growth and

quality of life."

The Plan identifies five focus areas for the plan. They include business retention/expansion, business attraction, talent attraction/development,

See PLAN Page A3

Preservative Seal of Roads Target of Grant Money

Montgomery County has been awarded \$1,294,465.44 in funding from the State of Indiana Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund Program. The award will allow the County to apply a preservative seal to Nucor Road and some

neighborhood roads in 2024. The preservative seal will extend the life of each road by creating a seal that will prevent moisture from penetrating the top layer of existing asphalt which can cause potholes.

existing layer of asphalt.

The Community Crossings Matching Grant Program requires Montgomery County to pay for 25 percent of the cost of sealing the roads. Revenue

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

It's important for women to know if there is breast cancer on their father's side of the family as well as their mother's.

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



TODAY'S QUOTE

"Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad."

Brian O'Driscoll

THREE THINGS You Should Know

1 Attorney General Todd Rokita is leading a multistate inquiry into whether a Chinese-owned financial company - Webull Financial LLC - may have exposed clients' personal information to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

2 Every year more than 12,000 volunteers across the state contribute countless hours on Indiana Department of Natural Resources properties. During National Volunteer Week, April 21-27, the DNR will thank and recognize those volunteers for caring for Indiana's natural and cultural resources...

3 Educators interested in taking K-12 students on field trips to an Indiana State Park in the 2024-2025 school year can receive financial help through the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation.

TODAY'S JOKE

There is no truth to the rumor that NASA is going to rename black holes - those giant black spots that suck everything into them - the IRS phenomenon



Tim is off this week.

His popular Two Cents column will be back soon.

TIM TIMMONS Two Cents



The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank ANDREW BLACKETER for subscribing!





## OBITUARY

### Richard "Dick" Lee Hunt

March 23, 1938 - April 14, 2024

Richard "Dick" Lee Hunt, age 81, of rural Veedersburg, passed away on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at Wellbrooke of Crawfordsville. He was born on July 7, 1942 in McCordsville, Indiana to the late Edrie Dewitt and Sarah Catherine (Hook) Hunt.



Richard spent his life working as an Arborist for his brother's company Hunt's Tree Service. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and outdoorsman. Richard was a member of the American Legion Post 85 and VFW.

Richard will be deeply missed by his children, Michael (Cathy) Hunt, Joe Hunt, Darin (Michelle) Hunt, Sarah Hall, and Jason (Amber) West; siblings, Holman "Butch" Ronald Hunt and Leta Leigh Wallace; grandchildren, Melissa, Amy, Carrie, Kayla, Levi, Seth, Ashley, Alonna, Nicole, James, Daniel, Gavin, Garrett, Gabriel, Holly and Shauna; 27 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Trula Robbins; grandson, Dalton Hunt; and siblings, Curtis William Hunt, Otto Fairfax Hunt, James Finis Hunt, Robert Irvan Hunt, Hardy Herbert Hunt, George Dee Hunt, Hoosier Edison Hunt, Edrie "Jr" Dewitt Hunt, Betty Margaret Black, and Mary Catherine Duncan.

Cremation was chosen with a service at a later date. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at [www.SandersFuneralCare.com](http://www.SandersFuneralCare.com).

## Update from Rep. Genda



**MARK GENDA**  
Guest Columnist

Local communities can roll forward with road and bridge projects thanks to a recent boost in state funding.

Made available through the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program, funding can go toward road and bridge preservation, road reconstruction, intersection improvements and other items.

Area grant recipients include:

- Boone County, \$556,005;
- Clinton County, \$934,396;
- Colfax, \$88,486;
- Frankfort, \$318,441;
- Lafayette, \$1.5 million;
- Lebanon, \$639,653; and
- Montgomery

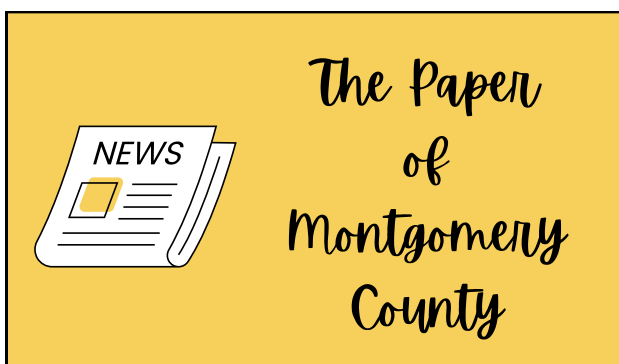
County, more than \$1.2 million.

A total of 252 towns, cities and counties will receive more than \$207 million in state matching grants through this round of funding. Since 2016, Community Crossings has awarded nearly \$1.6 billion to improve local roads and bridges.

To qualify, smaller municipalities must provide a 25 percent match to the grant, while larger communities match 50 percent.

State law requires that half of the available matching grants be annually awarded to communities with a population of 50,000 or less.

Rep. Mark Genda represents House District 41 which includes portions of Montgomery, Clinton, Boone and Tippecanoe counties.



## SPOOKY: Kiwanis Hear Ghost Stories

Last week, members of the Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club were treated to an enthralling presentation by Christopher and Christina Hunt, authors of the book 'Ghosts and Legends of Crawfordsville Indiana'. The dynamic duo, also known as the co-founders of the Crawfordsville Paranormal Society, delved into the mysterious and chilling tales that have woven themselves into the fabric of Montgomery County.

The centerpiece of the meeting was the intriguing narrative surrounding the "Crawfordsville Monster," a story that has sparked both skepticism and fascination among locals. Whether one believes in the original account or the subsequent research findings, there's no denying the allure of such a legendary tale within our community.

The Hunts, renowned for their dedication to uncovering the truth behind urban legends, didn't stop there. They regaled the audience with stories about the cursed chair of Oak Hill Cemetery, the eerie Spooky Hollow, and the paranormal activities whispered to haunt the old Culver Hospital. As they shared their life's work and passion for exploring the unknown, the room was filled with a palpable sense of curiosity and wonder.

Members of the Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club were visibly engrossed in the presentation, reflecting the deep connection many residents feel to these local legends. Despite the mysterious and sometimes spine-chilling nature of the tales, the meeting was enjoyed by all in attendance, fostering a sense of camaraderie and shared intrigue.

Looking ahead, the Crawfordsville Kiwanis



Photo courtesy Crawfordsville Kiwanis

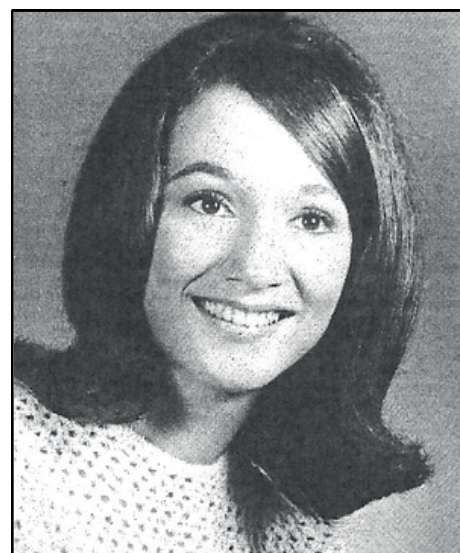
### Pictured are Authors Christina and Christopher Hunt

Club is excited to announce its upcoming speaker, Matt Williams, the Director of Conservation Programs with The Nature Conservancy. His presentation is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 11:30 am, taking place at the Crawfordsville District Public Library. Members and the public

alike are invited to come and enjoy another engaging discussion that promises to enlighten and inspire.

For more information about the Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club and its upcoming events, please visit [crawfordsvillekiwanis.club](http://crawfordsvillekiwanis.club).

## Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This Person?

Hint: She was a cheerleader at Darlington and graduated in 1967.

Answer on Page A3

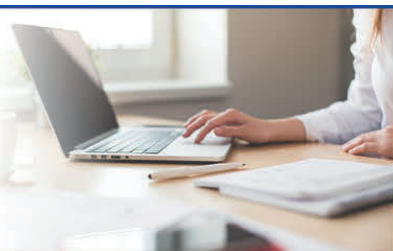
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youngster, when our parents welcomed a newborn . . . "Mom, where did the baby come from?" Of course the answer was, "Well, the stork brought him." I had seen many different birds on our farm, but I had never seen any storks, so I assumed that it must have flown in at night and dropped off my new brother and sister under cover of darkness.

When I was a tad older and realized that the stork story didn't quite add up, I asked Dad, "How do you get babies?" He hesitated, took a drag from his cigarette, and matter-of-factly stated, "Just go watch the cows and the pigs for a while. You'll figure it out." Ah yes, another advantage of growing up on a farm. Mom was no help either, "I'm busy fixing supper . . . just read that section in the World Book encyclopedia." Needing a bit more information, it was necessary to ask older boys, who gladly told of the gory details and bragged about their sexual knowledge . . . or should I say, their imagined knowledge, as most of them knew about as much as me, which was very little.

However, as grade school students, we were more interested in sports anyway. Who wants to hold some girl's sweaty hand? They might have cooties.

For most of us, this all changed in junior high school. Some of the girls were starting to "develop." As teenagers, the boys decided that the best way to learn about sex was to read about it from the one true authority on the subject . . . No, not Alfred Kinsey, instead the ultimate expert . . . Hugh Hefner. Fortunately some of our fathers had quite a stash of Playboy magazines. Surely they wouldn't miss two or three, which ended up in a secret hiding place in our bedrooms. Interesting articles for sure, and within a few months, it was time to remove the photos of our major league baseball heroes from the wall above our beds . . . and replace them with Playboy centerfolds. Much more enlightening waking up in the morning and seeing the Playmate of the Month, instead of Mickey Mantle and Hank Aaron.

Of course, since we were regular attendees at

Sunday school and church, it had been drilled into our adolescent brains that sex before marriage would ultimately pave our path to Purgatory. The minister and our Sunday school teachers surely would not lie about something like that. Yes, we felt somewhat guilty thinking about sex, but usually only during the services.

However, in those days if a girl became pregnant, she had to drop out of school, and her boyfriend was disqualified from playing sports. There was no way we wanted to jeopardize our sports careers. We heard, "Girls will just get you in trouble" many times at the filling station, restaurant, poolroom, elevator and other hangouts of the old-timers. You could tell they spoke from experience, but you had to wonder . . . if a woman was nothing but a headache and such a problem, why did they marry one? After all was said and done, with the photos of the centerfolds floating around in our brains, we disregarded their advice, succumbed to temptation, and took our chances. We even took

dance lessons so we could hold some cute girl's hand, place our arm around her, and sway back and forth in a love coma to "Moon River."

"I'm sorry, Reverend . . . I couldn't resist."

To sum it up, we baby boomers received the facts of life through a hodgepodge of information, misinformation, rumors, lectures, threats, admonishments, lies . . . or just plain stone silence during our growing-up years from a wide variety of sources. Most of us had to figure out all of the details AFTER we were married . . . on the job training, so to speak. There have been documented cases of a newlyweds who still thought that storks brought babies! Honest to God. If only they had taken a few minutes when they were younger to watch the farm animals!

*John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 35 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.*

**Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia**

**Answer:  
Mary Jo (Cox)  
Harrison**

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But creative problem solvers squeezed some good out of trash back in the early 2000s. Of the 2,600 landfills that the EPA tracks, nearly 500 have dedicated their landfill to generate renewable energy. Another 500 could become energy producers, according to the EPA. Here in the Wabash Valley, Waste Management of Indiana LLC, the Wabash Valley Power Association and Hendricks Power Cooperative have been producing electricity from landfill gases since the 2010s. By 2012, four gas-to-energy plants generated enough energy to power 14,000 homes near the Twin Bridges Recycling and Disposal Facility in Danville, Ind. Overall Wabash Valley Power operated 14 such landfill gas-to-energy facilities. By 2022, the exclusive partnership between Wabash Valley Power and Waste Management of Indiana had produced 15 such facilities with 55.2 megawatts of generation capacity.

Because WVP is committed to renewable energy, it produces 199 megawatts of power via solar and another 219 via wind energy.

How many homes can that power? Rice University Associate Professor of Environmental Energy Daniel Cohen says it depends. Whereas the Electric Reliability Council of Texas conservatively estimates that 1 megawatt can power 200 homes at peak demand, he estimates it could be as high as 670 homes. That's a wide

margin for a region like the Wabash Valley; it could be as low as 44,000 to as much as almost 147,000 homes. But one landfill-to-gas plant, in combination with solar and wind could easily cover the demand of Montgomery County, all without creating emissions.

If you've read this far, you might be a science nerd wondering how landfill methane turns into electricity. The three-stage process begins with pipes into the landfill that remove moisture from the gas rising through the process of capture, filter and blowing out the moisture. Second, the gas needs treated – there are still chemicals and further moisture – so it's cooled and compressed to remove impurities including siloxane / sulfur (like the stuff that makes your human gas smelly) and others. After the secondary treatment, landfill gases can be used to generate electricity or as a medium-BTU fuel for arts and crafts, as the EPA reports. A third stage of advanced treatment removes additional impurities (CO2, N2, O2, and VOCs) and compresses the landfill gases into a high BTU gas that can be used for vehicles or a gas pipeline to be converted into electricity.

The promise of landfill-to-gas technology in Montgomery County could build the renewable energy portfolio in Crawfordsville, contributing to cleaner air and water, both of

which locals can champion. We've made huge strides with cleaning up local drainage ditches (like the Shelley ditch). Friends of Sugar Creek put in great effort to clean up trash left by people canoeing, kayaking and tubing. We are producing a substantial bulk of our municipal energy from solar.

In other promising news, simple composting, including burying food waste and creating a compost bin can aerobically recycle food and organic waste. Properly composting other organic materials, like compostable "plastic" or fiber compostable food service products, paper, newspaper, can reduce methane.

What's the why for all this methane concern? There's nuance to consider. A third of all methane is naturally produced, two-thirds is created by human demand for food products and fuel – think meat production, rice paddies, fuel production and burning biomass like forest fires, wood-burning and burning other organic materials. Atmospheric methane is up 162 percent since the 1860 kick-off to the Industrial Period. "Since it traps more heat within the earth's atmosphere, it's advisable to mitigate human influence in its production. The upside – that might not be the best word – is that "methane lingers in the atmosphere for much less time than carbon dioxide does – only about 10-20 years," as

Harvard's School of Engineering reports .

"What that means is that methane is responsible more for near-term climate change, but it also means that acting on methane can give us a short-term climate response," says Daniel Jacob, the Vasco McCoy Family Professor of Atmospheric Chemistry and Environmental Engineering at the Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. "So, if we are trying to address climate change over the next decade or two, methane is a very powerful lever."

*The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the League, visit the website [www.lwvmontcoin.org](http://www.lwvmontcoin.org); or, visit the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Indiana Facebook page.*



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community marketing/messaging, and community development/economic growth.

The Plan embraces smart growth principles to ensure sustainable development, focusing on efficient land use, development around existing infrastructure, transportation connectivity and technological integration.

The Plan also recognizes the importance of preserving the County's agricultural heritage and natural landscapes. A unique aspect of the update is the integration of health and wellness in to the plan which reflects a proactive and community-centric

approach to building a healthier and more resilient future.

Fifty-six community representatives of small business, industry, education, agriculture & land owners, and real estate participated in focus group meetings to provide input in to the update of the Comprehensive Plan. A community input session was also held at the County Government Center.

The Comprehensive Plan is available for review at the Commissioners Office, 1580 Constitution Row in Crawfordsville, the Crawfordsville Public Library and [www.montgomerycounty.in.gov](http://www.montgomerycounty.in.gov).

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from the wheel tax and the gas tax will be used to pay the County's match which is estimated to be \$431,000.

The County was also awarded funding from this program in the fall of 2023 to pave seven miles of roads this spring.

"This is a big deal for our county," said Commissioner President John Frey, "Nucor Road is an important road for our businesses and residents.

I am glad that we can also seal more roads in our neighborhoods through this grant." "Using our local revenue from the wheel tax and gas tax has allowed us to fund our match. Preserving more roads through this program will help our residents and businesses", said County Commissioner Dan Guard.

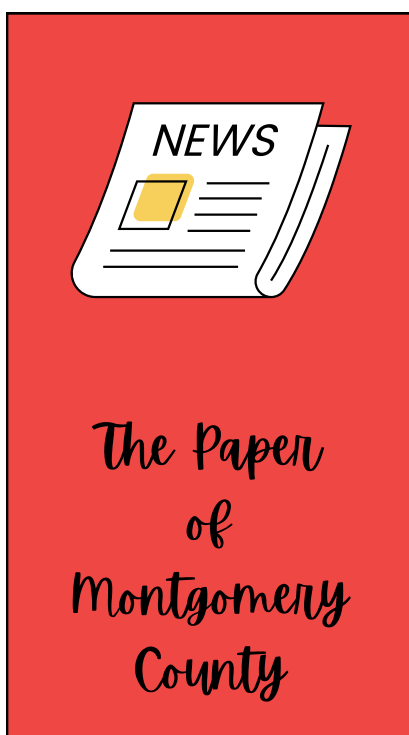
"We continue to work on improving and maintaining our infrastructure and this grant will help make that happen", said County

Commissioner Jim Fulwider.

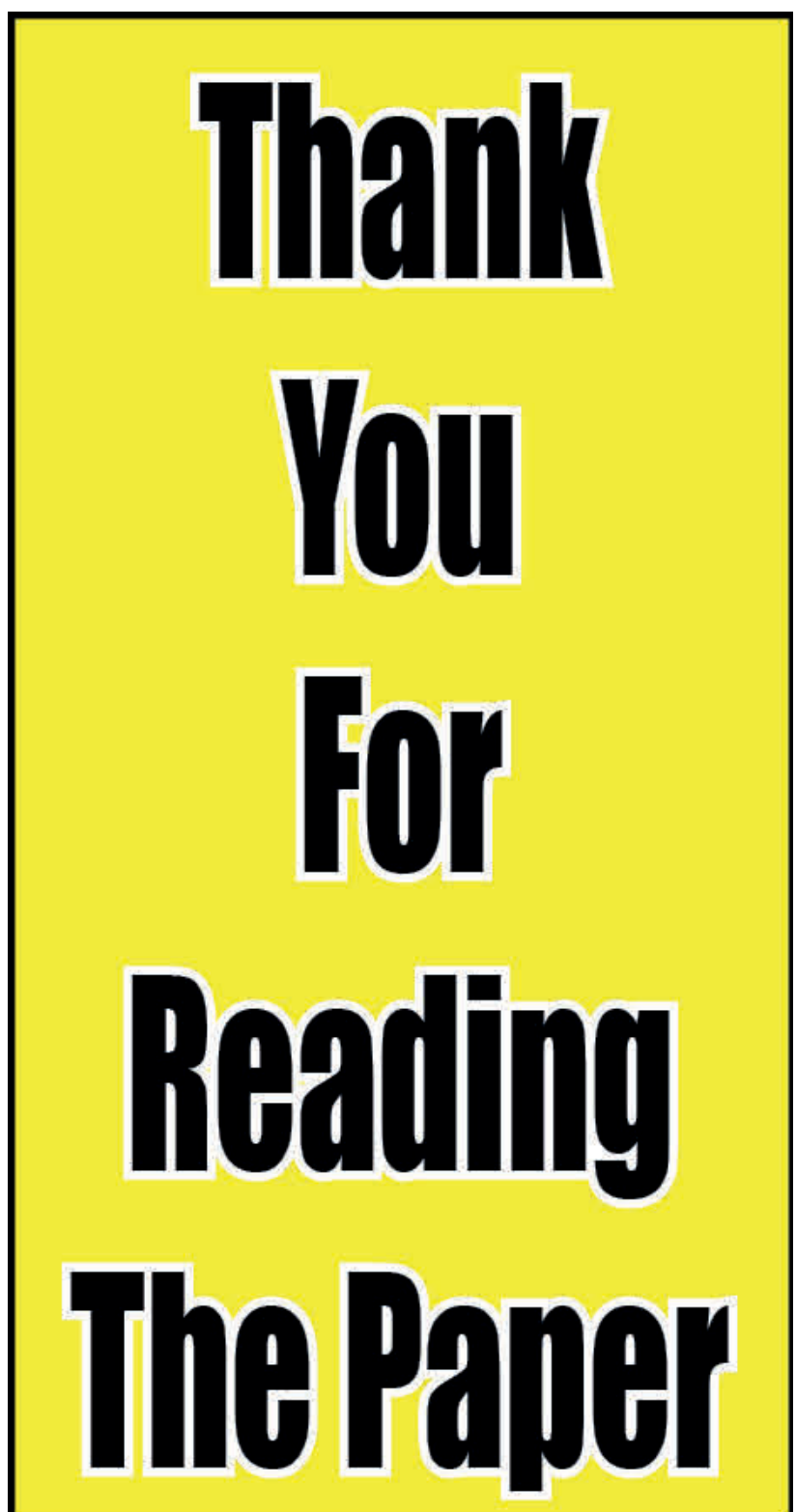
The preservative seal will consist of a chip seal application consisting of oil and limestone and the chip seal will be covered with a micro seal consisting of asphalt, cement, fibers, sand and limestone.

The Community Crossings initiative has provided more than \$1.7 billion in state matching funds for local construction projects since 2016. For 2024, \$207 million has been awarded from the program to local governments.

Since 2020, the County has been awarded funding from the Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund Program that has allowed the County to pave 29 miles of roads. The County maintains 500 miles of paved roads and 300 miles of gravel roads. For more information, contact County Administrator Tom Klein at tom.klein@montgomerycounty.in.gov.



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### PUBLIC NOTICES

**Notice to Bidders: Demolition of Vacant Buildings**  
 Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:  
 BY: Crawfordsville Board of Public Works and Safety  
 c/o Crawfordsville Clerk-Treasurer  
 City Building  
 300 East Pike Street  
 Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933  
 (765) 364-5150

FOR: Demolition of vacant buildings at 512 Wayne Avenue and 700 Wayne Avenue, Crawfordsville

UNTIL: May 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. local time at office of the Clerk-Treasurer, address above. Bids received after that time will be returned unopened. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at a public meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City at that date and time at the City Building, address above.

The City has acquired the following properties with a Building Resistant Infrastructure and Communities Grant due to Sugar Creek Erosion:  
 512 Wayne Avenue, Crawfordsville, Indiana.  
 700 Wayne Avenue, Crawfordsville, Indiana.  
 These premises contain two vacant houses that are located within the City's corporate limits.

Bidders must contact Brandy Allen at (765) 364-5160 for inspection.

All demolition work must include, at a minimum: (1) complete removal of the structures and contents, specifically the houses and outbuildings, on the premises and their foundations and all debris, (2) filling of any basements, (3) stubbing utility lines to the lot, (4) removal of large dead and scrub vegetation (but not any living trees that may be designated by the City), (5) application of soil cover as necessary, and (6) grading and grass seeding of the finished lot. Work must not damage adjacent properties, all of which are believed to be occupied, and account for dust control and other measures to reduce the impact of demolition on the neighborhood. Careful attention should be paid to safety due to the erosion and instability of the bank. It is not known at this time whether asbestos, lead paint, or other hazardous conditions exist on these premises, but your work must comply with all legal requirements.

In addition to price estimates, Bidders must submit references, a statement of experience, a proposed plan for demolition and timetable for performing the job(s), the equipment that the bidder has available for the performance of the job(s), and proof of insurance. The work to be performed and the proposals to be submitted shall include a price bid for all general construction/demolition, labor, material, tools, equipment, applicable taxes, permits, licenses, insurance, service costs, etc., incidental to and required for the job(s). Bidders may submit bids for multiple jobs reflecting a discount for two or more jobs, in any combinations of jobs and pricing the Bidder desires. But the bid must reflect an allocation of the bid amount among the various structures in proportion to the work to be accomplished if bidding on multiple properties. Proposals must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with "Crawfordsville Building Demolition Bid 8 May 2024 - Wayne Ave" or similar and the name of the Bidder on the outside.

The City of Crawfordsville at its discretion reserves the right to waive any and all informalities in the bidding and to reject any and all bids. All bids submitted will be valid for 60 days from opening.

Enforcement Authority contact information:  
 Brandy Allen, Dir. of Operations and Comm.Dev  
 300 E. Pike Street  
 Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
 Telephone: 765-364-5160  
 Karyn Douglas, Clerk-Treasurer  
 City of Crawfordsville, Indiana

Jeff Davenport, Building Inspector  
 300 E. Pike Street  
 Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
 Telephone: 765-364-5152

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**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF HEARING ON PROPOSED CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND**  
 Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Civil Town of New Ross of Montgomery County Indiana, that the Town Council will consider at 105 State Street, New Ross, Indiana at 5:30pm on Thursday, May 9, 2024, the reestablishment of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund under the provisions of Indiana Code 36-9-15.5 for the purposes as follows:  
 For all uses set out in I.C. 36-9-15.5-2  
 The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within the taxing district and will not exceed \$0.05 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The proposed fund will be levied beginning with taxes due and payable in the year 2025.

Taxpayers appearing at such hearing shall have the right to be heard thereon. The proposed tax rate for the Cumulative Capital Development Fund is subject to certification by the Department of Local Government Finance. Within 30 days after the date of the adoption of the cumulative fund by the Town Council, the Town of New Ross will publish a Notice of Adoption.

Upon publication of the Notice of Adoption, 25 or more taxpayers in the taxing district may file a petition with the County Auditor not later than noon 30 days after the publication of the Notice of Adoption setting forth their objections to the proposed fund.

Taylor Norton  
 Clerk-Treasurer  
 Town of New Ross

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STATE OF INDIANA ) IN MONTGOMERY SUPERIOR COURT 2  
 ) JSS:  
 MONTGOMERY COUNTY ) CAUSE NO. 54D02-2310-GU-000041  
 IN RE: THE GUARDIANSHIP OF )  
 WILLOW RAIN SCHAAF, )  
 A minor child )

**NOTICE TO JACOB GARVER**  
 Jacob Garver, who is the father of the minor child named herein, Willow Rain SchAAF, is hereby notified that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian has been filed by Petitioner in the Montgomery County Superior Court 2, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

If Jacob Garver seeks to address the requests set out in said Petition, or contest any allegations made therein, he must file a motion in the above-named Court, or appear at the final hearing set for May 23, 2024, at 3:00 PM.

If Jacob Garver does not file a motion to contest or object to any of the requests made in said Petition, or appear at the final hearing set for May 23, 2024, at 3:00 PM, then the above-named Court will hear and determine the issues set forth in said Petition in his absence.

Nothing anyone else says to Jacob Garver relieves him of his obligations under this Notice.

Witness my hand this 24th day of April, 2024.  
 Leah L Denbo  
 CLERK, MONTGOMERY SUPERIOR COURT 2

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**City of Crawfordsville, Indiana**  
**Notice to Taxpayers of Hearing on Proposed Cumulative Capital Development Fund under I.C. 36-9-15.5**  
 Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana that the Crawfordsville Common Council will consider the reestablishment of a Cumulative Capital Development Fund under Indiana Code Section 36-9-15.5 for all uses set out under that statute at its regular meeting place, Council Chambers, 2nd floor, City Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, at 6:00 P.M., on the 13th day of May, 2024.

The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within the taxing district and will not exceed \$0.05 per \$100 of assessed valuation payable in the year 2025, continued until reduced or rescinded. Taxpayers appearing at the meeting will have a right to be heard. The proposed reestablishment of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund is subject to approval of the Department of Local Government Finance, who will require a Notice of Submission to be given to taxpayers by publication. After the publication of the Notice of Submission, 50 or more taxpayers in the taxing district may file a petition with the County Auditor not later than 30 days after publication, setting out their objections to the proposed levy. If accommodations are required to attend this meeting, please call 765-364-5150.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2024  
 Fiscal Officer Crawfordsville Common Council  
 Karyn Douglas, Clerk Treasurer Adopting Body

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**City of Crawfordsville, Indiana**  
**Notice to Taxpayers of Hearing on Proposed Cumulative Capital Fire Fund under I.C. 36-8-14**  
 Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana that the Crawfordsville Common Council will consider the reestablishment of a Cumulative Capital Fire Fund under Indiana Code Section 36-8-14 for all uses set out under that statute at its regular meeting place, Council Chambers, 2nd floor, City Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, at 6:00 P.M., on the 13th day of May, 2024.

The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within the taxing district and will not exceed \$0.0333 per \$100 of assessed valuation payable in the year 2025, continued until reduced or rescinded. Taxpayers appearing at the meeting will have a right to be heard. The proposed reestablishment of the Cumulative Capital Fire Fund is subject to approval of the Department of Local Government Finance, who will require a Notice of Submission to be given to taxpayers by publication. After the publication of the Notice of Submission, 50 or more taxpayers in the taxing district may file a petition with the County Auditor not later than 30 days after publication, setting out their objections to the proposed levy. If accommodations are required to attend this meeting, please call 765-364-5150.

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### Update From Sen. Deery



**SPENCER DEERY**  
Guest Columnist

Local communities will receive nearly \$9.9 million from the Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) Program, which was established by the Indiana General Assembly in 2016 and has awarded nearly \$1.7 billion to improve local roads and bridges.

In Senate District 23, the following communities received grants.

- Covington received \$220,597.51
- Fountain County received \$1.5 million
- Hillsboro received \$160,419.74
- Kingman received \$184,271.25
- Montgomery County received \$1,294,465.44
- New Market received \$623,553.02
- Otterbein received \$75,000
- Parke County received \$1,130,426.69
- Rockville received \$132,182.25
- Shadeland received \$688,095.93
- Vermillion County received \$1.5 million
- Warren County received \$1,380,029.25
- West Lafayette received \$626,603.15
- West Lebanon received \$74,900.55
- Williamsport received \$264,750

Well-maintained roads and bridges are a necessity for economic growth, public safety and quality of life, especially in our rural communities. I congratulate all the recipients and local leaders who are showing their commitment to high-quality infrastructure and our reputation as the Crossroads of America.

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**Celebrating Local** High School Robotics Teams Students from West Lafayette Jr./Sr. High School, Harrison High School and McCutcheon High School traveled to

Houston, Texas to compete in the 2024 FIRST World Championship in robotics.

In recent years, robotics teams have grown throughout Indiana, and earlier this year I supported a new law that gives programs more flexibility in the use of grant funds.

I can't wait to see what the future has in store for the students on these teams, and wish them luck as they compete.

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#### Cutting Taxes

As discussed last week, one of my top priorities is keeping your taxes low.

To review, I have supported measures to reduce Indiana's income-tax rate to 2.9% by tax year 2027. Thanks to these cuts, Hoosiers are saving nearly \$200 million on income taxes, which will grow even more in the coming years.

The General Assembly has also eliminated income taxes for active-duty military personnel and reduced federal income taxes for Hoosier small business by allowing them to qualify for federal deductions larger corporations already received.

These laws are responsible for putting millions of dollars back into the pockets of Hoosiers, but lawmakers will continue our work to find ways the state can reduce taxes even further through the State and Local Tax Review Task Force.

*State Sen. Spencer Deery (R-West Lafayette) represents Senate District 23, which includes Fountain, Parke, Vermillion and Warren counties, and portions of Montgomery and Tippecanoe counties.*

### Witham Plans Annual Spring Flower Sale



The Witham Volunteer Organization is hosting its annual spring flower sale on Wednesday, May 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., while supplies last.

Amy Mitchell, Director of the Witham Volunteer Organization noted there will be a beautiful assortment of hanging baskets and potted flowers that include begonias, violets, geraniums and Spring mix baskets in a wide range of varieties and colors.

Mitchell noted all proceeds benefit the Witham Volunteer Organization Scholarship program and various fund the need initiatives for Witham. The event will be held in the lobby of the main entrance of Witham in Lebanon. Debit or credit card, cash and local check are accepted.

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