

TODAY'S VERSE

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Meet Bess



Bess is a 9 year old female American Pit Bull Terrier available to foster and/or adopt (since 1/10/24). Bess came in with her BFF, Porgy (who's also still available for adoption). Bess is a senior that enjoys the finer things in life like a comfy bed and being showered with love/attention. Bess is looking for her best friend. Could that be you? Bess is available for adoption, to foster, or just simply going out for walks.



Got any romantic plans for Friday? Why not.

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NIGHT TO SHINE

New Hope Lights Up With Big Crowd, Enchanted Evening

By Ron Keedy For The Paper

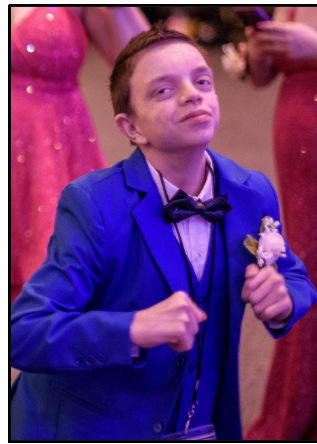
Last Friday night, the entire flock at the New Hope Christian Church was blessed by hosting A Night To Shine 2025, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. New Hope Christian Church in Crawfordsville served as one of many churches around the world to host Night To Shine 2025.



a chance to be a part of something significant and life-changing . . . and to be blessed in the process," said Tim Tebow, founder of the Tim Tebow Foundation.

As special guests arrived, corsages and boutonnières were offered and then it was on to a royal prom treatment. Excitement grew as each guest visited

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Night To Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs ages 14-and-older, hosted by local churches in all 50 states and across the globe; all on one night.

"I am blown away by how we are seeing God use the Church to step into this

space as an advocate for people with special needs. It's not about my foundation or the churches themselves, but about communities coming together to love and celebrate people with differences. Every town, every village, every state, every country needs a Night to Shine for their special needs community-



Butch Wants to Be Reincarnated!



BUTCH DALE Columnist

I tend to be a very inquisitive person. If a question or circumstance comes up in which I don't know the answer, then I am determined to get to the truth. Since I am getting up there in years and will be six feet under at some point in time, I need to make a decision. As a Christian, I believe that I will end up in Heaven or Hell. Hopefully, a

forgiving God will escort me to the former. However, a study has shown that 22 percent of Christians believe in reincarnation... you know, where a deceased person comes back into this world as another person, animal, plant or spirit. There are several religions, such as Hinduism and Buddhism, that believe in reincarnation, in which a person's soul continues

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A Woman Worth Remembering



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. For information about the Montgomery County LWV, visit: www.lwvmt.com; or message to LWV, PO Box 101, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

People call Crawfordsville the Athens of Indiana because of its rich art history. The obvious claim to fame is Lew Wallace penning Ben Hur here. The county is also home to famed painters like Rob O'Dell, entertainers like Dick Van Dyke and puzzlers like Will Shortz. But it's also the hometown to some of the state's, nation's and world's talented musicians. Without Black

History Month celebrations, many might miss out on the joyous "aha!" when learning that Bill Coleman, Wilbur and Sidney De Paris began their musical careers here.

It's challenging to build a thriving artistic career in the Ohio Valley, though artist Rob O'Dell among others and writers including Wendell Berry, Scott Russell Sanders, Philip Gulley, Gregory Williams,

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Hammer Can't Understand Democrats



TIM TIMMONS Two Cents

"Do they even notice?" The words, boomed across an open empty office, scared the living bejebbers out of me. John Hammer, that huge hulk of a man who somehow finds his way into a locked and dark office on a Saturday, had once again caught me off guard. And listen, as a guy with a ticker that ticked when it was supposed to tock, that's not a great thing.

"Do they even notice what they are saying and how out of touch they are, Timmons?"

"Well, John," I said, trying to catch my breath. "I will play your silly game. What are we talking about."

The look told me he didn't think it was silly. I shut up.

"Everyone is losing their minds," he growled. "Federal employees were given an offer from Trump to resign - but still be paid through September. Timmons, I've only had a few jobs in my life, but there wasn't a one of them that I wouldn't have taken that deal. An eight-month vacation before I had to start working somewhere else? But no, not them. They've lost their minds and claim it's unfair. What the hell is unfair about it, Timmons?!? Trump got voted into office by 70some million Americans who are sick and tired of the same old crap. They are tired of

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Healthy adults should not take more than 4,000mg of Tylenol (acetaminophen) in a 24-hour period.

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

"Love is always patient and kind. It is never jealous. Love is never boastful or conceited. It is never rude or selfish. It does not take offense and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins, but delights in the truth. It is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

TODAY'S JOKE

Around Valentine's Day, a man at the post office had a stack of scented cards and envelopes with bright red heart emojis. Each card had lipstick kisses inside and a simple inscription, Guess Who! A bystander asked the man what he was doing with the large stack and was told "Mailing them." But why? The man asked. "I'm a divorce lawyer."

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

If you are a bird lover mark your calendars for Saturday! That's the day for the 2025 Great Backyard Bird Count, a program sponsored by Cornell Lab, Indiana Audubon and Wild Birds Unlimited. It takes place at 10 a.m. at Brickyard Nature Park, 759 Concord Rd. in Crawfordsville. All participants must sign a waiver, and inclement weather would mean the event doesn't take place.

THREE THINGS You Should Know

- 1 Don't forget that Monday is a U.S. Postal Holiday and gives us all a chance to honor our presidents, especially George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. As such, there won't be an Online Edition Monday. We'll be back, piping hot and fresh Wednesday morning with all your favorite reads! Enjoy the holiday!
2 Fan favorite Dejan Lazić returns to the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra to offer patrons Shostakovich's sunny 2nd Piano Concerto. Daniel Raiskin makes his ISO debut, conducting Tchaikovsky's popular 3rd Orchestral Suite and a raucous, rock-and-roll-inspired new work by Julia Wolfe titled Pretty, a work commissioned by the Berlin Philharmonic. Buy tickets to the performance! Performances begin at 7 p.m., Friday, and at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Arrive 50 minutes before the concert start time to hear Words on Music, a 20-minute presentation about the concert and what listeners can expect to hear. For more information regarding the policies of the Hilbert Circle Theatre, please visit https://www.indianapolissymphony.org/
3 Special Olympics Indiana's Polar Plunge returns to the northeast side of Indianapolis on Saturday, Feb. 22, as participants dare to Be Bold and Get Cold. The event at Wolfies Grill at Geist kicks off at 9 a.m. with registration. Plungers are scheduled to hit the water around 11 a.m. Prizes include honoring the top fundraiser and a costume contest. A post-event celebration begins afterward at Wolfies. As Special Olympics Indiana's signature fundraising series, participants must raise at least \$99 for the opportunity to plunge. Plungers who raise at least the minimum earn a commemorative Polar Plunge T-shirt and a cup. For those who reach higher fundraising levels, additional incentive prizes are available. Visit PolarPlungeIN.org to learn more about the 2025 Polar Plunge events, register and donate to participants.



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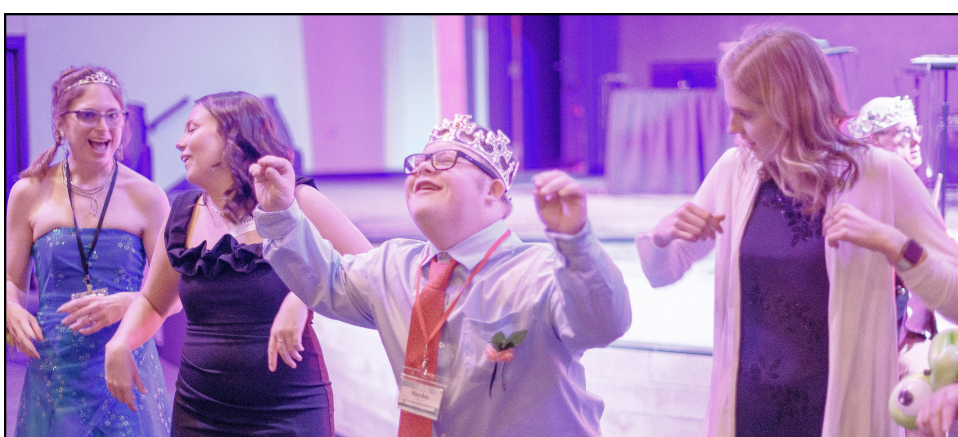
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hair and makeup stations complete with nail polishing for the ladies and shoe shines for the guys.

New Hope Christian Church welcomed more than 100 special guests to an unforgettable evening for both guests and volunteers beginning with a walk down the red carpet. And walk they did, complete with applause and warm welcomes from a friendly crowd, cheerleaders from Southmont High School, dancers from Dance With Deborah and, of course paparazzi.

Some guests were hesitant at first but the change came almost immediately. Suddenly heads were held high, they stood taller, grinning from ear-to-ear and walked with a newfound confidence, shaking hands and exchanging greetings. Each guest was paired with a New Hope volunteer, whose only mission was to make each guest feel at home and guide them to whatever they chose to do for the entire evening. Limousine rides, along with prom favors, arts, crafts, games, Karaoke and Bingo rooms were scattered throughout the church, along with a fully catered dinner for each guest.



Anticipation grew to a fever pitch as guests were ushered into the prom decorated auditorium for DJ hosted dancing. And dance they did. And danced. And danced. To “You’re The One That I want” from Grease, “Saturday Night Fever,” Queen’s “We Will Rock You” and the most popular of the evening, “The Chicken Dance.” They knew them all; they danced and sang them all.

They danced, and bonded with their New Hope partners. They danced with friends they

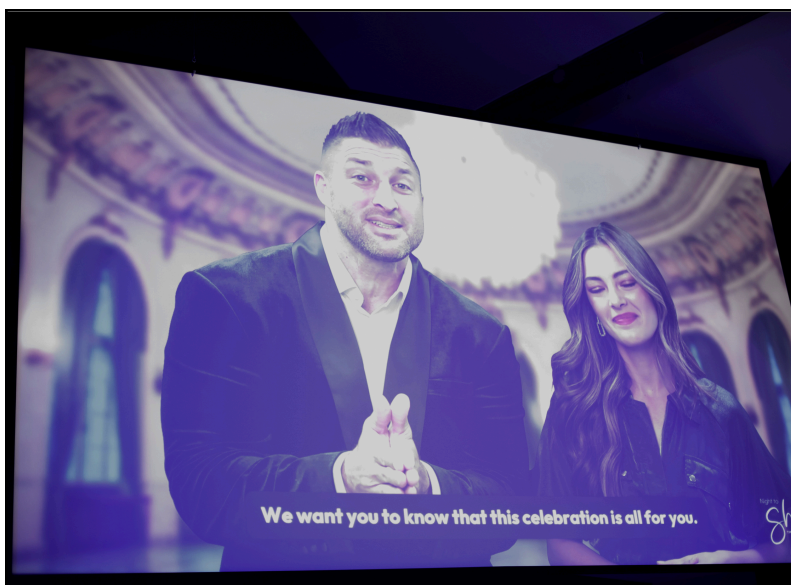
knew and danced with newly made friends. At some point, the room was no longer filled with special needs people but with the exuberance of guests who had shed their physical limitations for the joy of just being themselves; even for only a few hours.

After a brief prayer and special video message from Tim Tebow it was time to choose a Prom King and Queen. How can you choose a Prom King and Prom Queen when every guest deserves the throne? It

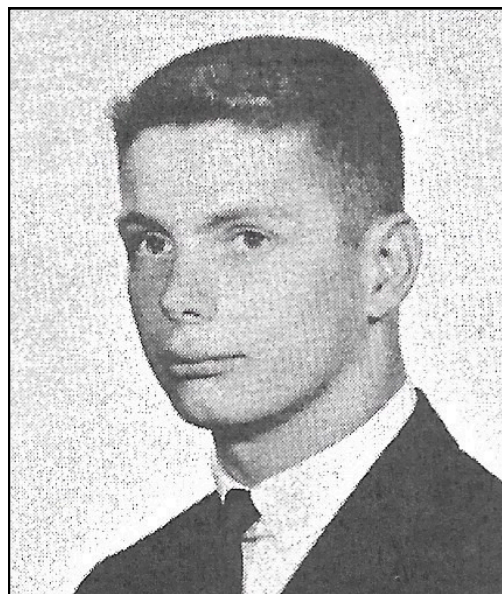
was not a problem but an honor to crown each and every guest with their very own crown or tiara.

There were no strangers as the evening closed but a new family of those from New Hope who volunteered to make each of their guests special, and for each of the special guests whose inner light shine brighter than ever.

For the entire evening, special needs were left at the door and every guest experienced the total freedom of A NIGHT TO SHINE!



## Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize this 1964 Crawfordsville Grad?

**HINT:**  
 He was an outstanding student and athlete and captain on the football team.

Answer on Page A3

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the waste . . . and we're just now finding out how bad some of that waste really was. Trump said he'd shrink the government and this is a good start. Why are they mad? Timmons, do you know anyone in regular jobs who gets that kind of a buyout offer?"

Hammer took a breath. I was pretty sure he wasn't done.

"And now you've got all these Democrats ignoring the absolute corruption and waste being uncovered every day," Hammer bellowed. "Tell you what? If they had the brains God gave a goose they'd man up and say they're sorry for letting things get out of hand. They'd call a spade a spade and admit Biden was a terrible president. They'd listen to the will of the people who are hearing about all these sickening ways our government – OUR GOVERNMENT, TIMMONS! – has been spending our money, OUR MONEY! "That's what they should do. But they're doubling down. They're threatening violence," he growled. "That idiot Senator Andy Kim from out east said he and his pals will shut down the government rather than let Trump continue. How can they not see that most of the country has had it up to here with this crap? How can they not see that we've been waiting for someone to come in with a chain saw and not a scalpel? How do they not get this?"

Hammer took a breath. He eased his massive frame into a chair that suddenly looked a lot smaller than what it was.

"You know, I grew up Democrat. Didn't really change until later, but I've always kind of figured Democrats are

the folks in the neighborhood who come over for burgers and beer on the patio," Hammer said. "The Republicans were the folks on the next street over who ran the places we worked. But now? All I see now is a self-serving bunch of poisonous asses who make themselves rich, lie through their teeth about it and spend money in the most insane ways ever? Paying for theater in OTHER COUNTRIES? What the absolute hell, Timmons? Democrats are just about themselves, their B.S. causes and hating Trump. I don't belong to that group."

I had nothing.

Hammer slowly got up.

"It's Valentine's Day Friday, Timmons. I hope you are planning something special for Mrs. Timmons. But I'll tell you what. I got no love for these idiots in government and media who just haven't got the hint that their ways were wrong, that they were killing this country. I've had way more than my fill of them. It's time for them all to just shut the hell up."

With that, the giant of a man headed out, I assumed going to whatever secret passage he's discovered that gets him in here. Pretty sure he wasn't heading to Milligan's to buy flowers for anyone with a D behind their name.

*Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically on Wednesdays in The Paper. Timmons is the publisher of The Paper and can be contacted at ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com.*

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after death and is reborn.

The "new form" is determined by a person's actions in their previous life. For instance, if you were a nice person and did lots of good things during your life, you might be reincarnated as a king or queen, or maybe even a saint. However, if you were a nasty and mean-spirited person during your life, you might possibly be reborn as a possum or toad or who knows what?

There are instances in which very young children have claimed to have been someone else in a previous life. Some of these children have exceptional abilities beyond their age, or they can recall events from the past that occurred many years before they were born. Many scientists are skeptical, but many occurrences cannot be explained. There are famous people who claim to have been reincarnated...Mark Twain, Henry Ford, Mahatma Gandhi, the Dalai Lama, and Napoleon...just to name a few.

It certainly would be nice if I knew if reincarnation was true or not. Perhaps I could change my lifestyle to help forge my reborn identity in the next life. I told my wife that I might want to be a billionaire so that I could give money away to people in need, or perhaps a famous author. I could be one of my childhood heroes...another Lone Ranger, Wyatt Earp, Mickey

Mantle...maybe even Superman! And if I come back as an animal...perhaps a beautiful wild horse, or maybe a majestic American bald eagle. She pondered that a few seconds, and stated that more likely I would come back as a jackass....Thanks, dear.

One afternoon when I was speaking with a lady here at the library, a fly kept buzzing around us. I swatted it away each time until the pesky fly finally perched itself on the counter. I grabbed a fly swatter and slowly raised it to do away with the fly once and for all....when the woman cried out, "Don't do it...that's Joe!" Hmmm...I was a little perplexed. Joe was her deceased husband. It sure didn't look like Joe to me. Joe had a mustache. The fly appeared to be clean shaven. She truly believed her deceased husband had been reincarnated as a common house fly. Well, later on I got to thinking about the time a few years ago when this lady had found out that ol' Joe had been having an affair. I guess instead of becoming an angel in Heaven, he "received his wings" in a rather unusual way. But at least he is now free to roam all over the countryside...as long as he stays clear of fly swatters and Black Flag insect spray.

*John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 36 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.*

**Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia**

**Answer:**  
**Mike McCarthy**

**Support New Market Elementary PTO Please**

New Market Elementary School's annual Spring Carnival is scheduled for Saturday, April 12 from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The popular event helps raise money that is vital to not just helping students, but helping teachers as well.

This year's carnival will feature games, face painting, bounce houses, food option, live and silent auction and a cash giveaway. A good time is sure to be had by all!

This annual fundraiser depends very much on the generosity of the community. The New Market Elementary Parent Teacher Organization is looking for donations of goods, services, gift cards / certificates or financial support to ensure it can continue to offer the best experience possible for students and staff.

If you are interested in helping, please contact carnival organizers at [newmarketelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:newmarketelementarypto@gmail.com)

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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF LADOGA TOWN COUNCIL

The Ladoga Town Council will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 121 East Main Street, Ladoga, Indiana. A written agenda for this meeting has not been prepared as of the date of this notice, but the primary reason for this meeting is to consider applications and to enter into a lease for baseball and softball operations at the Ladoga Town Park, including concession sales. If disability accommodations are required, or if you have any questions about this notice, please call the Town office at the number below.  
Dated this February 8, 2025  
Amy Holladay, Clerk-Treasurer  
Town of Ladoga  
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## MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION AGENDA

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2025 1:00 PM  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
1580 CONSTITUTION ROW  
CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933

- I. Call to Order
  - II. Oath of Office
  - III. Approval of January 8, 2025 meeting minutes
  - IV. Agenda Modifications
  - V. New Business:
    1. DPR2025-1- Public Hearing - Plevna development plan.
    2. DPR2025-2- Public Hearing – Beaver Lake Cabins development plan.
  - VI. Old Business:
    1. SD2025-1 – Public Hearing Continuance – Stockton Preliminary Plat.
  - VII. Other Business
  - VIII. Adjournment
- Agenda subject to change\*

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\*Next regularly scheduled meeting Wednesday March 12, 2025

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION Minutes

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025

The Montgomery County Plan Commission met on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. Those members present were Tom McClamroch, Steve Canfield, Tom Cummins, Jake Bolander and Tricia Herr. Staff members present were Dan Taylor and Marc Bonwell.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM. Sondra Sixberry, Montgomery County Clerk, administered the oath to the Plan Commission members.

Election of Officers for the 2025 year took place. Steve Canfield made a motion to nominate Jacob Bolander as President. Tom McClamroch seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Jacob Bolander made a motion to nominate Steve Canfield Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Tricia Herr. Motion carried 5-0. Marc Bonwell will remain secretary.

Bobcat Drainage:

Steve Loy made a motion to approve the Bobcat Drainage plans. Tom McClamroch seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

SD2025-1: Preliminary Plat approval requested by Seth Stockton for Stockton Subdivision.

Marc Bonwell introduced the request. The property location is the 4400 block of 450 S. The property parcel number is 54-11-28-100-006.009-025. The petitioner is requesting Preliminary Plat approval. The one lot subdivision plat is in an area that was split under different subdivision rules. At the time of parcelization by Ratcliff Inc the SCO allowed three splits of a parcel before engaging platting requirements. The parcel is non-conforming to the current standards of the SCO, which was edited in 2020. The entrance of ingress is a private lane, which was previously allowed. The current standard of the SCO required all subdivision roads to be built to County standard and turned over to the County after completion. The lot has the minimum of one acre in size and would have on-

site septic and well.

The preliminary plat does not meet all standards of the SCO. The entry is required to be a minimum of 40' and the entry is not designed meet the street standards of the SCO. The applicant could ask for a waiver of these requirements. The plat meets the Preliminary Plat requirements in 152.35. The request complies with the Design Standards of 152.35-56. The subdivision conforms to the Comprehensive Plan of Montgomery County.

Based on the above findings, the staff recommends one of the following:

- 1) Require the Petitioner to submit a waiver request from the entry requirements of the SCO and table the requested Preliminary Plat until the waiver request is received.
- 2) Require the petitioner to obtain property to meet the 40' wide access from 450 S to the property proposed and build the entry to County spec. This would require acquisition of the adjacent property.
- 3) Deny the Preliminary Plat since it does not meet the current standards of the SCO.

The Public Hearing was opened at 1:13 PM. John Capper, representing John Like, stated that the waiver was not applied for and doesn't meet the SLO streets standards.

There being no further input, the Public Hearing was closed at 1:18 PM. Jake Bolander asked if they should continue the hearing so that the waivers can be applied for. Seth Stockton stated that he would like a continuance. Tricia Herr made a motion to continue the request to the February 12th meeting. Stave Canfield seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

RZ2025-1: Re-zone of Commercial zoned property to Residential by Petitioners Jim and Christina Deer.

The rezone request is regarding property located on SR 32 and the intersection of 400 E. The parcel is .5 acres with an existing building that was previously used as a car sales lot. The Petitioner wishes to remodel the existing building for the change of occupancy to a single-family dwelling which requires a rezone to R-1. The property is served by MCRSD for sanitary waste and with the change of occupancy the owner will be required to connect to the existing sewer. The site has a private well. Access to the property is from SR 32 and is more than adequate for the requested occupancy change and has an existing 911 address.

The Staff recommends the Board send a favorable recommendation to the County Commissioners with only one condition. The petitioner would be required to secure a remodel permit from Montgomery County and provide MCRSD verification of connection to the sanitary sewer.

The Public Hearing was opened at 1:31 PM and closed at 1:31 PM due to no public input.

Tricia Herr made a motion to approve a favorable recommendation with the condition that a remodel permit and connection to the sanitary sewer be secured. The motion was seconded by Tom Cummins. Motion carried 5-0.

ZA2025-1: Text amendment.

The Public Hearing was opened at 1:35 PM. Due to no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 1:35 PM. Tricia Herr made a motion to approve the text amendment. Steve Canfield seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

SD2025-2: Miller Concept Plat.

Tricia Herr made a motion to approve the Concept Plat. The motion was seconded by Steve Canfield. Motion carried 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY February 12, 2025, 11:00 AM

1580 CONSTITUTION ROW

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 8, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

III. NEW BUSINESS:

1. ZV2502 – Zoning Variance Public Hearing, Wheeler.
2. ZV2503 - Zoning Variance Public Hearing, TK Constructors.
3. ZV2506 – Zoning Variance Public Hearing, Ratcliff INC.

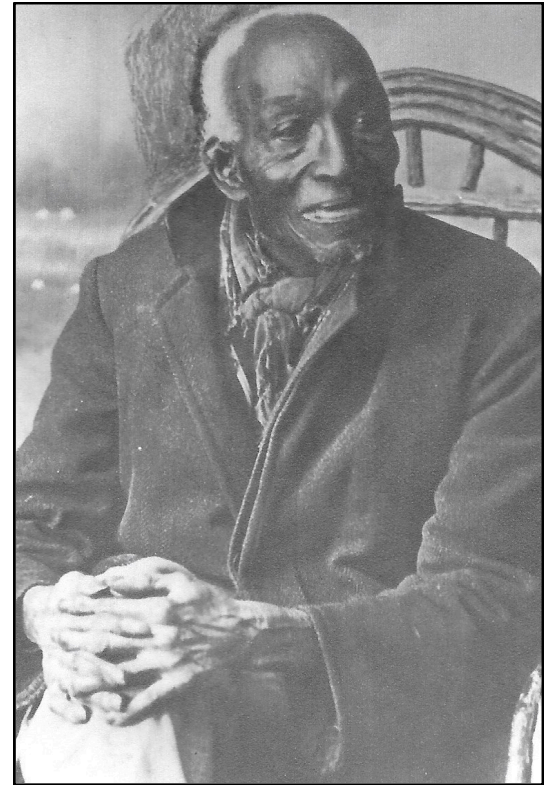
IV. OTHER BUSINESS

V. ADJOURNMENT

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## Back in the Day with Butch Dale



**Charley Derrickson escaped from slavery in 1850 and came to Darlington, which was a Quaker community. He was provided a place to live, and began working for area farmers, and then cut wood for the railroad. Charley saved his money and bought his wife Tillie out of slavery in Kentucky for \$450. He passed away in 1912 at the age of 106.**

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Next regularly scheduled meeting March 12, 2025

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MINUTES

January 8, 2025

The Montgomery County Board of Zoning Appeals met on Wednesday January 8 2025. Board members present were Steve Canfield, Seth Howell, John Hedrick, Jason Ramsey and Tom McClamroch. Staff members present were Marc Bonwell and Dan Taylor.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM. Montgomery County Clerk, Sondra Sixberry, gave the Oath of Office to the Board members. John Hedrick made a motion to approve the December 2024 minutes. The motion was seconded by Jason Ramsey. Motion carried 5-0. Nomination of Officers: John Hedrick made a motion to retain Steve Canfield as Chairman and Seth Howell as Vice-Chairman. Tom McClamroch seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Marc Bonwell will remain Secretary.

ZV2501: Public Hearing of Variance from Development Standards, Joyce Dr.

Marc Bonwell introduced the variance request. The Petitioner, Ratcliff Inc., is requesting a variance from 2.11 Lot and Yard requirements of 1 acre for a residentially zoned property. The lot located on Joyce Dr is .80 of an acre. The Petitioner wishes to build a single-family dwelling. The Petitioner has consulted with Don Orr regarding a septic on the site and the County has reviewed the property for storm water compliance. The access to the property is on to Joyce Dr which is a County maintained hot mix asphalt street with a 50' right-of-way. The Staff recommends approval of the variance request with the following conditions:

- 1) Petitioner is required to secure septic, right-of-way and building permits for the planned improvement.

- 2) The maximum impervious surface allowed on the lot is 3,500 square feet total including driveway.

Molly with Ratcliff Inc explained the proposed home would be a 3 bed/2 bath at the size of 2100 square feet.

The Public Hearing was opened at 11:07 AM. James Howard had concerns with the water supply issues according to adjacent owners. Kathy McKinney asked what type of home will be built on the property. Molly, Ratcliff Inc., presented the blueprints which is called The Tulip. There being no more public input, the Public Hearing was closed at 11:12 AM. Tom McClamroch made a motion to approve the request with the house being no bigger than 2,100 square feet. Jason Ramsey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

After a brief training session lead by Dan Taylor and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:09 AM.

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Montgomery Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54C01-2409-MF-00105, wherein Citibank, N.A., not in its individual capacity, but solely as owner trustee of the New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-6 was Plaintiff, and Gregory R. Norman and Taneema J. Norman were Defendants, required 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 12th day of March, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 AM, 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.

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**NOTICE**  
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STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURT  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY CASE NO. 54D022501MI000113  
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF MONR:  
Bella Ann Gaston  
Name of Minor  
Matthew Gaston  
Petitioner

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE**

Notice is hereby given that petitioner, Matthew Gaston, as a self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on January 30, 2025, to change the name of Bella Ann Gaston to Frankie Ann Gaston.

The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Montgomery County Court on February 27th at 3:00 pm, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objection on or before the hearing date.

1/30/2025  
Date

Sondra K. Sixberry  
Clerk, Montgomery County Court  
*PL5035 2/5 2/12 2/19 3t hspaxlp*

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of Montgomery County will hold a public hearing on Monday February 24, 2025 at 8:00 am in the Community Room of the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 CONSTITUTION ROW, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933 to hear amendments to Chapter 159, Table A Use Table.

The amendments are available for viewing in the Building and Zoning office at 1580 Constitution Row, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933 (765-364-6490); office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, weekdays except holidays.

The public is invited to attend the hearing to comment on the proposed amendments. Oral comments concerning the amendments will be heard. Written comments and objections to the proposed amendments may also be submitted to The Montgomery County Building and Zoning Administration at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 (marc.bonwell@montgomerycounty.in.gov).

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to attend, hear or present evidence at the public hearing and needs reasonable accommodation, Please Contact the Montgomery County Commissioners office at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 (765-361-2623).  
This Notice Dated: February 7, 2025  
Marc Bonwell,  
Building/Zoning Administrator  
Montgomery County, IN  
*PL5040 2/12 1t hspaxlp*

**54D01-2501-DC-000048**  
STATE OF INDIANA ) IN MONTGOMERY CO. SUPERIOR COURT  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY ) CAUSE NO. 54D01-2501-DC-000048  
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: )  
GUDELIA ZAMORA POLICARPO )  
Petitioner, )  
v. )  
VALENTIN MERINO RONQUILLO, )  
Respondent. )

**SUMMONS – SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**  
**NOTICE OF SUIT**

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above-named and a hearing will take place in Montgomery Co. Superior Court. The nature of the suit against you is a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. This summons by publication is specifically directed to Valentin Merino Ronquillo, residence unknown.

You must answer the Petition, in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after notice of suit, and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the petition has demanded. Petitioner's attorney is Andrew G. Spear, 1300 N. Pennsylvania St., Ste 202, Indianapolis, IN 46202.  
Date: 1/14/2025

Sondra K Sixberry  
Montgomery Co. Clerk  
*PL5036 2/5 2/12 2/19 3t hspaxlp*

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

To consider a Re-zone of Real Property in  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

The Montgomery County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 24, 2025, at 8:00 am to consider a re-zone from Commercial to R-1 Residential of a parcel of property in Montgomery County. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933

Petitioner: Deer Properties  
Purpose of Request-  
A request to re-zone a parcel from Commercial to R-1  
Location: 3994 E SR 32  
Parcel ID: 54-07-35-100-003.000-024  
RZ2025-1

Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed re-zone. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The Montgomery County Commissioners may continue the hearing from time to time as may be found necessary. Citizens may file written comments or objections with Montgomery County Building/ Zoning Administration ATTN: Marc Bonwell, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 or by email at (marc.bonwell@montgomerycounty.in.gov) prior to the public hearing. All such comments will be considered by the Commissioners. A copy of the proposed re-zone is on file and may be examined at the Montgomery County Building and Zoning Administration office at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (765-364-6490), office hours are 8:00-4:30 weekdays except holidays.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone intending to attend the public hearing needs reasonable accommodation, please contact the Montgomery County Commissioners Office, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, 765-361-2623  
This notice dated February 7, 2025  
Marc Bonwell  
Building/Zoning Administrator  
Montgomery County, IN  
*PL5041 2/12 1t hspaxlp*

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**Commons' Bill Clears Hurdle**

The House Commerce, Small Business and Economic Development Committee advanced State Rep. Matt Commons' (R-Williamsport) legislation to prohibit the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and state agencies from establishing offices in foreign adversarial countries.

The purpose of the IEDC is to drive economic development in the state and help businesses launch, grow and locate here. The agency currently has offices in Germany, Italy, UK and Ireland, Japan, South Korea, Israel and Taiwan. While over 200 foreign-owned businesses have located or expanded in Indiana since 2017, creating more than 30,000 jobs and over \$18 billion in capital investment, Commons said the IEDC shouldn't be courting economic opportunities from foreign adversaries like China.

"Attracting business from other countries is great for growing our economy and spreading the word about Indiana's low-cost environment, but we need to be cautious about what companies we allow to plant roots here," Commons said. "We have a responsibility to protect Hoosiers from foreign adversaries like China, a country controlled by its Communist government and which has been credibly

accused of intellectual property theft and cyber espionage."

House Bill 1103 would restrict the IEDC and all Indiana agencies from establishing trade offices in countries identified by the U.S. Department of Commerce as adversarial, which currently includes Russia, China, North Korea, Iran, Cuba and Venezuela.

Indiana has made other efforts to protect the state's assets from China and other adversarial countries. A law passed last year banned individuals or entities associated with foreign adversaries, like China, from purchasing or leasing agricultural land, and mineral, water or riparian rights in the state. The Indiana Public Retirement System also divested over \$1 billion in investments from Chinese government-controlled entities in 2024.

House Bill 1103 now heads to the Indiana House of Representatives for consideration. To learn more and follow legislative proceedings, visit [iga.in.gov](http://iga.in.gov).

*Commons represents House District 13, which includes all of Benton and Warren counties, and portions of Fountain, Jasper, Montgomery, Newton, Tippecanoe and White counties.*

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**NOTICE From Page A4**

- DRAINAGE BOARD AGENDA**  
Wednesday, February 12th, 2025 at 9:30 am  
Montgomery County Government Center,  
Community Meeting Room  
1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
  - III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
    - January 8th, 2024 – Regular meeting
  - IV. HEARINGS
    - SAMUEL HUMPHREY #526 – Assessment hearing
    - FRED WHITE #609 – Assessment hearing
    - JAMES SERVIS #703 – Assessment hearing
  - V. PETITIONS
    - THOMAS CLARK #619 – Petition to Vacate
    - CLAUDE MOODY #583 – Petition to Attach; Jeff Messer, 5597 E. US 136
  - VI. OLD BUSINESS
    - JOHN MCLAUGHLIN #097 – Joint Board appointment
  - VII. NEW BUSINESS
    - 2025 OFF List
    - Assessment rate reductions
  - VIII. OTHER BUSINESS
  - IX. PUBLIC COMMENT
  - X. ADJOURNMENT
- Next regular meeting: Wednesday, March 12th, 2025, at 9:30 am; Montgomery County Government Center

- MONTGOMERY COUNTY VISITORS & CONVENTION COMMISSION**  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025  
6:00 p.m.  
Montgomery County Government Center  
1580 Constitution Row – Suite E  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933
- CALL TO ORDER
  - APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - BOARD TRAINING
  - OFFICER REPORTS
  - Treasurer Report
  - Visitor's Bureau Report – Heather Shirk
  - MONEY MATTERS
  - Approve Claims
  - OTHER BUSINESS
  - ADJOURNMENT

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From Page A1

Ashley C. Ford and John Green built thriving careers here. Indiana boasts of being the home to musicians like the Jackson family, Kenneth "Baby Face" Edmonds, and "Wes" Montgomery. Montgomery County's Lincoln School educated jazz musicians like Coleman, the De Paris brothers and Blanche Patterson.

While Coleman, like many black artists including author James Baldwin and entertainer / spy Josephine Baker, moved to France where he found refuge from segregation, one of MoCo's own, Blanche Patterson remained an influential artist in Indiana.

According to Nikole Poletika of the Indiana State Historical Society, "Blanche Patterson achieved local success in music and was an officer of the Indiana State Association of Negro Musicians. Her obituary stated she 'developed a state-wide reputation as a musician' and 'organized a program which brought numerous Negro instrumental and vocal music groups to Crawfordsville.'"

Patterson impacted the state's musical community but her legacy remains strongest in Montgomery County, where she ran several businesses and worshipped at Bethel AME, which her grandparents, Mariah Gates Patterson and Nelson Patterson, helped found. Born in 1884, Patterson attended Bethel AME for most of her life.

In her religious upbringing, music mattered. As a young girl, she participated in musical performances in opera, and in 1898 she played the Lohengrin Wedding March for a wedding, where she also performed the piano solo from "Rigoletto."

Patterson attended the Lincoln School for Children before she graduated from Central High School in June

1902. She continued her education at Wilberforce University in Wilberforce, Ohio. The HBC had faced closure in the face of the Civil War, but the national AME Church bought it. Patterson often returned to Wilberforce for its graduation ceremonies.

After graduation, she joined a traveling gospel show and then returned to Crawfordsville to care for her sick mother. In the early 1910s she taught at the Lincoln School for about \$75 a week. Later she opened the Petite Beauty Shop. Launched in the Ben Hur Building, she could only serve white clients, according to a local paper. According to historical research by Poletika, the Indianapolis Recorder described the salon as "one of the finest beauty parlors in the State." Additionally, she was a member of the National Beauty Culture League of Indiana.

It was a good time to be in beauty in Indiana. Madame CJ Walker brought her business to Indiana in 1910 and became the first black woman millionaire with an influential presence regionally and nationally. In 1919, the year Walker died, the National Beauty Culture League of Indiana, in which Patterson was active, was instituted to bring high standards in beauty industry conduct and promoted science-based hair, scalp and skin treatments. Patterson was often the keynote speaker at meetings and conferences.

Patterson expanded her business by becoming a chiropodist. The local paper indicates that "at least as late as the 1930s, a podiatrist could refer to someone performing foot massages or foot care." What's uncertain is whether her podiatry credentials were from her beauty school training or medical training. Her clients remembered her for her kindness. Black and white citizens in the community remembered

her as taking care of others.

A black community leader, she belonged to several lodges and the local NAACP, where she often served as president and secretary. She stayed active in the church missionary society. She continued playing piano and entertaining at fundraisers, as well as leading discussions and activities that promoted and improved the welfare of Crawfordsville's black community.

As the U.S. faced World War II, Patterson spoke about club women in national defense to the central district meeting of the Indiana State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, a nonprofit group of like-minded black women. She was a member of and on the executive board of the local branch of the NAACP. She served the organization as its vice president and as secretary, even after she retired from her business.

Patterson's life ended tragically on a cold, snowy day in February 1965. Driving to Jasper to care for some friends, her car skidded on an icy road and collided with an

oncoming truck, badly injuring her. She was returned to Crawfordsville's Culver Hospital. She was 80 years old at the time. She died on Feb. 25, 1965 and was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery. Most of her assets were left to support a home for the elderly in Indianapolis.

Patterson's story is one of many that came out of the Lincoln School, the history of which was documented by historians Shannon Hudson and Vicky Swisher-Hudson (no relation). Her story inspired them both. Swisher-Hudson, a member at Bethel AME, laments never hearing Patterson during the years she played the organ for services at the church. Her influence remains powerful in the community.


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