

➡ TODAY’S VERSE

Psalm 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Meet Ella



Ella is a 2 year old black/white female domestic shorthair cat available for adoption from The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL) since 3/25/24. Ella has been at the shelter for over a year! We'd love to see this beauty thrive in a loving home! DID YOU KNOW? Black cats and black and white cats are the LEAST ADOPTED cats in shelters. We are LOADED with cuddly cats right MEOW!! Ella is playful, friendly, and loves wet food! Ella's favorite game is chase the feather toy up the cat tree! Ella is spayed, dewormed, and up to date on her shots! Ella's adoption fee is \$35 with approved adoption application (link below). AWL is open Monday - Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 9:30a-3p. Come say hi and be sure to ask about meeting the lovable Ella!!



For folks who gave up something for Lent, take heart. The end is almost here (and for me, I can't wait to have some chocolate)!

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Queen contestants not pictured: Ada Hutson, Ellie Walker, Guinevere Schmitzer-Torbert, Roarie Bushong and Vanessa Schultz

Strawberry Queen Contest Saturday

The 20th annual Strawberry Festival Queen Program along with the 18th annual Junior Royalty Contest are scheduled to take place Saturday at Crawfordsville High School.

empowering contestants to reach their best self while enhancing interview, leadership and overall professional development skills.

Twenty high school girls will compete for the title of the 2025 Strawberry Festival Queen title and 16 children will compete for the titles of the 2025

Strawberry Festival Prince and Princess. The program will award a queen, first runner-up, second runner-up and Miss Congeniality who will reign of the Strawberry Festival, which is June 13-15 at Lane Place. Other awards include a photogenic award, a mental attitude award and

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Butch Says Some Movie Quotes Stay With Us



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

After I returned from a trip to the Fishers-Indy area recently, I realized how great it is to live here in good old rural-smalltown Montgomery County. I told my wife, "There's no place like home!" I imagine many of you have also repeated that line from the movie "Wizard of Oz." It got me to

thinking about other famous movie quotes that, even after many years, are floating around in my mind, so I looked up some of the best ones.....

"Heere's Johnny!" (The Shining-1980). "I'll be back." (The Terminator-1984). "Houston, we have a problem." (Apollo 13-1995). "Just win one for the Gipper." (Knut Rockne, All American-1940). "I feel the need--the need for speed!"

(Top Gun-1986). "I'm the king of the world!" (Titanic-1997). "What we've got here is a failure to communicate." (Cool Hand Luke-1967). "I love the smell of napalm in the morning." (Apocalypse Now-1979). "I can't believe I gave my panties to a geek." (Sixteen Candles-1984).

"Here's looking at you, kid."

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➡ TODAY’S HEALTH TIP

Pregnant women can get the flu vaccine.

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

“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.” Winston Churchill

➡ TODAY’S JOKE

What do you call someone who only believes 12.5 percent of the Bible? An eighth-theist.

➡ MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The Annual Meeting for the Crawfordsville | Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce will be held during Breakfast Before Business on May 5 at Fusion 54. The 2025-26 nominating committee’s slate of candidates to serve on the Board of Directors will be voted on at that time. If elected, they begin their terms effective June 1, 2025. For more information, go to <http://www.crawfordsvillechamber.org/>

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Julio Enríquez-Ornelas

Get to know leader of New Latino Center



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.lwvmontcon.org or message to LWV, PO Box 101, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

Julio Enríquez-Ornelas’s journey back to his alma mater, Wabash College, marks a full-circle moment in his life, one that intertwines his

personal experiences, professional achievements and commitment to empowering the Latino community.

Enríquez-Ornelas joined the staff of Wabash as the Director of Latino Partnerships and head of the newly established Wabash Latino Community Center.

Born in Zamora, Michoacán, Mexico, Enríquez-Ornelas, Ph.D., immigrated to the United States at the age of 1. His early years were marked by instability and hardship as his mother navigated the challenges of being trafficked into the country and adjusting to a new life in California. Despite these adversities, Enríquez-Ornelas grew up with a strong sense of familial responsibility and cultural pride. His mother’s

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Hammer is Back and He’s Fuming



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

“What the hell, Timmons!”

The silence of a quiet Saturday in a mostly deserted office shattered when the giant of a man named John Hammer bellowed from my doorframe.

Me? I was mentally sitting on the dock and overlooking the bay with Otis Redding (or at least that’s what was playing on my iPod). As you can imagine since I’m still here writing, the heart attack was at least momentarily avoided.

“For the love of St. Michael the Archangel John!” I yelled. “Can you give a guy a friendly warning or something . . . please!”

As usual, nothing.

“Let me see if I have this straight,” a red-faced

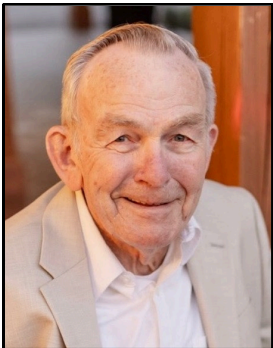
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➡ OBITUARY

Clarence R. Radcliff

November 24, 1935 - April 9, 2025

Clarence R. Radcliff, age 89 of Crawfordsville, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at home, surrounded by his family. He was born on November 24, 1935 to Robert "Gene" and Mary (Bishop) Radcliff in Indianapolis. Clarence married Phyllis Morris on November 30th, 1958, in the Wabash College Chapel, spending over 57 loving years together until her passing in 2016.



He was a graduate of Ladoga High School, Class of 1954. Following graduation, Clarence joined the United States Air Force, proudly serving his country for over 3 years. He worked briefly at Raybestos and Midstates and then was a Case Decorator at RR Donnelley's for over 30 years, retiring in 1996. Clarence was a member of the First Baptist Church for over 67 years, formerly serving as a Deacon and a Trustee. He loved serving God on Mission trips, particularly the Dominican Republic, where he visited 9 years in a row.

Clarence was known for his clocks in the house, tinkering and fixing cuckoo, grandfather and German clocks. He enjoyed watching professional sports but especially enjoyed attending sporting events for his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Clarence and Phyllis loved to travel, either day trips on his motorcycle or international vacations. He loved his family more than anything and had a special bond with each newborn as the "baby whisperer."

Clarence is survived by his children, Bill Radcliff, Randy (Lori) Radcliff, Lynda Radcliff, Rick (Kitty) Radcliff and Brenda (Chris) Barnes; 9 grandchildren: Erin, Jeff, Rebekah, Trey, Drew, Levi, Kelley, Tucker and Aniah; 7 great-grandchildren: Rylan, Reyde, Kamryn, Kearston, Jocelyn, Lincoln and Kalana; one great great grandchild on the way; a brother, Bill (Mary Lou) Zachary; and several nieces, nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Phyllis; step mother, Eleanor Radcliff; brothers, Bishop (Jo) and Rawley (Emmagene) Radcliff; and daughter-in-law, Shelley.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 from 12:00 noon until the time of the service at 2:00 pm at First Baptist Church, 1905 Lebanon Rd, Crawfordsville. Burial will follow in Oak Hill North Cemetery, Crawfordsville, with military honors provided by the United States Air Force and American Legion Post 72.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Clarence's memory to First Baptist Church or Huntington's Disease Society of America, 505 Eighth Ave., Suite 902, New York, NY, 10018. Share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.



Photo courtesy City of Crawfordsville

From left, Firefighter/Paramedic FTO Zach Aveline, Paramedic FTO Seth Green and Lt. Justin Sparrow

CFD Marks 20 Years at World's Largest Fire Training Conference

For the 20th consecutive year, the Crawfordsville Fire Department proudly participated in the world's largest fire department training conference — FDIC International — which draws more than 30,000 firefighters, paramedics, and emergency responders from across the globe to Indianapolis.

Chief officers, line officers, firefighters, and paramedics from CFD served as lead presenters and instructors, participated in hands-on training sessions, competed in Paramedic Skills Competitions, and even provided department equipment to support training and demonstrations. Their involvement ranged from technical rescue to leadership development, showcasing CFD's deep bench of talent and expertise.

Despite being one of the smallest nationally

recognized departments CFD continues to set the standard for excellence in public safety and emergency response. Their high level of engagement and instruction at FDIC earned the department more than \$83,000 in complimentary fire and EMS training—an incredible testament to their commitment to innovation, education, and community service.

The department's continued presence and leadership at this global conference solidify Crawfordsville's reputation as a forward-thinking community with a highly skilled emergency response team.

Kudos to Chief Scott Busenbark for his outstanding leadership and vision in guiding one of the nation's premier fire departments. CFD's legacy of excellence continues to grow, and the future is bright.

Baird Introduces Small Modular Reactor Legislation

Congressman Jim Baird (IN-04) introduced the *Small Modular Reactor Commercialization Act of 2025* to secure the United States' preeminent position in commercializing and industrializing grid-scale small modular reactor technology.

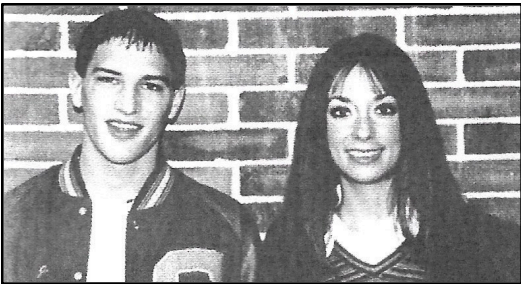
"We want the United States to be the nuclear energy manufacturing powerhouse of the world," said Congressman Baird. "To get there, we must ensure the U.S. is uniquely poised to attract top SMR companies and get them to build their factories here. Last year, Congress passed the *ADVANCE Act* to support the initial deployment of advanced nuclear reactors. This legislation builds on the *ADVANCE Act* to tackle the next question of how our nation can compete on truly commercializing and manufacturing this technology at-scale."

The Small Modular Reactor

Commercialization Act of 2025 addresses the U.S. SMR industrialization competitiveness through:

- Creating an SMR Industrialization Competitiveness Working Group: This bill directs the Secretary of Energy to establish a long-term working group responsible for positioning the United States to compete for long-term SMR industrialization, beyond first-of-a-kind demonstrator production volumes.
- Modernizing SMR Electrical Output Thresholds, Reducing Cost-of-Electricity: This bill brings the definition of a small modular reactor up to modern technology standards, in alignment with the *ADVANCE Act*. The new definition increases the

Butch Dale's
Flashback
Trivia



Do You Recognize
This Two 2001
Southmont Grads?

HINT:
They were very
popular students,
and the senior class
voted them as
having "the prettiest
eyes!"

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a humanitarian award.

Queen contestants are collecting monetary donations along with themed gift baskets for the Youth Service Bureau and whichever contestant has raised the most funds (including retail value of gift baskets) in her name, will receive the humanitarian award. The community is invited to bring donations the night of the program.

Tickets will be sold at the door and are \$7 (cash only) for anyone age 6 and older.

The Strawberry Festival

Queen and Junior Royalty Program is directed by Jessica McClamroch. Assisting are committee members Jayde Anzola, Mary Davis and Jewel Johnson. Sponsors for this year's program include: PNC Bank, McClamroch Ag, Indiana American Water, JNAVISUALS and PBNG.CO.

Stay updated with the program by following The Montgomery County Strawberry Festival Contest on Facebook or on Instagram at the_ strawberry_festival_ queen.

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Legislation Protecting Parental Rights Passed

The Indiana House passed legislation co-sponsored by State Rep. Matt Commons (R-Williamsport) to safeguard parental rights in their child's upbringing, religious instruction, education, health care and more.



Commons said more parents are raising concerns about government placing unnecessary burdens on their fundamental rights to choose their child's education and health care, among other personal decisions. Currently, Indiana does not have a comprehensive legal framework that guarantees protection for parents from government intrusion. Senate Bill 143 would add protections ensuring parents retain the authority to make these decisions for their children, while also placing limits on any Indiana governmental entities' ability to interfere unless necessary.

"No school or government official should be telling parents how to raise their child or hide important information about their wellbeing from them," Commons said. "With this legislation, we are empowering parents to have control over these personal decisions and ensuring government officials can be held accountable if they overstep."

Additionally, the legislation prohibits government entities from advising, coercing or directing children to withhold information from their parents unless restricted by law or court order. Commons said parents would be able to sue the government for violating these rights and access relief like compensatory damages and reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

The amended Senate Bill 143 now heads to the governor for further consideration. To learn more, visit 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.

Drug Take Back Day April 26

On Saturday, April 26, the Harm Reduction Committee of the Montgomery County Drug Free Coalition will host the biannual Prescription Drug Take Back event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of First Christian Church at 211 S. Walnut St. in Crawfordsville.

This free event provides the opportunity to carefully dispose of expired, unused or unneeded prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications.

What can happen if you keep old prescriptions and other medications around the house? Expired medications can be less effective or risky from a change in the chemical composition or a decrease in strength. Certain expired medications are at risk of bacterial growth and sub-potent antibiotics can fail to treat infections, leading to more serious illnesses and antibiotic resistance.

According to the DEA, many people don't know how to properly clean out their

medicine cabinets and failing to dispose of old medications, especially opioids, can often lead to dangerous drugs ending up in the wrong hands. Reducing the misuse of these expired medications can play a key role in combating the substance abuse issue often serving as a gateway to using more harmful substances.

Can't attend this event? Don't worry! Prescription drug disposal is also available year-round at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and the Crawfordsville Police Department.

The Harm Reduction Committee would also like to highlight the importance of proper disposal for not only medication, but for sharps / needles. Sharps can be safely disposed of at the Montgomery County Health Department, located at 1580 Constitution Row, Suite G and at the Crawfordsville Police Department lobby, located at 311 N. Green St.

For more information, visit www.drugfree.moco.org.

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Hammer growled – his deep bass voice bouncing off what were the quiet walls. “I voted for Mike Braun because he told us that he was going to fix the mess our property taxes are. He talked real big about how much waste he was seeing in the Senate and how it wasn’t going to go away anytime soon . . . but in Indiana, yeah, here in Indiana boy, he could make a real difference.”

Hammer snorted.

“So then he says he’s going to roll back our taxes a few years,” Hammer continued. “You know, that sounded like a good start, but Braun said he was going to go farther. The man said he had a plan to get it all fixed . . . to make it fair to homeowners again.

“DO I HAVE THAT RIGHT?”

Heck, I wasn’t worried about my heart attack now. Hammer looked like he was going to burst at any second.

For those who don’t know John Hammer, he is a giant of a man. He’s retired now but clearly worked hard for a living. His huge hands are rough with callouses and his neck lined deeply with creases that were caused by heavy lifting and too many hours under a hot sun. That neck is red, and his heart bleeds red, white and blue.

“I know that’s what he said,” I tried. “But things change and I think the governor is–”

“WE VOTED FOR HIM BECAUSE HE TOLD US HE WAS GOING TO FIX THINGS!”

Hammer was almost screaming.

“John, I’m afraid you’re going to have a heart attack. You need to sit down and take a breath.”

He did. The chair creaked under his massive frame.

“Timmons, you said it in something you wrote. One side or the other is going to feel the pain. Either the government isn’t going to have as much to spend because they get less of our money, or they’re going to take more of our money so they can spend it. Why does the government always choose them over us?”

Hammer let out a long sigh. I really was worried about the big guy.

“I know it’s not a done deal yet,” he said, as he slowly got to his feet. “But from what I’m hearing some folks are going to have an increase in what they pay. Another damn increase. Others are going to have a decrease, so I guess

that means the folks in the statehouse are picking and choosing winners and losers. So much for treating everybody equal.”

Hammer looked around.

“This is what I see,” he said – almost sounding defeated. “Braun got us to vote for him by saying things would be different. He convinced us. And then he does this. He does what government always does. He compromises. He caves. He plays politics. I’m sick to death of politics. I want change. I want fairness. I want to keep more of my money instead of giving it to these clowns to waste.”

The defeatist tone abruptly stopped.

“There’s no reason – NO REASON – why this can’t change and change now. A plan that takes two or three years? That’s just more politics. That’s more of them choosing themselves over us.”

His face was getting red again. I was worried. “John, you know the governor has to work with the legislature. If he doesn’t, they’ll block everything he does. It’ll be a long four years.”

“BULLCRAP, TIMMONS!” he roared. “So what if they block him? You think they win? They’ll look so petty and so political they’ll be lucky if they last until the next election and not get run out of town on a rail. And it ain’t four years. The next election is in two and if this becomes Braun standing up for us and legislators playing games, voters will stand behind the governor. If Braun stands up for taxpayers, I’d hate to be a senator or representative on the other side.”

Hammer headed for the door – but stopped.

“I tell you this, Timmons. The Republican Party used to be about limited government. It used to be about responsible spending. I thought Braun was going to help get it back to that. If this tax mess continues, I’ll never vote for any of them again.”

Hammer walked out. I wondered how many other Hoosiers are feeling the same way?

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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electrical output threshold for “Small Modular Reactors” from 300MWe (enacted in 2005) to 500MWe. By increasing this figure, domestic (U.S.) industrialization and accelerated deployment of SMRs with higher electrical outputs become possible.

The 500MWe figure threshold encompasses all small modular reactor designs currently undergoing pre-application or

licensing activities with the NRC. The threshold also adheres to the definition of an advanced reactor set forth in the ADVANCE Act—whereby, it is below the lowest electrical output of a previous generation reactor in operation on December 27, 2020 (519 MWe).

Representatives Pat Harrigan (NC-10) and Claudia Tenney (NY-24) joined Congressman Jim Baird in the introduction of this legislation.

LETTER TO EDITOR



Friday is National Lineworker Appreciation Day

Dear Editor,

While we don't need an official date to say thank you, April 18 marks National Lineworker Appreciation Day.

Our Indiana lineworkers support economic growth by helping expand power infrastructure that powers our communities. They install new power lines, transformers and other equipment. They also often work in challenging conditions, including extreme weather and heights, to restore power and keep our communities running.

Their commitment was evident just two weeks ago when storms that caused high winds and flooding swept through Duke Energy's Indiana service territory. The damage was widespread, but our lineworkers restored

power to 100,000 customers quickly.

One of our amazing Hoosier lineworkers who worked during those storms had this to say, when asked about what he does for a living:

“It’s a rewarding and purposeful job when you can get the lights back on for customers. My kids don’t always want me to leave, but when people are out of power, they understand, and they are proud of their dad.”

Duke Energy line teams are making the grid stronger and more reliable to better serve customers. The next time you flip on the lights, thank a lineworker.

*Dagny Zupin
Duke Energy
Government and
Community Relations
Manager, Northwest
Indiana*

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sacrifices instilled in him a deep appreciation for education as a pathway to opportunity — a sentiment that would later define his academic and professional pursuits.

As an undocumented student in Salinas, Calif., Enríquez-Ornelas faced significant barriers. His high school years were a turning point; after struggling academically, he decided to compete to enter his college of choice. While he didn’t land one of the coveted spots, his guidance counselor introduced him to Wabash College. At Wabash, he discovered a safe space where he could thrive academically while exploring his identity as both an American and a Mexican immigrant.

During his time at Wabash, Enríquez-Ornelas became deeply involved in campus life. He joined La Alianza: Unidos Por Sangre, the Latino student organization that fostered inclusivity and celebrated Latin American culture. He also embraced the liberal arts ethos, double majoring in English and Spanish while immersing himself in extracurricular activities aimed at bridging cultural gaps on campus. These experiences shaped his vision for creating spaces where diverse identities could coexist authentically.

After graduating in 2008, Enríquez-Ornelas pursued advanced degrees in Hispanic Literature and Culture at the University of California-Riverside, earning both a master’s degree and a Ph.D. His academic focus on Latin American literature and history reflected his commitment to understanding and amplifying Latino narratives. Over the next decade, he built an impressive career as an educator and scholar, teaching at Millikin University and serving as department chair for modern languages. He also contributed to initiatives like strategic planning committees and Latino student organizations, further solidifying his reputation as a leader in higher education.

Despite his professional success, Enríquez-Ornelas maintained a strong connection to Wabash College. He frequently visited the campus, reflecting on his undergraduate experience and engaging with current students through events like chapel talks. In 2022, he was invited back to speak with members of La Alianza — a moment that reignited his passion for fostering community at Wabash.

The establishment of the Wabash Latino Community Center presented an opportunity for Enríquez-Ornelas to return in a formal capacity. Funded by a Lilly Endowment Inc. grant, the center was envisioned as a vital hub for Latino students and

community members in Crawfordsville. When offered the role of Director of Latino Partnerships, Enríquez-Ornelas saw it as more than just a job — it was a chance to give back to the institution that had shaped him while addressing critical needs within the Latino community.

In his inaugural year leading the LCC, Enríquez-Ornelas focused on cultivating partnerships that empower students and community members alike. Drawing from Bell Hooks’ definition of love — which emphasizes care, respect, trust and open communication — he has worked tirelessly to create programs that reflect these values.

Enríquez-Ornelas’s vision for the LCC extends beyond campus boundaries; he aims to make it a trusted resource for Montgomery County residents by addressing issues like language access and youth development holistically. Collaborations with local organizations such as La Conexión and Crawfordsville Bands demonstrate his commitment to building equitable partnerships that benefit both students and community stakeholders.

Reflecting on his journey during an April 11 Lunch with the League (hosted by the League of Women Voters), Enríquez-Ornelas shared how his personal experiences inform his leadership philosophy at Wabash College. From grappling with homesickness as an undergraduate to navigating systemic barriers as an undocumented immigrant, he has learned the importance of resilience and authenticity in creating spaces where individuals can thrive.

Enríquez-Ornelas’s return to Wabash is not just about professional achievement; it is about fulfilling a promise he made to himself years ago — to ensure that future generations of Latino students feel seen, supported and empowered to succeed. Under his leadership, the Wabash Latino Community Center is poised to become a beacon of hope and opportunity for both campus and community members.

In many ways, Enríquez-Ornelas embodies what it means to come full circle — not only returning home but transforming it into something greater than before.

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; or, visit the [League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Indiana Facebook page](#).

Annual Quilt Show on Full Display at Library

The Mary Bishop Memorial Gallery at the Crawfordsville District Public Library would like to welcome the public to view the Annual Exhibit of Sugar Creek Quilters’ Guild. Their unique textiles will be on display now through the end of April during CDPL’s hours of operation. A limited amount of quilted works will be for sale during the exhibition through our Circulation department. You don’t want to miss this show!

There are over 35 quilts and wall hangings of various sizes and shapes. The techniques displayed include machine-sewn, hand-sewn, and machine embroidered. Some of the items are quilted by hand, some by machine, and some on a long-arm sewing machine. Themes include samplers, holidays, seasonal, animals, and even books!

On September 14, 1992, the first assemblage of the Sugar Creek Quilters’ Guild met at the Old Jail Museum where an exhibit of Log Cabin Quilts was being held. Organizers, Katie Mitchell and Anita Hardwick had no idea that 30 quilters would fill the room and be excited about joining together for the joy of quilting. They decided their purpose was to encourage the enjoyment of sewing and strengthen the bond between quilters. The Guild has shared its work with the community since the group was created and they have exhibited their quilts at CDPL almost every year since 1995.

The Guild’s activities started with a workshop making baby quilts for newborns at the Well Baby Clinic. They have made quilts for the Family Crisis Center, Marie Canine Cancer Center, Well Baby Clinic, and Military Veterans. The Sugar Creek Quilters

Guild has held educational activities for both adults and 4th graders during Pioneer Days. They give their support to the 4-H Youth organization by sponsoring awards for the sewing category. The Guild also hosted the State Quilt Guild with the help of merchants who displayed quilts in their windows and venues that provided exhibit spaces. Each year in November, the guild members bring creations to be sold at the Holiday Bazaar to raise money for these community projects and programs.

The Sugar Creek Quilt Guild meets on the third Monday night of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the CDPL. Programs and Show & Tell featuring their members are major focal points of these meetings. Challenges have been offered for members to complete, fabrics have been shared, and the block of the month has been available for members to enjoy and grow. They are continually accepting new members, advanced and beginners, all are welcome.

This is our 33rd year and we love learning new techniques from speakers and each other and we enjoy the friendships that we have made. Please follow us on Facebook under Sugar Creek Quilters.

For more information about CDPL’s hours of operation, please visit our website at crawfordsvillelibrary.in.gov. If you are an artist or a member of an artists’ group and are interested in displaying your work at the Mary Bishop Memorial Gallery in 2026, please contact Toni, the Gallery Coordinator, at (765) 362-2242 for more details.



Photos courtesy Crawfordsville District Public Library

The creativity on display is on full display with more than 30 quilts and wall hangings of various sizes and shapes.



The quilts are on display at the Library through the end of the month, so be sure to get there before then.



The Sugar Creek Quilters’ Guild met at the Old Jail Museum back in 1992 and have been going ever since.

Building a Blockbuster: Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Ben-Hur . . . Silently

The General Lew Wallace Study & Museum is pleased to announce the opening of our 2025 exhibit **Building a Blockbuster: The 1925 Ben-Hur**. The exhibit is now open in the recently renovated Carriage House Interpretive Center at the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum.

“My God, did I set all of this in motion?” When Lew Wallace spoke these words in 1899 after seeing the staged production of *Ben-Hur* on Broadway, he could not have imagined all that he had actually set in motion. *Ben-Hur* has commanded the nation’s attention for over 140 years. The book is a presence in both popular and material cultural unlike any other work of fiction. Scholars continue to study Lew Wallace and *Ben-Hur* for the impact the book and its many iterations have had on popular culture. Beginning in 1907 with

an unauthorized filming of the story, this work of fiction changed the course of the film industry. This year we are celebrating the release of the celebrated 1925 silent film version of *Ben-Hur*.

The 2025 exhibit shares the many ways that the *Ben-Hur* property was shared with the public as a book, as magic lantern shows, and in the 1907 film. When the 1925 film was released to the public it was, without question, the most expensive silent film ever produced and was a certifiable blockbuster. It changed the course of the film industry.

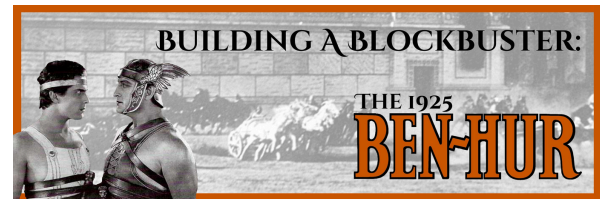
The exhibit may be viewed free of charge from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. **Building a Blockbuster: The 1925 Ben-Hur** will run through early December 2025. The Study is also open for guided tours. The Museum requests visitors seeking a guided

tour of the Study book their appointment ahead of time, but walk-ins will be accommodated as much as possible. Tours last approximately one hour and are \$7 for adults and \$3 or \$1 for students.

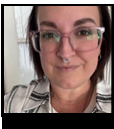
Other upcoming events at the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum include

Hoosier Authors Book Club on Thursday and American Battlefield Trust’s Park Day on Saturday, April 26.

For more information about the exhibit, visit <https://www.ben-hur.com/programs/annual-exhibit/> or contact Larry Paarlberg at (765) 362-5769 or lpaarlberg@ben-hur.com.



Rainy Day Reads from CDPL



BRYANNA OSBORNE
Guest Columnist

If April showers are keeping you indoors with nothing to do, come check out the library’s display on the second floor. There you will find a wide-ranging selection of reads from different genres to keep you busy during this rainy season.

For those stormy nights, why not settle in with a creepy thriller? Alex North’s “The Whisper Man” (FIC Nor) is a psychological thriller about a father and son who move to a small town with a dark legacy of a serial killer. Dathan Auerbach’s “Penpal” (FIC Auerbach) is a chilling story that unfolds through a series of unsettling memories. As the protagonist examines his past, he uncovers a terrifying connection between seemingly unrelated occurrences.

If you prefer something a little cozier, Richard Osman’s “The Thursday Murder Club” (FIC Osm) is a witty and charming mystery about four retired friends who

meet weekly to solve cold cases. When a real murder occurs near their retirement village, they find themselves unexpectedly involved in an exciting investigation. Mia P. Manansala’s “Arsenic and Adobe” (FIC Manansala Tita v.1) is a cozy mystery centered around Lila, who returns to her family’s Filipino restaurant and gets caught up in a murder investigation when her ex-boyfriend is found dead. What follows is a story full of culinary creations, family drama, and humor.

For the fantasy readers, V.E. Schwab’s “A Darker Shade of Magic” (FIC Sch) is a fantasy novel set in a world with parallel Londons, each with its own level of magical power. The story follows a magician who can travel between these worlds, as he gets caught in a dangerous web of magic and betrayal. Sarah Maas’ “House of Earth and Blood” (FIC Maa) is a novel with a world of dangerous creatures and hidden power. The half-Fae main character teams up with a fallen angel on a quest for justice that uncovers dark

secrets threatening her city.

If you want a comforting classic to curl up with, we have several! Jane Austen’s “Pride and Prejudice” (FIC Austen) explores the complex relationship between Elizabeth Bennet and the wealthy Mr. Darcy, examining themes of love, class, and social expectations. Charlotte Bronte’s “Jane Eyre” (FIC Bro) is a gothic novel about an orphan who becomes a governess at the mysterious Thornfield Hall, where she discovers dark secrets while searching for equality and freedom. Margaret Mitchell’s “Gone with the Wind” is a historical novel set during the American Civil War and Reconstruction, following the strong-willed Scarlett O'Hara as she deals with love, loss, and survival in the changing South.

Find these titles, and more, on display until the end of the month. Many are also available to check out digitally on our free Libby app.

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FOR THE RECORD

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SOUTHMONT SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Public Work Session
School Board Meeting
Corporation Board Room 6401 US 231 South, Crawfordsville, IN
5:00 p.m.
AGENDA
The Southmont Schools Board of Trustees will meet in Public Work Session on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Administrative Office located at 6401 S US Highway 231, Crawfordsville, Indiana to review the Capital Projects Fund.
I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
1. Capital Projects
III. Adjournment

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
City of Crawfordsville
Wednesday, April 16, 2025
7 p.m. Common Council Chambers
AGENDA
I. Call to Order & Roll Call
II. Presentation of minutes from March 19, 2025
III. Old Business
IV. New Business
A. (UV 0098) Habitat for Humanity c/o Greg Lanam requests a use variance from the schedule of uses of the City Zoning Ordinance to allow a single-family dwelling in an I-1, industrial zoning district at the parcel north of 507 Lafayette Avenue (Parcel No. 54-07-31-442-001.003-030)
B. (UV 0099) Fabiola Jiminez requests a use variance from the schedule of uses of the City Zoning Ordinance to allow an appliance store in an R-3, residential zoning district at 301 E College Street (Parcel No. 54-10-0502210113.000-030)
V. Miscellaneous
A. Informational Update by City Administration
B. Next regularly scheduled meeting: May 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM
VI. Adjournment

SHERIFF’S MERIT BOARD
Tuesday, April 22, 2025
4 p.m.
Sheriff’s Office 600 Memorial Drive Crawfordsville, IN
Agenda
1. Call to order (President of Merit Board)
2. Reading and Approval of minutes
3. Old Business
IV. New Business
• Executive Session - Interviews
V. Adjourn

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