

■ TODAY'S VERSE

**Mark 8:38** Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

■ AWL KRAYTOS



Kraytos is a 1 year old male American Blue Heeler that has been at AWL since 6/25/25. Kraytos is super ready to find his forever home! Kraytos LOVES to play fetch, go for walks, and will gladly sit for treats. Kraytos is looking for his best friend! Could that be you? Kraytos is available for adoption, to foster, or just simply going out for walks. Kraytos is neutered, dewormed, microchipped, and up to date on his shots. Come say hi! AWL is open Monday-Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 12-3p. Come snuggle cats in a community cat room, walk dogs, or lend a helping hand!

■ MONTGOMERY MINUTE

On Thursday, March 5, the Drug Free Montgomery County Leadership Team, in collaboration with Glory Girl Productions, will present a screening of the award-winning documentary, *The Addict's Wake*, at Crawfordsville High School from at 5 p.m. This event is free and is open to adults, 18 years or older - no childcare available. To register, please visit <https://theaddictswakemoco.eventbrite.com>. Following the screening, there will be a panel of local stakeholders and guest speakers that will last until 8:30 p.m. Many resources can be found on the Drug Free Montgomery County's website at [drugfreemoco.org](http://drugfreemoco.org). For further questions, reach out to Diamond Justus at [diamond@mcysb.org](mailto:diamond@mcysb.org).



Bobby Riggs was born on this date in 1918. Boomers remember the original male chauvinist pig. And lots of folks remember Billie Jean King kicking his tail all over the court. But does anyone remember that before that he beat the world's No. 1 player Margaret Court?

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"What you do today can improve all your tomorrows."  
**Ralph Marston**

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

What's a clean desk say about someone?  
It says they have a cluttered desk drawer.

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## Butch Was a 'Tag-along' Farm Kid

When I was a youngster, I didn't realize how fortunate I was that my Dad was a farmer. It wasn't just that I lived on a farm, which was a great life for a kid back in the day, but it was the fact that I got to spend time with my father much more so than other kids whose fathers worked at jobs in town. I think farm kids and their fathers form a unique bond . . . a closeness of shared responsibility. Of the 18 boys in my high school graduating class in 1966, 13 had fathers who farmed. And most all of these boys spent many hours working side-by-side with their dads during the day, and tagged along with them during the times away from the farm. Seven of the 16 girls in my class also lived on farms, and a few of them also worked right along with their fathers.



**Butch Dale**  
Columnist

My wife is a prime example!

Many of the boys imitated their fathers in mannerisms, habits, speech, and dress. It was not unusual to see a farm boy wearing a seed corn cap, bib overalls, and work boots . . . with a pocket leather "holster" of pliers hanging from his belt. One such boy lived the next road over from us. He was the spitting image of his Dad, and he was with his Dad from morning to night helping him with all of the

farm chores. When his father died unexpectedly at age 39, he was devastated. A few days after the funeral, the boy rode his bike to our house and asked my Dad if he could help him on our farm. The boy showed up every morning to help, staying with Dad the entire day. After about two weeks, the boy's mother hired another fellow to do the work on their farm, and the boy began helping him. It was a sad time for

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## LWV: You Are Needed, Just to Visit With Someone

When Marcelle Jones spoke at Lunch with the League on Feb. 6, she told a story that caught listeners' breaths.

An elderly woman, a Montgomery County resident, fell and broke her hip. Because no one was checking on her, she lay in her own waste, likely for days, after family members who should have cared for her simply disappeared. Finally, authorities and the Wabash Center's guardianship program intervened. These are the people who the Wabash Center's volunteer-supported adult guardianship exists to protect – and there's a growing need for local volunteers to visit with such people.

In another case, a man who had lived for years under guardianship recently stood before a judge and was told he could manage

**League of Women Voters**  
Column



his own life again. Given the choice, he asked to stay under guardianship just one more year, because having that support and advocacy had become a safety net the judge sensed he was not quite ready to live without.

**What adult guardianship is**

Under Indiana law, a guardian is a person or entity appointed by a court to make some or all personal decisions for an adult whose decision-making capacity is diminished. These decisions can in-

clude health care choices, financial matters, or other basic life decisions when a person can no longer safely manage them alone. Judges rely on medical reviews and formal findings of incapacity before guardianship is ordered; once that happens, the person becomes a "protected person" in the eyes of the court and the program.

Many people placed under guardianship have advanced dementia, intellectual or developmental

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■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

**1.** Attorney General Todd Rokita gave a shoutout to the Indiana House of Representatives. "Congratulations to the Indiana House on passing the strongest immigration enforcement legislation our state has ever had. Rokita said that SB 76 came to them in rough shape from the Senate, but thanks to the leadership of State Reps. J.D. Prescott, Chris Jeter, Garrett Bascom, and Michelle Davis, the House did a great job revising the bill to ensure it includes all critical provisions of the FAIRNESS Act. He added that they strengthened the state's anti-sanctuary laws with real enforcement teeth – including giving his office authority over detainer compliance, imposing penalties on employers hiring illegal aliens, and enhancing the State's ability to detect illegal aliens' use of Medicaid.

**2.** The Indiana Department of Natural Resources announced it will award five federal Historic Preservation Fund matching grants totaling more than \$279,000 for historic preservation and archaeology projects in five Indiana communities. These five grants, which will be awarded to nonprofit organizations and municipalities for work in Marion, Madison, Marshall, Fountain, and Delaware counties, help strengthen Indiana's historical and cultural heritage by assisting local preservation projects. In most cases, these grants require a dollar-for-dollar match of local or private funds, for a total projected investment of \$547,000 in these important cultural resource projects.

**3.** Speaking of the DNR, as part of Historic Preservation Month 2026, the annual DHPA Photo Contest is open for submissions. The digital photo contest must be of resources found in Indiana. Watermarks and/or signatures are not permitted on entries. Photographs can be submitted in the following categories: Color, Black & White, Altered, Kids (under 18), and photos pertaining to the Preservation Month theme in 2026. This year's Historic Preservation Month theme centers on the National Road in Indiana. We welcome submissions of buildings, districts, or streetscapes that highlight resources found in historic Hoosier communities along the National Road. Use the registration form for each picture submitted (up to three per photographer) and send entries to [DHPAConnect@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:DHPAConnect@dnr.IN.gov) by **Friday, April 3.**

## We've Got Spirit, Yes We Do -- We've Got Spirit . . .



**Two Cents**  
from  
**Tim Timmons**

Did you know this week is dedicated to celebrating public schools? Well, if anything ever deserved a tip of the seed corn cap . . . this sure fits the bill.

Too many times we do little other than gripe and moan. Our taxes are too high. They don't teach cursive writing anymore (yeah OK, that one bothers me a little bit too). Schools go too easy on kids these days. Kids don't have to walk five miles to school (say it with me now) . . . uphill . . . both ways!

But good gosh there's an awful lot right with our schools, isn't there? For a lot of us, our school years are some of the very best memories we have. For the really lucky among us, those school chums turned into life-long pals who we can still share memories, laughs and a secret or three with.

So let's celebrate our local schools this week . . . and before going any further, let me be fully transparent. I did not go to Crawfordsville, North or South (nor did I go to Ladoga,

Darlington, Linden or Coal Creek Central). Truth to tell, I'm a proud Noblesville High School grad – a grad from the time when we played Crawfordsville in the Sagamore Athletic Conference. That's back when the conference consisted of the six original members, CHS, NHS, Brownsburg, Carmel, Frankfort and Lebanon. I spent plenty hours over those four years (and two in junior high) coming this way to play Tuttle and Crawfordsville.

Little did I know back in the early 1970s that I would end up right back here as the still-wet-behind-the-ears sports editor of the *Journal-Review*. It became pretty doggone easy to go from athletic rival to big fan.

I still remember so many of the great coaches and administrators I got to work with. Bruce Whitehead, Bob Tandy, Steve Williamson, Chuck Streetman, Rick Schavietello, Dwayne Rater, Ron Henricks, Rich Clouse, Ed Stuffle, Anita Rupar, Terry Bartell, Elena Perez, Charley German, Dave Williamson, Dewayne Minch, Gail Peabworth (yes, I know she wasn't at a public school, but she coached swimmers from every public school in the county), Marvin Walters, Dave Duncan, Steve Macy, Ron Hess . . . and more. (And I KNOW I am leaving some

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## 5th annual Mayor's Breakfast for Scouting March 18

The 5th annual Crawfordsville Mayor's Breakfast for Scouting is Wednesday, March 18 at 8 a.m. in Fusion 54, 101 W. Main St.

Guests will hear brief comments from Mayor Todd Barton and John Cary, Scout Executive and CEO of Crossroads of America Council, Scouting America as well as information about all our wonderful Scouting units in the

Crawfordsville area.

Scouting in Crawfordsville has enhanced the lives of thousands of youth over the past 70+ years. The scout programs have empowered them to grow their skills and personalities through leadership development programs, team building, organization and interaction with dedicated volunteer leaders.

## Comedic 'Lenin's Embalmers' on Stage at Wabash

Wabash College theater performs "Lenin's Embalmers" by Vern Thiessen this week in a four-night run.

Two scientists, driven by fear and fame, are pushed to their limits when tasked with embalming former Soviet leader, Vladimir Lenin. Based on a true story of deception, scientific achievement and bitter betrayal, Lenin's Embalmers is both a rollicking comedy and an epic tragedy.

"Lenin's Embalmers is a very funny play about the very serious topic of the abuse of power," says Associate Professor of Theater Heidi Winters Vogel. "It is based on the true story of the two Soviet scientists forced to embalm and preserve Lenin's body in order to maintain Stalin's control of the gov-

ernment of the Soviet Union. This is a deep dive into history thick with laughter and groans-and a circus!"

Directed by Vogel, the play stars Jeremiah Clayton as Lenin, Alexander Schmidt as Boris, Benjamin Donaldson as Vlad, Robin Vogel as Nadia, Eamon Colglazier as Stalin, and Nicholas Kvachkoff as Krasin. Members of the ensemble include Boston Cahoon, Isabella de Assis-Wilson, Andres Ornelas, Preston Parker, and Sebastian Smelser.

The play opens this evening and runs through Saturday, with showtimes at 7:30 p.m. each evening. Admission is free to all events. All events are general admission. Tickets are required and may be reserved at <https://www.wabash.edu/boxoffice/> or by calling (765) 361-6411.

## Commissioner President Dan Guard Shares State of County Address

Montgomery County Commissioner President Dan Guard recently gave the 2026 State of the County Address. The Paper shares it here in its entirety.

Hello fellow residents of Montgomery County.

I am Dan Guard, President of the Board of Commissioners. It is an honor to be with you today as we reflect on the progress the County has made in 2025 and look ahead to the opportunities and challenges before us in 2026 and beyond. I am proud of the work being done across county government, and I am grateful for the dedicated employees, elected officials, and community partners who make that work possible.

Infrastructure and Economic Development

One of our top priorities continues to be investing in infrastructure that supports economic growth and prepares Montgomery County for the future.

In 2025, we completed the extension of the water line along Nucor Road, which was partially funded with State READI 2.0 grant. This critical investment helped Nucor Steel to expand its operations and played a key role in attracting Nucor Towers to our county. Projects like this demonstrate the importance of investing in our infrastructure that leads to new jobs for our residents and long-term economic stability for our county.

We also continued design work on the Nucor Road overpass at U.S. 136. This project is scheduled to be bid this summer, with 80 percent of the construction costs covered by a state grant. Construction is expected to begin in 2027. Once completed, this overpass will significantly improve safety while opening additional areas for future economic development. It is a major step forward for this growing corridor.

Maintaining Our Facilities: The Courthouse

Preserving our county facilities is just as important as building new ones. Much of the renovation work on our nearly 150-year-old courthouse is now complete. The roof has been replaced, interior renovations are finished and the remaining brick repairs will occur this winter. One of the most impactful improvements has been relocating the Clerk's Office to the first floor, improving accessibility and customer service for our residents.

It is worth remembering that the courthouse cornerstone was laid on May 6, 1875. As we complete this renovation, we are honoring our history while ensuring this building continues to serve Montgomery County for generations to come.

Collaboration with the City of Crawfordsville

Strong partnerships make strong communities, and our collaboration with the City of Crawfordsville continues to deliver real results. We meet monthly with the Mayor to discuss economic development and shared priorities.

The County and the City jointly financed the extension of Purple Heart Parkway and its completion in 2024 has opened new areas for both housing and commercial development. The City held a groundbreaking for a new Kroger grocery store along the Parkway extension and housing projects are being planned for this area, as well.

We also worked with the City to secure a State READI 2.0 grant for a housing program where new housing projects that meet certain criteria can receive a grant to assist with their infrastructure costs which will help lower the costs of construction—an important step as we work to address housing needs across our community.

Public safety collaboration has also been critical with the City. Emergency Medical Services, also known as EMS, in the county are being provided by the City through an agreement with the County. In 2025, the City made 1,268 EMS runs in the county. This partnership is a prime example of how working together benefits everyone we serve.

Maintaining Our Roads

Our Highway Department continues to do outstanding work maintaining the county's infrastructure. Our Highway Department is responsible for more than 500 miles of paved roads, 300 miles of gravel roads, and numerous bridges.

In 2025, \$6.848 million was invested in roads and \$1.574 million in bridges. Sixty-eight miles of paved roads received treatment, and 37 miles of gravel roads received additional gravel.

However, changes at the state level have reduced paving grants, impacting both the County and the City. These reductions will affect the amount of road maintenance we can complete in the future, making careful planning and prioritization more important than ever.

Public Safety: Sheriff's Office

Public safety remains a top priority for our County. The Sheriff's Office responded to more than 21,000 calls for service in 2025. We are grateful to our deputies and staff for their professionalism and dedication to keeping Montgomery County safe.

The Sheriff's Office upgraded radios to enhance officer safety and improve communication. A new roof was also completed at the jail, protecting a critical county facility.

Protecting Property Values Through Land Use Zoning

Protecting property values and guiding responsible development remain central goals. In 2025, we continued the process of updating our Zoning Ordinance in order to address new and developing land uses. Specifically, we adopted zoning regulations for commercial battery energy storage and carbon sequestration. In 2025, we also began the process of creating regulations concerning data centers. We approved the final regulations for data centers in January. These changes ensure transparency, public input, and thoughtful consideration of future land uses.

During the process of amending our Comprehensive Plan in 2024, we heard from a lot of residents about their concerns and their vision for Montgomery County. We will continue to adopt land use regulations which are consistent with the wishes of our residents.

I want to thank the citizens who serve on our Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Their time, expertise, and commitment are essential to these decisions.

Protecting Farmland Through Drainage Work

Agriculture remains a vital part of our local economy. To support our farming community, the County Surveyor invested \$1.5 million in drainage construction projects to protect farmland from flooding. These investments help make farm land more productive and help prevent flooding. I want to thank all of our farmers for their assistance and cooperation in this process, and I want to thank our four citizen farmers who serve with Commissioner Jake Bohlander on the Drainage Board for their service to our community.

Reducing Addiction Through Opioid Settlement Funds

Addressing substance abuse continues to be a priority. Through the Opioid Settlement Fund, 12 organizations received a total of \$191,608.47 to support programs aimed at reducing addiction in our



Commissioner President Dan Guard

county.

A grant committee reviews applications, with final decisions made by the Commissioners. We are committed to ensuring these funds are used responsibly and effectively to make a real difference in people's lives.

Attracting Visitors: Motocross of Nations Success

In October, Montgomery County proudly hosted the Motocross of Nations at Ironman Raceway. This internationally recognized event brought thousands of visitors from around the world and showcased our community on a global stage.

I want to recognize the many organizations that made this event a success, including county employees from the Sheriff's Office, Dispatch Center, Emergency Management, and Highway Department, as well as the City of Crawfordsville, the Visitor's Bureau, the Chamber of Commerce, IN-DOT, and the Indiana State Police.

The parade through downtown Crawfordsville to kick off race weekend was truly special, with enthusiastic fans lining the streets and showing their support for teams from many different countries. Ironman Raceway is now being considered to host a future Motocross of Nations, and our community has proven it is ready to welcome the world again.

Recognizing County Employees

Our employees are the backbone of county government. We are proud to recognize Lori Dossett as the 2025 County Employee of the Year. She has served as the Executive Assistant to the County Commissioners for over twenty years and her service to our County is greatly appreciated. Lori is retiring this year. We will miss her and wish her well in retirement.

We also recognize Sheriff Deputies Grant Snyder, Matt Roberts, Zane Hyten, Deric Punke and Ethan Stonebraker and Dispatchers Alayna McNulty, Kolby Curtis, and former employee Clint Jackson for receiving the IDHC Cardiac Arrest Save Commendation for their actions on December 16, 2025 that helped save the life of an individual.

We thank Joe Ellis for his service as Veterans Service Officer as he enters retirement and welcome Nick Kashon into that role.

We also congratulate Cale Stephens on his promotion to Assistant Director of the Highway Department.

Thanking Our Elected Officials

I would also like to thank several elected officials who are either term-limited or not seeking re-election:

Joe Buser, Prosecutor;  
Ryan Needham, Sheriff;  
Heather Laffoon, Treasurer;  
Mindy Byers, Auditor; and  
Steve Loy, County Council member.

We are grateful for their service and dedication to Montgomery County.

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that family, and the boy eventually worked through the psychological aftermath of his father's death.

Working alongside a parent provides hands on training and skills which are passed on from parent to child. And for me, the time together left me with many fond memories. I had certain chores and responsibilities that were expected to be completed. Sometimes Dad paid me for certain jobs, but most of the time it was because I had "to earn my keep." Yes, I may have complained a few times when it was time to clean out the hog barn, load the truck with ear corn, or feed the livestock, but I actually enjoyed doing those jobs and was proud of myself after the chores were completed. Dad let me drive our Farmall tractor to disc the fields when I was 13 years old, but I knew other boys who were driving tractors when they were 11 years old, like they had been doing it all their lives. I began plowing fields when I was 14 years old. By then I was able to reach back and pull the rope to trip the plow without falling from the tractor seat!

Dad often made trips to town . . . taking grain to the elevator, getting something repaired, etc. but many times just to take a break from working. I accompanied him to many places . . . the restaurant, filling station, drug store, pool room. I was his "tag-along" boy. And I can truthfully say that I learned a great deal when I went with him, especially how to interact with adults, and of course . . . if you knew my Dad . . . how to play a good joke on others. And Dad



Photo courtesy Butch Dale  
**Bill Dale with Butch in 1949.**

always provided a lot of good advice which has been beneficial to me throughout my life. He never pushed me, and rarely criticized me, but he did punish me a few times when I really did something stupid or dangerous. I am glad that he did! A strange thing though . . . I played baseball and basketball all through my school years. During that time, he attended just about every game, but he never offered advice or criticism, as he believed that was the coach's job. I was grateful for that, too!

Yes, I was quite lucky that I was able to be with my father during my growing-up years. He instilled in me a good work ethic, taught me about life, and was a great mentor. My personality is a reflection of my father . . . devoted to family, dedicated to my work, serious when I need to be, but always have a sense of humor and be able to enjoy life and appreciate everything I have.

There are very few kids who live on farms today compared to the past. But fathers, no matter what they do or where they live, can still spend quality time with their children. A close relationship can shape youngsters into becoming strong and independent individuals who are prepared for what life presents them.

"Be more than his Dad, Be a chum to the lad; Be part of his life, Find time to talk with him, Take time to walk with him, Teach him the things you want him to know . . . Father and son, Must in all things be one--- More than a Dad, He was the best pal you had."

I am so glad that I was one of those "tag-along" farm kids in the 1950s . . . Thanks, Dad!

*John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 37 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.*

# Black History Month Celebrates 100 Years

This February marks 100 years of Black History celebrations! What we now know as Black History Month was started by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the second Black American to receive a Ph.D. from Harvard and one of the founders of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). In 1926, he established Negro History Week as an annual prompt for education and commemoration. It was set for the second week of February to build upon celebrations of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln's birthdays. Over the years, it grew into a nationwide, month-long event, and in 1986, Congress officially recognized February as National Black History Month. For more information, visit the ASALH website at [asalh.org](http://asalh.org).

Come browse our book display! In keeping with the centennial theme, we've selected books about preserving and interacting with Black history.

In "The Black Box: Writing the Race" (305.896 Gates), Henry Louis Gates, Jr. discusses the many Black writers who assigned their own meaning to the category intended



**Susanna Howard**  
*Crawfordsville District Public Library*

to confine them. Irvin Weathersby, Jr. surveys landmarks marked by forgotten violence in his book, "In Open Contempt: Confronting White Supremacy in Art and Public Space" (306.47 Weathersby). "Black-Owned: The Revolutionary Life of the Black Bookstore" by Char Adams (323.1196 Adams) is a celebration of Black bookstores as meeting spaces and cultural centers for the sharing of ideas. While the diary of poet Lauren Russell's great-great-grandfather, a Confederate slave-owner, was preserved, his slave, her great-great-grandmother, was forgotten. Russell fills in the blanks in her family history in "Descent" (811.6 Rus).

On the fiction side of things, a fact-checker for the government must investigate the stories told about a

lynching in Danielle Evans' "The Office of Historical Corrections: A Novella and Stories" (FIC Evans). "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi (FIC Gya) traces the descendants of two Ghanaian sisters — one an Englishman's wife, the other sold into slavery. Charmaine Wilkerson's characters reckon with the history they've inherited, told through the lens of a broken heirloom in "Good Dirt" and through a recipe in "Black Cake" (FIC Wilkerson).

Check out what's happening on our website at [crawfordsvillelibrary.in.gov](http://crawfordsvillelibrary.in.gov) or call us at (765) 362-2242. This winter, the library is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

*Susanna Howard is a Library Assistant in the Adult Services Department at the Crawfordsville District Public Library.*

**TWO CENTS**

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out. I apologize. The brain does not work like it used to.)

They were great to work with and they were good people. And before anybody gets all butt-hurt about anything, that is not a disparagement of anyone before or after, alive, dead, past or current. These were just folks I knew and looked up to.

After my sports writing days, Southmont hired me to coach in three different sports -- baseball, basketball and tennis. I still remember so very fondly the kids from those teams and the great folks I had the pleasure to work alongside in our public schools.

Let's not forget school pride, right? How many of us in our 60s, 70s or ahem, older, still remember our school's fight song? How many

remember "We've got spirit, yes we do. We've got spirit, how about you?"

It meant a great deal to us to earn a letter sweater, a jacket. School pride was and still is a living, breathing part of being a teenager. Thank God for it.

If you think about it, public schools probably have more to do with making this country what it is than any government agency does. Principals, teachers, coaches and others shape kids as much as, if not more so, than some parents. I bet you still remember those special teachers or coaches or band directors or choir directors. I know I sure do.

It's not complicated. Teachers and schools are special.

To be fully transparent, my oldest

daughter is a teacher in a public school in Johnson County (and she used to teach at Northridge). I say this next part without the least bit of bias — she is one of those special teachers we all remember. How do I know? I've been with her when full-grown adults come up and tell her exactly that. Talk about busting a few buttons!

So let's all celebrate our public schools this week. Cheer on your favorite team. Attend a concert or play. Heck, send a card to the office just saying thanks.

They deserve it! *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](mailto:ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com).*

# Nine Lives? Well, Hey, I'm 76 and Still Here

Few alive today believe that cats have nine lives. This belief goes way back in multi-cultures but some suggest seven and the Middle Eastern claims cats have six lives. These traditions are not based on anything rooted in any factual observation "but rather in cultural and numerical symbolism!" (fluffyaf-fair.com). However, nine often represents wholeness and the culmination of cycles.

Well, I know cats do not have nine lives (watched many pass from their one and only life) yet it does seem like I might have cat-like tendencies in that matter. Many times over, I have been thought to be a goner, the first being my birth. Didn't find out until I was 32 though that I was a twin and she caused me some great trouble throughout my whole life — had to have an emergency hysterectomy that was supposed to take less than 45 minutes. Several phone calls to specialists from



**Karen Zach**  
*Special Guest Columnist*

the operating room and Jim being told he should get anyone who loved me there. Well, 5 1/2 hours later plus (losing me twice we learned that my twin died inside of me and the reason for the long, touchy operation is that they had to take so many pieces of her from me, some on vital organs, but hey I'm 76 and still here.

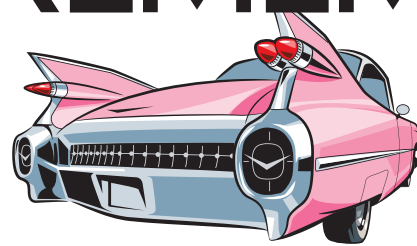
One mishap was in Florida. Visited some Waveland folks in Sarasota. Their kids and we three went riding bicycles while the parents checked out the mall. Well, a teenager with a fancy car came around the other way and hit me (then took-off)! I screamed and my brothers came back to get me. Al-though I was a bloody

mess and got my nose broken (one of 7 times) it could have been so much worse. The kids took me in the house and laid me (ready for this?) on their brand new white couch then went out for more riding — parents came home and I was doing better but the couch sure wasn't. We were never invited to visit again

Now, my head seems to get in the way two or three times a year — won't bore you with all my death possibilities but some big ones come to mind. For one when I was a Junior, I went on the last vacation I took with my folks. We had stopped somewhere

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# REMEMBER WHEN?



*Back in the day with Butch Dale*



## Hot Cars From Back In The Day

Do you recognize this classic car from 1963?

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Montgomery County Council  
Notice of Public Hearings Concerning Designation of Nucor Towers & Structures, Inc. Property as an Economic Revitalization Area, Waiver of Noncompliance and Granting of Tax Abatement

Notice is hereby given that the Montgomery County Council did on February 10, 2026 adopt a Declaratory Resolution (Resolution 2026-5) designating certain real estate to be an Economic Revitalization Area. This resolution, which affects a 152.91 acres in parcels of real estate owned by Nucor Towers & Structures, Inc. (Parcels #54-10-36-200-003.000-025, #54-10-36-200-003.003-025, #54-10-35-100-021.001-025, and #54-10-35-800-028.000-025) in South Union Township in Montgomery County and which is located at 4129 East Ladoga Road, New Ross, Indiana, was adopted following the filing of an application by Nucor Towers & Structures, Inc. to have such property designated as an Economic Revitalization Area for the purpose of securing abatement of real and personal property taxes under Indiana Code §6-1.1-12.1. This resolution also provides the Montgomery County Council to consider a waiver of noncompliance under Indiana Code §6-1.1-12.1-11.3. Nucor Towers & Structures, Inc. has requested a 10-year abatement of taxes for real property and a 20-year abatement of taxes for personal property.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree directed to me from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54D01-2510-MF-001282, wherein FORUM Credit Union was the Plaintiff, and Allen L. Keilman; Kristin L. Keilman; Figure Lending, LLC; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC; PNC Bank, National Association; Capital One, N.A.; Onemain Financial Group LLC as servicer for Wilmington Trust, N.A. as issuer Loan Trustee for Onemain Financial Issuance Trust 2022-3; and Solar Mosaic, LLC were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on April 8, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. of said day, at 600 Memorial Drive, Crawfordsville 47933, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana:

PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE APPROXIMATE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 3, IN THE CENTER LINE OF PRESENT S.R. #32; THENCE EAST WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF THE QUARTER SECTION (CENTERLINE OF PRESENT S.R. #32 EXTENDED EAST) 820.4 FEET TO A 6 INCH IRON PIN IN THE BLACKTOP ROAD (THIS POINT INTENDED TO COINCIDE WITH THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF A TRACT FORMERLY OWNED BY OBJIAH O'NEAL, WHICH IS COMMONLY REFERRED TO IN OTHER DESCRIPTIONS); THENCE NORTH 12 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST 455.6 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 53 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST 143.1 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 83 DEGREES 11 MINUTES WEST 618.6 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE IN THE WEST LINE OF THE QUARTER SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES EAST WITH THE WEST LINE 595.6 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 9.58 ACRES. (ALL BEARINGS BASED UPON AN ASSUMED EASTWEST DIRECTION OF THE SOUTH BOUNDARY).

EXCEPTING FROM THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND, A TRACT CONVEYED TO CHRISTOPHER SWEENEY BY DAN YOUNT AND WIFE ON 24 APRIL, 1872 (DEED RECORD 34 PAGE 638) CONTAINING 0.40 ACRES, A TRACT CONVEYED TO CHRISTOPHER SWEENEY BY DAN YOUNT ON 25 NOVEMBER, 1848 (DEED RECORD 44 PAGE 191) CONTAINING 0.20 ACRES AND A TRACT OF LAND CONVEYED TO MARION E. STEVENS AND WIFE BY GEORGE G. SWANK AND WIFE ON 31 MARCH, 1952 (DEED RECORD 158 PAGE 383), CONTAINING 1.22 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. CONTAINING LESS EXCEPTIONS, 7.76 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING RIGHTS OF WAY AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA.

EXCEPTING: A PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA, AND BEING THAT PART OF THE GRANTORS' LAND LYING WITHIN THE RIGHTOFWAYLINES DEPICTED ON THE ATTACHED RIGHTOFWAY PARCEL PLAT MARKED EXHIBIT "B" DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION SOUTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 55;SECONDS EAST (BASIS OF BEARING BEING THE LOCATION CONTROL ROUTE SURVEY PLAT RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 202108315 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA) 422.17 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWEST COMER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, SAID SOUTHWEST CORNER IS DESIGNATED AS POINT "40779" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT, SAID POINT OF BEGINNING IS THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF A 1.22ACRE TRACT DESCRIBED IN INSTRUMENT NO. 201905667 IN SAID RECORDER'S OFFICE; THENCE NORTH 37 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST 27.84 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID 1.22ACRE TRACT TO THE CENTER LINE OF SR 32; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 366.70 FEET ALONG AN ARC TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 2,344.23 FEET AND SUBTENDED BY A LONG CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF NORTH 77 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST 366.33 FEET ALONG SAID CENTER LINE; THENCE NORTH 73 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST 35.32 FEET OF THE EAST LINE OF THE GRANTORS' LAND; THENCE SOUTH 11 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST 113.43 FEET ALONG SAID EAST LINE TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST 398.23 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.572 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, INCLUSIVE OF THE PRESENTLY EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY WHICH CONTAINS 0.170 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, FOR A NET ADDITIONAL TAKING OF 0.402 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

ALSO EXCEPTING: A PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA, AND BEING THAT PART OF THE GRANTORS' LAND LYING WITHIN THE RIGHTOFWAY LINES DEPICTED ON THE ATTACHED RIGHTOFWAY PARCEL PLAT MARKED EXHIBIT "B" DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST COMER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, DESIGNATED AS POINT "40779" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST (BASIS OF BEARING BEING THE LOCATION CONTROL ROUTE SURVEY PLAT RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 202108315 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA) 422.17 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF A 1.22ACRE TRACT DESCRIBED IN INSTRUMENT NO. 201905667 IN SAID RECORDER'S OFFICE; THENCE NORTH 37 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST 51.41 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID 1.22ACRE TRACT TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SR 32, POINT "1000" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE NORTH 2 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 49.71 FEET TO POINT "1001" DESIGNATED ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 74 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST 14.31 FEET TO THE BOUNDARY OF SAID SR 32; THENCE SOUTH 2 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST 51.80 FEET ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF SAID SR 32; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 13.79 FEET ALONG AN ARC TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1,884.86 FEET AND BEING SUBTENDED BY A LONG CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF SOUTH 82 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST AND A LENGTH OF 13.79 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.016 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Parcel Number: 54-11-03-300-030.000-018 / 014-08025-70 Commonly known as 4010 West State Road 32, Crawfordsville, IN 47933-9303

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This is an attempt by a debt collector to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Ryan Needham, Sheriff of Montgomery County  
Ripley Township  
4010 W. SR 32, Crawfordsville, IN 47933-9303  
Property Address  
Brynn C. Thompson, Attorney No. 38166-30  
NELSON & FRANKENBERGER, LLC  
11350 North Meridian Street, Suite 320  
Carmel, Indiana 46032  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.

Serve by Sheriff:  
Allen L. Keilman  
4010 West State Road 32  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933-9303  
Kristin L. Keilman  
4010 West State Road 32  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933-9303  
Serve by Certified Mail:  
David M. Bengs  
MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C  
2804 Boilermaker Court, Ste. A  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
Nelson & Frankenberg, LLC is a debt collector and this is an attempt to collect a debt; any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of SUPERIOR Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54D02-2206-MF-000449, wherein Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper was Plaintiff, and Michael Reinken, et al., were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 8th day of April, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, at 600 Memorial Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana:

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

More Commonly known as: 2946 W Shore Dr, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 Parcel No. 11-35-222-060.000-025  
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

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

Plaintiff Attorney: C. Wesley Pagles  
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LOGS Legal Group LLP  
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Sheriff of Montgomery County  
Union Township  
2946 W Shore Dr  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Montgomery Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No.: 54C01-2506-MF-000650, wherein Nationstar Mortgage LLC, was Plaintiff, and Ashley F. Hoopert, was/were Defendant(s), requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 8th day of April, 2026, at the hour of 10AM 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.

SEE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
More Commonly Known As: 505 West Main Street, Waveland, IN 47989 54-13-36-223-027.000-006  
Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

Jennifer L. Snook  
MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C.  
2804 Boilermaker Court, Ste. A  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
Telephone: (219) 386-4700  
Ryan Needham  
Sheriff of Montgomery County  
City of Waveland  
505 West Main Street, Waveland, IN 47989  
Street Address  
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein  
Type of Service: Personal  
SERVICE DIRECTED TO:  
Ashley F. Hoopert  
505 West Main Street  
Waveland, IN 47989  
Ashley F. Hoopert  
2918 West Pear Tree Lane  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

EXHIBIT A

Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 17 North, Range 6 West, Montgomery County, Indiana described as follows:

Beginning at a point of intersection of the South Line of Main Street and the East line of the West Half of said Northwest Quarter, said point being 740.27 feet North 00° 00' 00" East and 1325.39 feet North 90° 00' 00" East (basis of bearing is Geodetic North) of the Southwest Corner of said Northwest Quarter; Thence South 79° 44' 52" West along the South Line of Main Street for a distance of 112.74 feet to a 5/8" X 24" capped rebar marked Deckard Srvy Firm #44 (herein after a Deckard Rebar); Thence leaving the South line of Main Street and running South 10° 58' 14" East for a distance of 147.57 feet to a Deckard Rebar; Thence North 79° 44' 52" East for a distance of 83.18 feet to a Deckard Rebar on the East line of the West Half of said Northwest Quarter; Thence North 00° 23' 01" East along said East line of distance of 150.14 feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.332 acres, more or less in Montgomery County, Indiana.

Except:  
A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 17 North, Range 6 West, Montgomery County, Indiana, and being all the part of the grantor's land lying within the right of way lines depicted on the attached right of way parcel plat marked Exhibit "B", described as follows:

Beginning at the Point of intersection of the South line of Main Street and the East line of the West Half of said Northwest Quarter, said point being the Northeast Corner of the grantor's land; Thence South 00 Degrees 19 Minutes 22 Seconds West a distance of 3.58 feet along said grantor's East line to the point designated "50026" on said parcel plat; Thence South 79 Degrees 47 Minutes 55 Seconds West a distance of 112.04 feet to the West line of the grantor's land; Thence North 10 Degrees 52 Minutes 22 Seconds West a distance of 28.62 feet along said grantor's West line and said West line prolonged, to the centerline of State Road 59; Thence North 79 Degrees 50 Minutes 44 Seconds East a distance of 117.68 feet along said Centerline, to the East line of said Quarter-Quarter; Thence South 00 Degrees 19 Minutes 22 Seconds West a distance of 25.42 feet, along said East line to the point of beginning and containing 0.075 acres, more or less, inclusive to the presently existing Right of Way, which contains 0.032 acres, more or less, for a net additional taking of 0.043 acres, more or less.

More Commonly Known As: 505 West Main Street, Waveland, IN 47989 54-13-36-223-027.000-006

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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE CRAWFORDSVILLE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Taxpayers of the Crawfordsville Redevelopment District ("District"), the boundaries of which are coterminous with the boundaries of the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana ("City"), are hereby notified that the Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission ("Commission") did, on February 17, 2026, adopt a resolution determining to issue bonds of the Commission ("Bond Resolution"), acting in the name of the City, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Six Million, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,700,000), to pay the cost of various City improvements, including street extensions, including construction and installation of connector roads, water and sewer extensions, including lift stations, force mains and gravity sewer improvements, water main construction and installation, field drain and drainage construction, street department building acquisition, construction and improvements, demolition of existing facilities, street department storage barn construction and improvement, public pool repairs and city hall improvements, which are in, serving or benefiting both the Commerce Park and Crawfordsville Square Economic Development Areas (collectively, "Project"), incidental expenses incurred in connection with the Project, funding a debt service reserve or surety, if necessary, for the Bonds and costs associated with issuance of the Bonds. The bonds are payable from Tax Increment (as defined in the Bond Resolution) and, to the extent Tax Increment is not sufficient, from a special benefits tax levied on all taxable property in the District. The bonds are to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5.5% per annum for any bonds issued as tax-exempt bonds, and will mature annually on January 15 over a period ending no later than fifteen (15) years after the date of delivery of the bonds.

Dated February 18 and February 25, 2026.  
CRAWFORDSVILLE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54D01-2509-MF-001156, wherein Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC was Plaintiff, and Tasha L. Johnson, et al., were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and costs. I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 8th of April, 2026, at 10:00 A.M., at 600 Memorial Dr., Crawfordsville, IN 47933 with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana:

THE NORTH 121 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE:  
PART OF THE LOTS NUMBERED FIFTEEN (15), SIXTEEN (16), AND SEVENTEEN (17) IN HANNIBAL AND ALBERT PURSEL'S ADDITION OF OUTLOTS TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF CRAWFORDSVILLE, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING IN THE CENTER LINE OF THE CRAWFORDSVILLE LADOGA CONCRETE ROAD AT THE INTERSECTION OF SAID LOT 17 WITH THE CENTER LINE OF SAID ROAD (SAID BEGINNING POINT BEING 1390.98 FEET SOUTHEASTERLY FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTER LINE OF SOUTH BOULEVARD AND SAID CRAWFORDSVILLE LADOGA ROAD) AND RUNNING THENCE WEST ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 17 A DISTANCE OF 339.3 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE STAKE; THENCE NORTHERLY 260.1 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE STAKE; THENCE EAST 219.5 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF SAID ROAD; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY 290.92 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.67 ACRES MORE OR LESS, IN UNION TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA.

Commonly known as 1203 Ladoga Rd., Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
Parcel No. 10-08-100-007.000-030  
THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE DOES NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OF THE STREET ADDRESS PUBLISHED HEREIN

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. All sales are subject to any first and prior liens, taxes and assessments legally levied and assessed thereon.

Ryan Needham  
Sheriff of Montgomery County, Indiana  
/s/ Brian K. Tekulve  
Brian Tekulve  
Lender Legal PLLC  
PLEASE SERVE BY:  
Sheriff  
Tasha L. Johnson  
1203 Ladoga Rd  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
Michael W. Johnson  
1203 Ladoga Rd  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

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Montgomery County Plan Commission  
Notice of Public Hearing  
Final Minor Plat

The Montgomery County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 4:00 pm to consider a Final Plat for the Briar Grove Minor Plat. The meeting will be held in the community room of the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933

Petitioner: Jim Ratcliff  
Purpose of Request- Final Minor Plat  
Location - 306 N Center St  
Linden, IN 47955  
The request is to hold a public hearing to consider the Final Plat of the Briar Grove Final Plat (Minor Plat)

Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed Plat. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The Montgomery County Plan Commission may continue the hearing from time to time as may be found necessary. Citizens may file written comments or objections with Marc Bonwell, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (marc.bonwell@montgomerycounty.in.gov) prior to the public hearing. All such written comments or objections will be considered by the Plan Commission. A copy of the proposed Plat is on file and may be examined at the Montgomery County Building and Zoning Department 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 18, 2026  
Marc Bonwell  
Building/Zoning Administrator  
Montgomery County, IN

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**New Ross Civil Town, Montgomery County, Indiana  
Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2025**

	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan. 1, 2025	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec. 31, 2025
Governmental Activities	1101	GENERAL FUND	\$236,203.93	\$102,297.11	\$100,755.34	\$237,745.70
	2201	MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	\$47,325.28	\$14,380.70	\$31,424.47	\$30,281.51
	2202	LOCAL ROAD & STREET	\$26,014.48	\$3,724.41	\$9,306.65	\$20,432.24
	2203	MVH RESTRICTED	\$41,900.12	\$6,646.54	\$0.00	\$48,546.66
	2211	PARK DONATIONS	\$5,899.19	\$9,089.21	\$7,633.61	\$7,354.79
	2236	RAINY DAY	\$2,690.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,690.52
	2240	LAW ENFORCEMENT PUBLIC SAFETY	\$51,817.00	\$18,375.00	\$6,555.05	\$63,636.95
	2256	OPIOID UNRESTRICTED	\$1,294.80	\$286.56	\$0.00	\$1,581.36
	2257	OPIOID RESTRICTED	\$1,405.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,405.09
	2402	COMMUNITY CROSSINGS MATCHING GRANT	\$0.00	\$63,900.00	\$63,900.00	\$0.00
	2590	ARP LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND	\$45,422.79	\$0.00	\$45,422.79	\$0.00
	2600	FINES	\$199.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$199.76
	4401	CUM CAP IMP - CIG TAX	\$11,684.09	\$459.30	\$1,756.66	\$10,386.73
	4402	CUM CAP DEVELOPMENT	\$21,240.54	\$5,773.88	\$2,000.00	\$25,014.42
	8901	PAYROLL	\$1,273.34	\$76,924.56	\$76,739.70	\$1,458.20
STORM WATER	6501	STORMWATER OPERATING	\$23,305.93	\$9,816.01	\$13,127.60	\$19,994.34
ELECTRIC	6301	ELECTRIC OPERATING	\$168,361.63	\$333,092.77	\$372,648.07	\$128,806.33
	6302	ELECTRIC DEPRECIATION	\$1,157.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,157.49
	6304	ELECTRIC METER DEPOSIT	\$22,022.22	\$1,319.00	\$0.00	\$23,341.22
TRASH	6604	TRASH OPERATING	\$22,512.79	\$19,892.03	\$29,388.75	\$13,016.07
WASTEWATER	6201	SEWER OPERATING	\$324,882.53	\$137,369.39	\$124,572.71	\$337,679.21
	6202	SEWER BOND AND INTEREST	\$38,960.58	\$40,800.00	\$38,966.85	\$40,793.73
	6206	SEWER DEBT SERVICE RESERVE	\$39,474.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,474.14
	6207	SEWER IMPROVEMENT	\$87,398.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$87,398.67
		Total All Funds	\$1,222,446.91	\$844,146.47	\$924,198.25	\$1,142,395.13

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**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. 54C01-2510-MF-001301, wherein PennyMac Loan Services, LLC was Plaintiff, and Travis J. Pickett was a Defendant, 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 8th day of April, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 600 Memorial Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana.

Part of the Southwest quarter of Section eight (8), Township twenty (20) North, Range four (4) West, described as follows:

Beginning on the North line of South Street in the Town of Linden, at the Southwest corner of Lot numbered twenty (20), of Thomas C. and Mary Shanklin's Second Addition to said Town, running thence West, along the North side of South Street, one hundred six (106) feet, more or less, to the Southeast corner of a tract conveyed by Robert C. King and Bernice Beard King, husband and wife, to Harold Ward Wilkins by deed dated November 14, 1938, and recorded in Deed Record 140, page 557, of the records of Montgomery County, Indiana; thence North along the East line of said Wilkins' tract one hundred fifty (150) feet; thence East one hundred six (106) feet, more or less, to the Northwest corner of Lot numbered twenty (20); thence South along said West line one hundred fifty (150) feet, to the place of beginning.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM, seventy (70) feet of even and equal width of the East side thereof.

More commonly known as 400 E South St, Linden, IN 47955-8000 Parcel No. 54-02-08-333-120.000-017

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

/s/ BRYAN K. REDMOND  
BRYAN K. REDMOND, Plaintiff Attorney  
Attorney # 22108-29  
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.  
8415 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 400  
Indianapolis, IN 46250  
Ryan Needham, Sheriff  
Madison Township  
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.

**NOTICE  
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.**  
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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
To consider a Re-zone of Real Property in  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

The Montgomery County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday March 10, 2026 at 4:00 pm to consider a re-zone from "Agricultural" to "Agricultural Overlay" parcels 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: Copper Box Solar LLC

**Purpose of Request-**

A request to re-zone parcels from "Agricultural" to "Agricultural Overlay" for the purpose of a Commercial Solar Energy System (CSES)  
Location: Sections 22,27,28,29,33,34 and 35 of Madison Township, Section 4 of N Union Township  
Montgomery County  
Case # RZ2026-2

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 Plan Commission 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) before 2:00pm on date of public hearing. All such comments will be considered by the Plan Commission. 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 18, 2026  
Marc Bonwell  
Building/Zoning Administrator  
Montgomery County, IN

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice is hereby given that MONTGOMERY County, by and through its Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids for the construction of:  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY FY26 CCMG PROJECT  
HMA OVERLAY OF VARIOUS ROADWAYS  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA**

Sealed proposals will be received at the Montgomery County Commissioner's Office, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville IN, 47933 by 4:00 P.M. (local time) on March 20th, 2026. If CCMG Funds have been awarded to Montgomery County, then all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud during the County Commissioner's meeting, which begins on March 23rd at 8:00 A.M. (local time). Any proposals received after the above-designated time will be returned unopened.

Bids will not be opened, reviewed, or awarded prior to award of CCMG funds. If funds are NOT awarded to Montgomery County for this project, bids may be returned.

The proposed construction will include Wedge and Level, 1.5" Overlay, Patching, and Multi-Component Pavement Markings, and all incidental work required, as more fully specified in the Contract Documents and Plans.

All proposals must be submitted on State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 together with the proper forms included in the Contract Documents, the entire set of which shall be filed intact as a bid. The bid envelope must be sealed and have the words "MONTGOMERY COUNTY FY26 CCMG Project" legibly written on the front. Bidders must be INDOT pre-qualified per Indiana Code (IC) 5-16-13-10.

The contract documents are available at www.questcdn.com. This contract is QuestCDN project number 9931984 A contractor may view the contract documents at no cost prior to deciding to be a planholder. To be considered a planholder for bids, a contractor must register with QuestCDN.com and purchase the contract documents in digital form at a cost of \$22.00. Registering for all prime contractors and subcontractors is recommended as plan holders will receive automatic notice of addendums and other contract document updates via QuestCDN. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration or downloading digital project information.

Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of drawings and Contract Documents and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of drawings and Contract Documents.

**SECURITY:** Any person, firm or corporation who submits a proposal MUST file with their bid a CERTIFIED CHECK, BANK DRAFT, CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER issued by a financial institution insured by an agency of the United States in the amount of five percent (5%), made payable to the Treasurer of Montgomery County. In lieu of the above, any person, firm or corporation who submits a proposal and has a principal place of business in the State of Indiana MAY file with their proposal a BID BOND in the amount of five percent (5%), made payable to the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County.

Proposals may be held by the Board of Commissioners for a period not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days from the public opening.

The successful CONTRACTOR will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, each, within ten (10) days after award of the contract and a two (2) year Maintenance Bond in the amount of thirty percent (30%) of the contract price prior to completion and final payment of the contract.

No CONTRACTOR may withdraw his proposal within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to ask for clarification for any bid submitted. In comparing bids, consideration will not be confined to price only. The successful bid will be the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, however the Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any proposal, to waive technicalities or irregularities therein, to delete any bid item or items and to award a contract on the proposal that in their judgment is most advantageous to Montgomery County.

**Montgomery County Board of Commissioners  
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Montgomery County in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation and Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Title VI Program and Related Statutes, issued pursuant to such Acts, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of religion, race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability/handicap and low income in consideration for an award.

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**COUNTY**

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Looking ahead, we face real challenges due to actions at the state level of government. The State General Assembly has made a significant change to the local government funding formulas that will shift local revenue away from property taxes to income taxes. This will impact the service level of the various local governments in our County and it will require close monitoring. We will continue to work closely with the County Council, Auditor, the City, and other local governments to understand and manage the fiscal impacts.

We are also facing cuts to state grants, court funding, public health funding, and daycare vouchers. Additionally, there are ongoing efforts at the State General Assembly to restrict home rule, particularly regarding land use decisions. These changes could affect how local governments manage issues such as wind and solar energy, commercial battery storage, and data centers.

Looking Ahead While these challenges are significant, I am confident in the leadership we have at

the local level. With careful planning and collaboration, we will meet these challenges head-on.

The openings of Nucor Towers and Nucor Coatings will bring good paying jobs to our community. The Purple Heart Parkway area is poised for continued growth in retail and housing, and Montgomery County remains a place of opportunity.

As we approach the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence this year, I am reminded that our community shares the same determination and forward-looking spirit as our nation's founders. With that same fortitude, we will continue to build a strong future for Montgomery County.

Those of us who have been elected to serve in County Government understand that our first duty is to serve the people of Montgomery County. We will continue to work hard to do just that in 2026.

Thank you for listening to the 2026 State of the County. May God bless our county, our state, and our country.

**LEAGUE**

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disabilities, traumatic brain injuries or severe mental illness combined with other serious medical conditions. Some have families who step up as guardians, but many do not. In some heartbreaking cases, the family members themselves have been the abusers or financial exploiters who left their relative without resources or support. In those cases, the Wabash Center's adult guardianship program becomes the legal safeguard of last resort.

**Who the volunteers serve**

Program staff often refer to their clients as "unbefriended individuals" – adults in nursing homes, assisted-living settings, group homes, or independent living who simply have no one. Wabash Center is currently serving 11 open cases in Montgomery County, and more in Tippecanoe County, with clients ranging in age from their 20s to their 90s. These are people who have been deemed incapacitated by the court and now live in facilities where staff are busy, systems are complex, and it is easy for a quiet resident to fall through the cracks.

Without a guardian and volunteer presence, problems can go unnoticed: bedsores, missed medications, clothing that no longer fits, or subtle signs of neglect or abuse. Vol-

unteer "care partners" become extra eyes and ears, noticing whether daily living needs are being met and whether the person seems comfortable, respected and safe.

**What the commitment looks like**

The Wabash Center intentionally calls its volunteers "care partners" because these volunteers can visit as little as weekly or a couple of hours a month. A care partner might visit a woman at Ben Hur, read to her, share a meal in the dining room, or watch a favorite show together. For another person, it might mean regular short visits to chat, taking a brief walk, or simply sitting quietly so the resident knows someone is there for them.

The time commitment is modest but meaningful. Volunteers are asked to visit at least one to two hours a month, with some choosing to do more depending on their schedule and relationship with the individual. They make basic observations about the person's condition and care, jot down simple notes and submit monthly or quarterly reports that help Wabash Center meet its legal duty to provide 30-, 60-, 90-day, and annual updates to the court. Volunteers do not have to appear in court and are protected under Indiana's probate code

and Wabash Center's liability, unless they themselves engage in abuse or other illegal behavior.

**Why Montgomery County needs you**

Wabash Center has been operating the Montgomery County Adult Guardianship Services Program since 2016, funded through a state grant (VASIA - Volunteer Advocates for Seniors and Incapacitated Adults), the Montgomery County Commissioners, and the Edna Divine Law Trust administered by the Montgomery County Community Foundation. Since then, the program has served 27 incapacitated adults here. Wabash Center is seeking to match one care partner to one volunteer in the county. They're supported by a small staff, who Jones describes as a "one-and-a-half person team" – one full-time and one part-time – trying to cover a spread-out rural county where needs are often hidden.

Adult guardianship is growing more urgent across Indiana, Jones notes. Programs now exist in only about 15 of the state's 92 counties, even as the population ages and abuse, neglect, and exploitation remain under-reported.

How to learn more or volunteer

Becoming a care partner starts with a simple expression of interest, followed by an

application, a criminal background check, and a brief interview to determine whether the role is a good fit. Volunteers receive training, are carefully matched with an appropriate protected person, and have the ongoing support of Wabash Center staff, who are on call 24/7 for guidance.

Community members can also help by spreading the word – to churches, civic groups and neighbors – about the existence of the Montgomery County Adult Guardianship Services Program.

To learn more, visit Wabash Center's website and look for the guardianship section or the Tippecanoe/Montgomery Adult Guardianship Services Program; the program also maintains a Facebook presence under that name.

Even one or two hours a month can give a vulnerable adult in Montgomery County what so many of us take for granted: a voice, an advocate, and a friend.

*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.*

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### Tri Kappa Art Show on Display at Library

The public is invited to the Mary Bishop Memorial Gallery at the Crawfordsville District Public Library for the annual Tri Kappa Art Show. The show highlights artworks created by Montgomery County high school students. This wonderful art exhibition would not be possible without the instruction, guidance and leadership of our high school art teachers: Ms. Charissa Ajay and Ms. Amanda Ellenberger, Crawfordsville High School; Ms. Autumn Hinders, North Montgomery High School; and Ms. Catharine Simmerman and Ms. Sandy Minnick, Southmont High School.

Tri Kappa sponsors this juried art exhibit which gives our local high school students the opportunity to display and compete for cash prize awards each year. This exhibition is currently open and will be on display through Thursday, March 19. The public is welcome to visit the gallery during CDPL's regular hours of operation.

The awards reception will be held on Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. in CDPL meeting rooms A & B. Students, teachers, family and friends are invited to attend; light refreshments will be served. In 2025, Tri Kappa awarded 50 cash prizes totaling \$1,530 to 44 Montgomery County high school art students.

Tri Kappa is an Indiana-based, Greek service sorority that was founded in February 1901. They strive to "Bring women into a close, unselfish relation for promotion of charity, culture, and education." They have 7,000 members in approximately 220 Active and Associative Chapters.

At the state level, the sorority has a close relationship with the Riley Cheer Guild which supports the music therapy program for children at Riley Hospital, as well as supporting other organization with fi-



Photos courtesy Crawfordsville District Public Library  
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ancial donations and many hours of volunteer service. Some of these organizations include Hands in Autism, Camp Riley, Ronald McDonald House, Mental Health Association of Indiana, Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Best Buddies and many other charitable causes.

The local Crawfordsville Tri Kappa Chapter was founded in 1927 and they endeavor to keep the funds they raise through various events, such as the Daddy/Daughter Dance, here in the community. They provide scholarships to local high school students each year to assist with college expenses and sponsor this exhibit's awards. They have coordinated the Summer Lunch Program for more than 40 years, which provides lunches to approximately 75 students in the area who might otherwise not have access to lunch during the summer months when school

is not in session. Tri Kappa also assists with the CHS Sunshine Society's Cheer Certificate Program around the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and they host an annual St. Patrick's Day dance for the clients of mental health providers in this community.

If you are interested in learning more about the Tri Kappa organization, or if you would like to get involved with this dedicated group, visit their website at [trikappa.org](http://trikappa.org) for further assistance.

For more information about CDPL's hours of operation, visit online at [crawfordsvillelibrary.in.gov](http://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 2027, contact the gallery coordinator Toni Ridgway-Woodall at (765) 362-2242 or email her at [twoodall@crawfordsvillelibrary.in.gov](mailto:twoodall@crawfordsvillelibrary.in.gov) for more information.

### Stacy Sommer Leads Way



Photo courtesy Andy Chandler

Crawfordsville Montgomery County Chamber Executive Director Stacy Sommer (standing to the right) not only led another successful Chamber Legislative Breakfast but she has helped the Chamber grow immensely. The Chamber is more vibrant and active than ever, thanks to her leadership and skills. Here she is seen at the recent Legislative Breakfast the Chamber sponsors.

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### NINE LIVES

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with a pool, as usual and I popped into my swimsuit and dove right in – no clue what happened but I hit my head on the side of the pool, bled everywhere and passed out. Luckily, a young couple were basking in the sun and saw me – he got me out – bless him and I was well again in not too long. Another head mess that was a big one, happened as my brother, his wife and I were decorating for the Waveland Alumni Banquet. Larry had climbed up a really tall ladder to put up streamers hooked to the gym roof but left the large, steel scotch tape holder on top. I moved the ladder and well, you can guess what happened. Wasn't very pretty that night after being in the hospital but I was president and the show had to go on!

There are many other happenings (including when I fell running across Washington in my crotch and broke my shoulder/arm in five places - so badly it took me going to three specialists before one finally agreed to fix it. Another mishap was on the train in Switzerland and three male Swiss guards strip searched me and completely destroyed my luggage thinking I was a Swiss serial killer. In Terre Haute, I later I was in a scary store robbery and had Four Corners Disease very badly (50 percent chance to make it through that – similar to covid).

Recently, I had a heart attack (widow maker which several in our family passed from); and after a stent, rehab from that for a couple of months, I endured open heart

surgery (triple bypass) more therapy (the gals at C'ville hospital were absolutely amazing) and just getting better from that and I broke my left hip. So, as you can see I've had my fair share of catting around but hey, I'm 76 and still here! So, nine lives? Who only knows but would guess I'm about to run out!

*For years, Karen Zach was the editor of Montgomery Memories, our monthly magazine all about Montgomery County. Her column, Around the County, appeared every Friday in The Paper of Montgomery County. Karen retired from all that a few years ago but sent us this gem to share with you. You can reach her at [karen.zach@sbcglobal.net](mailto:karen.zach@sbcglobal.net).*

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