

■ TODAY'S VERSE

Matthew 7:7

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

■ AWL BANDIT



Kevin

Bandit is a 4 month old male domestic shorthair kitten available at The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL). Bandit is currently being fostered, but is eager to snag a furrever home before being brought back to the shelter. Bandit's foster family is happy to report he's purrfect!! Bandit is playful, cuddly, vocal, and confident. Bandit would thrive in a home with other pets (cats or dogs). Bandit is also great with kids and he's litterbox trained.

■ MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The Carnegie Museum is seeking artifacts for its next local history exhibit, Centennial Farms & Heritage Barns. This year, the museum will be celebrating farming, barns, and agriscience. Is your farm a Hoosier Homestead Farm and been in the family 100 years or more? Did you participate in 4-H or FFA in Montgomery County? Do you have jackets, trophies, ribbons, or photos that you'd be willing to donate or loan for the exhibit? They'd love to share your experiences with the community! Please contact Curator Janna Bennett at (765) 362-4622 or jrbennett@carnegiemuseum.in.gov to discuss your items. The exhibit will be on display April 4 – Oct. 31, 2026.



Thinking about changing my name. Instead of Honest Hoosier I could be Never-Hurt-Your-Feelings Hoosier and just tell you the things you want to hear. Yeah, you know what's coming . . . April Fool!

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred and sixty-four."

Mark Twain

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

How do pirates celebrate April Fools' Day?  
They walk the plank.

# The Paper

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### LWV Details Voting Process

Which system of voting will return faith in election outcomes?

That was the question at hand for Montgomery County's Election Board in February and March.

County Clerk Sondra Sixberry wants a return to fully hand-marked, hand-counted ballots. In this system, cameras and eyeballs would verify accuracy and accountability. To support her proposal, Sixberry offered evidence from Co-Founder of the Chester County Coalition for Voting Integrity, Professor Jana Nestlerode.

While humans rely on machines to reduce human counting errors across banking, budgeting, payroll and other industries, machines' trustworthiness have become a point of controversy in elections. Nestlerode says it's not about small acts of fraud – those are already illegal –

but system-wide exploitation.

Nestlerode, who teaches and researches at West Chester University in Pennsylvania, argues that the core problem with voting machines is not "vote fraud" by individuals but "election fraud" – large-scale, electronic manipulation of computer-counted vote totals that local poll workers would never see.

Such concerns stem from assertions that machines can be infected by viruses. They can be altered or mis-programmed by partisan vendors. And because proprietary software is secret and often shielded from forensic review, Nestlerode, Sixberry and others contend that citizens and officials have no real way to know whether machine tallies match voters' choices, even when systems are not connected to the

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internet.

Nestlerode cites patterns such as consistent "red shifts" between unadjusted exit polls and reported results, as well as past vendor conflicts of interest, as circumstantial evidence that computerized tabulation is a "hacker's paradise" and incompatible with transparent democracy.

Sixberry looks to Nestlerode's case for returning to precinct-level, hand-counted paper ballots, where ballot counting occurs openly, under the eyes of candidates, voters, cameras and community observers. The argument

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### Butch Remembers Lafayette's Columbian Park



Butch Dale  
Columnist

When I was growing up, our family often went to Milligan Park in Crawfordsville for picnics with my Mom's side of the family. The park is beautiful, with rolling hills and a small creek, and fireplaces for cookouts. There was some playground equipment for kids, but we preferred playing hide and seek, or sometimes croquet brought from home, or just running around the park and "exploring." In the 1960s, they built a swimming pool, which was a great addition to the park.

My Dad had two high school buddies who lived in Lafayette, and we visited with them quite often. They had children which were the same ages as my siblings and me, and sometimes our families met at Columbian Park. That park was not as scenic, but it had lots of fun things for kids to do. Their swimming pool was quite large, with hundreds of people there each day all through the summer months. In the middle of the park was a large pond, which they called the lagoon. A few people fished, while others bought tickets to navigate the pedal boats all around the pond. I tried that one time with my friend, but it took a lot of leg muscle power! There was quite a variety of playground equipment, but the most fun thing was the "curly slide," which we played on the most.

A miniature train, which could carry several paying passengers, ran all through the park. It was fun to ride, and it was refreshing to feel the breeze on a hot summer day. Bumper cars were quite fun. What a great way to learn how to drive . . . purposefully running your car into others! But of course there were always a few kids who just couldn't get the hang of it and became stuck in a pack of other cars . . . and eventually had to summon the attendant for help.

One of the most thrilling things for kids was the "turnpike," which had miniature motorized cars to drive through a small course. I absolutely loved that, but it cost more, so I could usually only try that one time. A few times the motor might conk out, and the driver became stuck in traffic until someone came

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### New Tax Has Everyone On a Roll

Have you heard the latest out of Washington? Apparently Nancy Pelosi, Adam Schiff, Chuck Schumer, AOC and a bunch of others have passed a Special High Inventory Tax on toilet paper.

Toilet paper? Toilet paper! The Special High Inventory Tax goes into effect April 1 and adds \$100 to every package of four rolls or more.

"This overreaction on toilet paper is directly the fault of the irresponsible actions taken by Donald Trump," a press release issued by House and Senate Democrats said. "We regret having to dump this on the American public, but we know that they

know that we know that this is not our fault but rather the direct outcome for when Americans exercised their freedoms and vote for that awful man in the oval office."

When asked later if that meant Democrats were blaming the American people, Pelosi was quick to respond.

"No, not at all. The majority of Americans voted for Joe Biden, uh, I mean Kamala Harris . . . so this isn't their fault at all. If we weren't using such an archaic and outdated method of electing the president, Joe, uh, I mean Kamala would be in power now."

Of course not all Democrats were united on the proposal.



Two Cents from Tim Timmons

"This is outrageous," failed presidential candidate Bernie Sanders said. "While I respect and agree with my esteemed colleagues in the House that we can blame Donald Trump for this problem, I do feel that a \$100 tax is not fair and that instead we should be giving away toilet paper to everyone who needs any – and since that is pretty much every-

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### ■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

**1.** An Illinois man implicated in the deaths of women in multiple states will remain on the hook for killing a Hoosier victim – an Indianapolis woman named Carma Purpura – thanks to the work of Attorney General Todd Rokita's appeals team. On March 12, the Indiana Court of Appeals affirmed the murder conviction of Bruce Mendenhall. "Monsters walk among us," Attorney General Rokita said. "It's the job of our criminal justice system to identify them, hold them accountable, and keep our communities safe. For the sake of Carma Purpura and all Hoosier victims, our team will continue doing its part on the appeals front." Rokita expressed particular gratitude to Deputy Attorney General Michelle Hawk Kazmierczak for her work on this case, as well as Criminal Appeals Section Chief Kelly Loy and Chief Counsel of Appeals Angela Sanchez.

**2.** According to a new study from our friends at Hormone health clinic, Feel30, Indiana is tied for seventh as having the highest rate of obesity in the U.S. West Virginia is first with Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama and Oklahoma ahead of Indiana. We are tied with Iowa. Feel30 analyzed data from the CDC to determine which states have the highest rates of obesity among adults. Lead Nurse Practitioner Anneliese Cadena said "According to the CDC, 39.2% of men and 41.3% in the US are obese. Many factors contribute to obesity, such as diet, lack of physical activity, socioeconomic factors, and genetics, to name a few. Obesity rates have increased over time, but we may see a slight decrease in the years to come due to the increased use of weight loss medications."

**3.** Our friends at American River Wellness surveyed thousands of students to identify the best party pitstops on the road to America's biggest spring break destinations – and it turns out four are right here in Indiana. Bloomington, West Lafayette, Evansville and French Lick made the list at Nos. 8, 122, 109 and 114 respectively. Bloomington made the top 10 nationally because Kirkwood Avenue is practically a rite of passage. Indiana University's nightlife scene runs deep, with packed patios, thumping dance floors, and a student crowd that shows up ready every night of the week. Bloomington is the classic Big Ten launchpad. It's loud, it's legendary, and it sets the tone for everything that follows. After a night here, the highway feels less like a drive and more like a victory lap toward the Gulf. As for the rest of the U.S.? Nashville, Tenn.; Athens, Ga.; and Tempe, Ariz. were the top three.

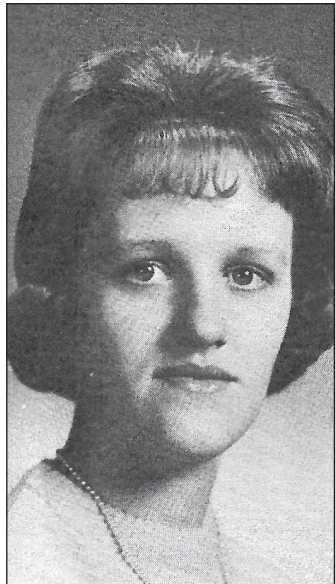
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## RECOGNIZE ME?

Flashback Trivia with Butch Dale



**Do You Recognize This 1965 New Ross H.S. Graduate?**

**HINT:**  
She was in choir, FHA and served as a class officer and class historian.

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## Alzheimer Program at Library April 8

A program to help attendees recognize the 10 warning signs from Alzheimer's is scheduled for April 8 at the Crawfordsville District Public Library.

Presented by Saedie Spikes, a dementia outreach specialist with Area IV Agency on Aging, this program will help participants understand and recognize the 10 signs of this insidious

disease. Attendees will also hear from people who have the disease and find out how to not just recognize the warning signs in others, but in themselves also.

It is scheduled to take place Wednesday, April 8 at 6 p.m. in Room D on the Library's lower level. Sign up at [www.crawfordsville.in.gov](http://www.crawfordsville.in.gov) or by calling (765) 362-2242, ext. 3.

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## Wabash Student Earns Rotary Global Scholarship

By Richard Paige  
Wabash College

A 2025 Wabash College graduate, Christian Gray, was named the 2026-27 recipient of the Rotary All-Indiana Global Grant Scholarship.

A native of Indianapolis, Gray earned the \$40,000 scholarship from Indiana Rotary Districts 6540, 6560 and 6580 to pursue graduate study internationally. He will pursue a master's degree in international development studies from the University of Amsterdam.

The Rotary scholarship supports dedicated graduates in pursuing a career in an area of great humanitarian need. Further, recipients must demonstrate a long-term commitment to measurable and sustainable change. When applying, a plan of study and career commitment must be presented that aligns with one of Rotary's seven areas of focus.

"To earn this award literally means the world," said Gray, a psychology major and Asian studies minor. "As is true of most people, the financial burden of studying and living overseas would have been far too great without this scholarship. Now, the floodgates to an entire globe of ideas, perspectives, and solutions have been opened. I am eager to see the connections that Rotary and my study program will yield and predict that my outlook on humanitarian work will shift and grow through my experiences."

In addition to standard coursework, this course of study includes a research internship, through which Gray intends to explore the impact of collective action initiatives on the success outcomes of community members. During his

time in Amsterdam, Rotary will connect him with a host club to help build relationships in the local community, facilitate cultural exchange, and strengthen Rotary's international network.

Since graduation, he has been involved in his community, currently serving as a youth leader at the Martin Luther King Center in Indianapolis. Gray works primarily with middle school students, assisting in programming to increase literacy. He also volunteers at Southeast Community Center's food pantry, helping to provide food for up to 300 families.

After completing his one-year master's program in Amsterdam, Gray plans to work for a non-profit organization in the Netherlands that focuses on community self-empowerment, developing and assisting programs of basic literacy and financial independence.

"I have always had my eyes on the international level," said Gray. "I love being a student, so I knew continuing my studies abroad was a great option and found myself increasingly drawn to humanitarian work. When I learned that there was a Rotary scholarship that supported students wanting to explore the humanitarian sector outside of the United States, it seemed like the perfect storm."

While at Wabash, Gray was a member of the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies. He served in a variety of positions, rising to vice-chair, sharpening skills of organization, advocacy, and leadership.

Rotary International is a global network of community volunteers and leaders dedicated to building goodwill, understanding, and peace.

"Since graduating, Christian



Wabash graduate Christian Gray

has engaged in both significant, fruitful community service work and in deep reflection about his future intentions," said Susan Albrecht, Wabash College Fellowship Advisor. "It was clear that the Rotary Global Grant offered a wonderful potential pathway for achieving his vision. I knew he would make a strong candidate and am so pleased that the Rotary selection team recognized Christian's vast potential. He will make the most of his two years in the Netherlands."

Gray joins the list of Wabash men who have earned highly competitive fellowships since 2014, including the Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Obama Voyager, Yenching, Goldwater, and Point Foundation Flagship Scholarships. Additionally, Wabash students have earned the Center for the Study of Presidency and Congress' Presidential Fellowship, U.K. Fulbright Summer Institute placement, Critical Language Scholarship, and NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships, to go with 34 Fulbrights and 34 Gilman Scholarships.

## Franciscan Health Hosts Cooking Matters Class Next Wednesday

Franciscan Health, in collaboration with Indy Hunger Network, the Crawfordsville District Public Library and [CookingMatters.org](http://CookingMatters.org) will be hosting a class entitled "Cooking Matters" on Wednesday, April 8 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Crawfords-

ville District Public Library in Crawfordsville.

The class highlights healthy, affordable recipes, tips for budget-friendly grocery shopping, proper cooking techniques, saving time in the kitchen, options for selective eaters, general nutrition

tips and more.

Participants will prepare and taste a new recipe made with healthy ingredients.

Families with children ages 7 and older are encouraged to attend this free event together.

To register, contact

Betsy Coffing at [Betsy.Coffing@FranciscanAlliance.org](mailto:Betsy.Coffing@FranciscanAlliance.org) or call (765) 423-6909.

The Crawfordsville District Public Library is located at 205 South Washington Street in Crawfordsville. The class will take place in Room B.

## Purdue Federal Urges Vigilance as Fraud Scams Rise

As fraud attempts continue to evolve, Purdue Federal Credit Union (Purdue Federal) is reminding members and the broader community to stay alert and informed to avoid falling victim to increasingly sophisticated scams.

"Scammers are getting better at creating a sense of urgency and fear," said BT Brown, Fraud Manager at Purdue Federal Credit Union. "If something feels rushed or off, it's okay to pause and take a closer look. Legitimate organizations won't pressure you to act immediately or ask you to misrepresent a transaction and taking that extra moment can make all the difference."

One emerging scam involves individuals impersonating law enforcement officers and pressuring victims to make

immediate payments under the threat of arrest. These scammers often instruct individuals to send money via wire transfer or cash and may coach them on what to say if questioned by financial institutions. Consumers are encouraged to be aware of common warning signs associated with these scams, including:

Threats of immediate arrest or legal action

Pressure to act quickly or urgently

Instructions to send money through unconventional or untraceable methods

Requests to provide false information about a transaction

To reduce the risk of fraud, Purdue Federal advises consumers to:

Avoid sending money in response to unexpected or

threatening communications

Verify requests independently using trusted contact information

Refrain from sharing personal or financial information with unknown callers

Treat caller ID with caution, as phone numbers can be spoofed

Individuals who receive suspicious calls are advised to end the conversation immediately and report the incident to their financial institution. Purdue Federal Credit Union continues to monitor fraud trends and remains committed to providing resources that help protect members and the communities it serves.

To learn more about Purdue Federal and its fraud resources, visit [purduefed.com/fraud](http://purduefed.com/fraud).

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## BUTCH

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Photo courtesy Butch Dale

The "Turnpike" was one of the bigger thrills at the park.

to help . . . a great way to learn about such predicaments that would occur later on in life. There was also a merry-go-round, tilt-a-whirl, and a helicopter ride . . . and a zoo.

When we ran out of tickets, there was always the "monkey island" in the middle of the park. It had benches where we could relax and just watch the monkeys and their antics. People often threw popcorn and other "snacks" to them, even though they weren't supposed to.

Nearby was Lafayette's famous Frozen

Custard ice cream shop. Just about everyone made a trip there before leaving. It was so good! I always enjoyed the visits to Columbian Park. It's still there today and has some new attractions to boot. When my oldest son retired from the Lafayette Police Department a few years ago, he became director of the park zoo!

*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.*

## TWO CENTS

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one, then we should punish the makers of toilet paper for their greed and selfishness for not already choosing to give it all away."

"But if those companies gave away their products, how would they pay their employees?" a reporter from Fox News asked.

"Let those fat cats in the corner offices pay them out of their obscene salaries," Sanders said. "Those self-indulgent millionaires own two, three homes and can afford to give up some of their salaries."

"But Bernie, aren't you a millionaire and don't you own three homes?" the reporter asked.

Sanders appeared to have not heard the question as he climbed into his waiting limousine.

Back in Washington, House Democrats emphatically denied that there were other penalties being considered.

"Hoarding is a concern," Pelosi told a group of reporters. "We know that Democrats would not hard

most problems, begins and ends with Donald Trump."

One addendum to the bill had opponents on a roll. Through a bipartisan effort, legislators from both sides of the aisle agreed they would exempt themselves from the tax.

"We deal with enough Special High Inventory Tax," one anonymous Republican said.

The more things change, the more they stay the same. A similar version of this was wiped off in 2020. But instead of being flushed away, it has resurfaced again today. It's one of the few things voters agreed with, especially when the acronym-crazy world in Washington figured out the true meaning behind another April Fool's story.

*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*

## LEAGUE

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is that hand counting builds civic participation, reduces dependence on private technology vendors, avoids machine purchase and maintenance costs, and – citing the Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project – can yield fewer spoiled and uncounted ballots than touchscreen systems when done properly.

At the Feb. 10 election board meeting, which was well-attended, Sixberry advocated expanding the use of hand-marked paper ballots and exploring hand counts at the precinct level. This was framed as a "Trust but Verify" compromise to rebuild voter confidence. The county currently uses touchscreen tablets that print a paper ballot with a barcode that must be run through a separate scanner/tabulator. While none of these machines are connected to each other or to the internet, Sixberry and some members of the public argued that hand-marked, hand-counted ballots would better show "voter intent," avoid dependence on software and foreign-owned vendors and reduce long-term equipment costs as older machines age out.

Note: while the voting machines are not connected to anything, the e-pollbook machines used to scan and verify voter IDs are connected to a system to prevent double-voting.

What research says about hand counts vs. machines

Every day, humans rely on machines to count and perform calculations for them. Their cars tabulate miles driven. Gasoline pumps have safety measures to ensure the cost per gallon and the charge are accurately metered. Same with household energy. Calculators help balance budgets. While some systems are hackable, election machines are among those designed with safeguards.

The Bipartisan Policy Center concludes that machine tabulation of paper ballots is more accurate, faster and cheaper than counting all ballots by hand, especially at scale. BPC's elections research endorses both hand-marked and machine-marked paper ballots as secure, provided they produce a voter-verifiable paper record that can be audited and used in recounts, explicitly distinguishing that from "paperless" options. BPC notes that machine tabulators are "the linchpin of accurate and timely election results" and warns that efforts to replace them with full hand counts would in fact "undermine election integrity and sow distrust" because of delays and higher error rates.

Nearly all jurisdictions in the U.S. have turned to voting machines because they are more accurate and far faster than hand counts. Hand counts can have error rates

up to 50 times higher than machine counts when large numbers of ballots are involved. Hand counts end up being more costly when it comes to time, trust and dollars. The Bipartisan Policy Center cites one study in Michigan where shifting toward hand counts required more precincts and staff. It took longer and yielded lower accuracy.

Cost, maintenance, and reliability  
BPC notes that almost every state now has formal processes to test and certify voting equipment. Most rely on a federal testing program that has been in place for nearly 20 years, and machines must meet error-rate standards and produce a paper record. Election officials in every state test equipment before each election, and 49 states conduct post-election audits that typically involve manually checking a sample of paper ballots against machine tallies, precisely the "trust but verify" approach discussed in Montgomery County. BPC's security explainer also underscores that 96 percent of voters in 2026 will cast ballots with a voter-verifiable paper trail, which is already the model used in our county.

On cost and maintenance, Sixberry correctly notes that many of the county's ballot-marking devices are aging and will eventually require replacement at a per-unit cost in the \$3,500-\$3,800 range, and that e-pollbooks (the machines that verify voter IDs) will also need to be replaced when their state certification expires. However, BPC analysis shows that trying to substitute human labor for tabulators is typically more expensive than replacing equipment, once you account for poll-worker wages, overtime, recruitment and training, and the need to double-staff counting teams to catch human error.

As one business owner at the Feb. 10 meeting noted: his highest cost is labor, not machines, and he doubts that "manpower will be cheaper than machines."

For the system Montgomery County actually uses – a voter-verifiable printed ballot plus a separate scanner – the best-practice model is to keep using machine tabulation, invest in normal replacement of tabulators and e-pollbooks and layer on statistically sound audits.

Objections to machine voting

From the Feb. 10 discussion, the main objections to voting machines were:

"Any machine can be hacked," even if not connected to the internet.

Concerns about overseas vendor ownership and distrust of QR-coded ballots.

Confusion between the county's current system, which retains a paper record of each vote, and direct-re-

counting machines that store votes only electronically.

Fears that software or engineers could invisibly change results at the state or server level.

General preference for talking to a person rather than "trusting a machine."

Several participants who've worked in some IT positions stressed that "anything with electronics" is theoretically vulnerable if someone gains access, but others clarified that Montgomery County's voting tablets and scanners are in "airplane mode" – not networked and not connected to any server. Only the e-pollbooks (which manage the voter list, not votes) network, and they are locked down by state rules.

BPC's nationwide review explains the layered safeguards around such systems: strict physical and access controls, pre-election testing, certification, non-internet-linked tabulators, and post-election audits in nearly all states. It also emphasizes that tabulators always work from a paper record that can be recounted by hand if needed, which the county already does in recounts.

Most of the concerns centered around other counties' systems – especially paperless and centralized systems – which Montgomery County does not use. BPC explicitly distinguishes those older systems from the modern system our county uses. Again, MoCo systems are all hand- or machine-marked paper ballots, voter-verifiable, tabulated by certified equipment and backed by audits.

The other members of the Election Board, former state legislator and Republican Party Chair Phil Boots and Democratic Party Chair Virginia Servies, discussed a constructive path forward, consistent with Sixberry's updated "Trust but Verify" statement.

Keep the current touch-screen ballot-marking plus scanner system as the primary method.

Offer hand-marked paper ballots on request for voters who prefer them, as Indiana law already allows.

Use the IC 3-12-14 procedural audit, or a routine post-election hand audit of selected precincts, to compare hand counts with machine results and

publish the (likely very small) differences.

That approach directly addresses hacking fears, preserves accessibility and speed, respects state law and follows research showing that machine counting of paper ballots with meaningful audits – is both more accurate and more cost-effective than full human hand counts.

At the end of the Feb. 10 meeting, the board postponed a decision.

When they reconvened on March 10, a small crowd heard board members Virginia Servies and Phil Boots report that state election officials would not allow a post-primary hand recount of ballots to "verify" machine accuracy. Servies noted that the board must follow state law and the state constitution.

Sixberry continued to press her "Trust but Verify" idea, citing Indiana code provisions she believes would allow comparing past hand counts to machine tallies, suggesting dual locks on voting machines and overnight camera / security monitoring, and arguing that voters should have a choice between machine-marked and hand-marked ballots. Both are paper ballots.

While some attendees voiced strong distrust of machines and proposed a "We the People" referendum to decide the issue, Boots and Servies said this is not permitted under Indiana law.

Ultimately, MoCo is following state law and using machines in the most accurate, efficient and legal means possible, and no member of the election board or community has found evidence to cast doubt on the accuracy and veracity of local election results.

"I've served on the election board for 10 years, and I am very confident in our elections," said Servies. "We have always had honest, accurate reports."

Note: We reached out to Sondra Sixberry for further comment. We didn't hear back yet.

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# Sen. Deery Shares Update



**Spencer Deery**  
State Senator

Defending America against foreign threats is not just the responsibility of the federal government. While our nation's adversaries work every day to upend the American way of life, Indiana is doing its part to keep our country safe, strong, and prosperous.

Since being elected, I have supported every effort to protect Hoosiers against those who want to destroy America.

I had the governments in Iran, China, North Korea and Russia in mind when I enthusiastically supported a new law to protect Hoosiers from these growing threats.

Senate Enrolled Act 256 builds on recent legislation that prevented individuals and businesses from adversarial countries from purchasing farmland in Indiana and required our state to divest from China.

SEA 256 will: Expand Indiana's existing ban on businesses from foreign adversary nations owning farmland so these businesses can't purchase any real property in Indiana;

Require agents and political organizations to register with the Indiana Attorney General's office;

Keep agents from foreign adversaries out of college programs important to our national security;

Ban state funding for affiliates of foreign terror organizations; and

Prohibit state and local governments from

entering into sensitive technology contracts with businesses from foreign adversaries.

This session, I also supported a new law that prohibits the Indiana Economic Development Corporation from awarding tax credits to businesses controlled by a person from, headquartered in or organized in a foreign adversary nation.

As a state, we must recognize that our foreign adversaries can harm us anywhere throughout the nation, not just in large cities. As your state senator, one of my top priorities is ensuring Indiana is safe, and I will continue to do my part to protect Hoosier families from every threat.

Showing Up for You This session, I achieved a 99% voting record on votes that came before the full Senate, with the only votes missed occurring being because I was expected to be voting in a conference committee scheduled for the same time.

Ensuring I am present for Senate votes is perhaps the most basic part of the job, but still one I take very seriously.

It is a high honor to work for and represent you in the Indiana Senate.

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

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Notice and Agenda  
April 1, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Room C  
Call to order  
Public Comments  
New Business

Fund raising plan  
Adjournment  
Upcoming board meetings:

April 9, 2026 – 4:00 p.m. – Conference Room

May 14, 2026 – 4:00 p.m. – Conference Room

June 11, 2026 – 4:00 p.m. – Conference Room

**Waynetown Special Meeting**

The Town Council of the Town of Waynetown will hold a special meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at the Waynetown Town

Hall  
Community Room, 106 North Vine Street, Waynetown, Indiana 47990. There will not be an agenda for this special meeting but this meeting is intended to discuss all aspects of hiring a Utility Employee along with any other business to property come before the Town Council.

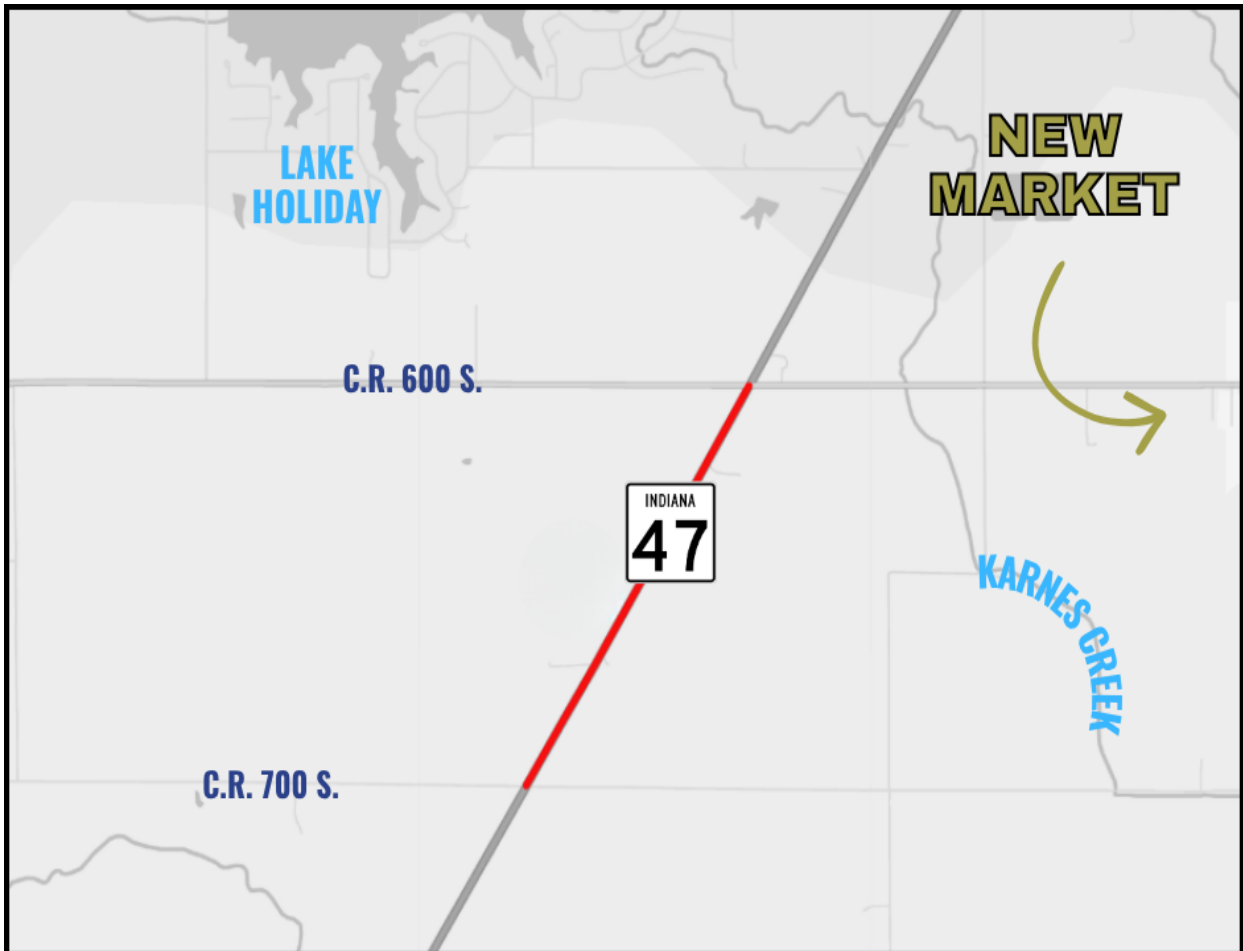
If disability accommodations are required, or if you have any questions about this notice, please call the Town office at the number below.

Sandy Proctor,  
Waynetown Clerk-Treasurer

106 North Vine Street  
PO Box 215  
Waynetown, IN 47990  
765-234-2154, ext. 102  
waynetownclerk@sbcglobal.net

As required by Indiana Code 5-14-9-6, all persons are hereby notified that there are no Town Council members who have been appointed; all current

Town Council members were elected. As required by Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-2.9(d), the website for live transmissions and archived copies of live transmissions is [www.youtube.com/@waynetownindiana](http://www.youtube.com/@waynetownindiana)



## ROAD CLOSURE TO IMPACT STATE ROAD 47 NEAR NEW MARKET

- BEGINNING ON/AFTER MONDAY, APRIL 6
- CREWS WILL BE REPLACING A BOX CULVERT
- OFFICIAL DETOUR: STATE ROAD 234 TO U.S. 231 BACK TO S.R. 47



# SR 47 Closure Begins Monday

Cone Zone season is starting early for folks who live around the New Market area. The Indiana Department of Transportation has announced a road closure that will impact State Road 47 near New Market.

Beginning on or after Monday, April 6, crews will close S.R. 47 between County Road 600 S. and C.R. 700 S., located

south of Crawfordsville High School. The purpose of the closure is to replace a box culvert

in the area. Construction is anticipated to last through June but is weather-dependent and subject to change.

The official detour follows S.R. 234 to U.S. 231 back to S.R. 47.

INDOT encourages drivers to seek an alternate route and to use caution while traveling in and around work zones.

## Stay Informed

Motorists in West Central Indiana can monitor road closures, road conditions, and traffic alerts any time via:

- Facebook: [facebook.com/INDOTWestCentral](https://facebook.com/INDOTWestCentral)
- X (formerly Twitter): @INDOT\_WCentral
- TrafficWise: [511in.org](https://511in.org)
- Mobile App: iTunes App Store and the Google Play store for Android

## Crawfordsville District Public Library

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
30 Support our library by using this QR code when you shop at Amazon for no additional cost. 	31  SCAN ME 	1 Toddler Story Time: 10:30a Kindergarten Book Club: 4p CDPL Board Fundraising Committee meeting: 4p 	2 Preschool Story Time: 10:30a Drop-in Tech Help: 6-7p	3 CLOSED <b>Library Hours:</b> Mon-Thu: 10a-8p Friday: Closed Sat: 10a-5p Sun: 1-5p	4  Cville Chess Club Tournament: 10a-4p Centennial Farms & Barns + America 250 exhibits at CMMC 5 CLOSED 
6 1st Grade Book Club: 4p Cville Chess Club: 5:45p Drop-in Resume Help: 6-7p	7 Baby Story Time: 10:30a  World Health Day  Yoga for Better Mental Health: 5:30p Genealogy Club: 6p	8 Toddler Story Time: 10:30a Kindergarten Book Club: 4p Cooking Matters: 11a 10 Warning Signs for Alzheimer's: 6p	9 Preschool Story Time: 10:30a 5-8 Grade Book Club: 4p CDPL Board Meeting: 4p Drop-in Tech Help: 6-7p	10 CLOSED	11 Book Sale 10a-4p 12 Club Heavily Meditated: 3p
13 2nd Grade Book Club: 4p Yarn Works: 10a Cville Chess Club: 5:45p Drop-in Resume Help: 6-7p	14 Baby Story Time: 10:30a Yoga for Better Mental Health: 5:30p Genealogy Club: 6p	15 Toddler Story Time: 10:30a Kindergarten Book Club: 4p Wyrld Words Book Club: 5:30p	16 Preschool Story Time: 10:30a Yarn Works: 10a Craft Collective: 5:30p Drop-in Tech Help: 6-7p	17 CLOSED 	18 Teen Trivia: 2p 19 Club Heavily Meditated: 3p
20 3rd Grade Book Club: 4p Cville Chess Club: 5:45p Drop-in Resume Help: 6-7p	21 Baby Story Time: 10:30a	22 Toddler Story Time: 10:30a Kindergarten Book Club: 4p Mystery of History Club: 5p 	23 Preschool Story Time: 10:30a  Teen Anime Club: 6p Drop-in Tech Help: 6-7p	24 CLOSED Genealogy After Hours: 11:45p-4p Arbor Day	25 26 Club Heavily Meditated: 3p
27 4th Grade Book Club: 4p Cville Chess Club: 5:45p Drop-in Resume Help: 6-7p	28 Baby Story Time: 10:30a  Blood Drive: 10a-2p Parking Lot	29 Toddler Story Time: 10:30a Kindergarten Book Club: 4p	30 Preschool Story Time: 10:30a Drop-in Tech Help: 6-7p International Jazz Day	1	2 Access Digital Resources online 24/7. 

APRIL 2026

Adults

All ages

Teens

Children

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**54D02-2603-EU-000016**  
STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MONTGOMERY SUPERIOR COURT 2 ) SS: MONTGOMERY COUNTY ) CAUSE NO. 54D02-2603-EU-000016 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF LUIS MARTIN MARANDA CABELLEROS, Dec.  
**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
Notice is hereby given that on March 18, 2026, Miriam Armas, was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Luis Martin Miranda Cabelleros, deceased, who died on June 20, 2025, in Montgomery County, Indiana. All person having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.  
Dated at Crawfordsville, Indiana, this 18th day of March 2026.  
Sondra K Sixberry  
Clerk of the Montgomery County Courts  
Attorney for Estate:  
WILLIAM A. GOEBEL 118 East Main Street, Ste. 300  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
(765) 364-9499  
*PL5284 3/25 4/1 2t hspaxlp*

**DOCUMENT 00 11 13 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
Bids: April 7, 2026  
Project Name: Southmont Schools – Southmont High School Boiler and Air Handler Replacement  
Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc.  
350 E. New York St, Suite 300  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204  
Phone No.: 317/848-0966  
The Board of Trustees, Southmont Schools will receive sealed bids for the referenced projects. Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on April 7, 2026 at the Southmont Schools Central Office, 6401 US 231 S, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately after specified closing time. All interested parties are invited to attend.  
A single Lump Sum bid will be considered for the Work.  
By submitting Bid on enclosed Bid Form, Bidder satisfies requirement for Indiana Form No. 96 (Revised 2013), as prescribed by State Board of Accounts of Indiana. This shall clearly show Bidder's financial resources, construction experience, organization, and equipment available for Work contemplated.  
A bid security in the form of AIA Document A310, a certified check, Indiana General Revised Form No. 86, "Contractors Combination Bid Bond and Bond for Construction," or a form from an acceptable surety shall accompany each bid. The bid security shall be in the penal amount of 10 percent of the total bid. Bid security shall be forfeited if bid is withdrawn after closing time on date for receiving bids.  
Successful bidders are required to furnish satisfactory separate Performance Bond and Payment Bond AIA Document A312, from an acceptable surety in an amount equal to 100 percent of the full contract sum.  
To obtain documents Bidders will be required to register at the Eastern Engineering, 317-598-0661, website (distribution.easternengineering.com) to become a plan holder for the Project. Once registered, Bidders can download the complete set of documents in .PDF form free of charge. Registered bidders will receive electronic distribution of addendums and other electronic communications during the bidding period. Bidders can purchase hard copies of the documents from Eastern Engineering for the cost of printing as established by the Printer. No partial sets will be issued.  
A prebid conference will be held on March 26, 2026, at 3:00 pm. Bidders are to meet at the Board Room located in the Southmont Schools Central Office, 6401 US 231 S, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. A tour of the project site can occur after the conference. Attendance by bidders at the meeting and site tour is optional, but recommend, in order to clarify or answer questions concerning the Drawings and Project Manual for the Project.  
The Owner reserves the right to reject each and every bid, and to waive informalities, irregularities, and errors in the bidding to the extent permitted by law. This includes the right to extend the date and time for receipt of bids.  
No bidder may withdraw their bid within 60 days after the actual date of the bid opening thereof.  
By order of the Board of Trustees  
Southmont Schools  
Crawfordsville, Indiana  
*PL5288 3/25 4/1 2t hspaxlp*

**Montgomery County Board of Zoning Appeals**  
**Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Variances to the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance**  
Notice is hereby given the Montgomery County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 11:00 am to consider Variances, to the bulk standards, from the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance. The meeting will be held in the Montgomery County Government Center Community Room, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.  
The proposed Variances (ZV2604.2605.2606), to the bulk standards, in the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance Chapter 159 of Montgomery County Code. The request is for variances on three Twin Oaks subdivision lots from the one-acre requirement and front setbacks on a Residential property. Lot # 57 variance for lot size and front yard setback. Lot# 58 variance for lot size and front yard setback. Lot # 78 for lot size under one acre.  
Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed variances. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The Board of Zoning Appeals 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 objections will be considered by the Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposed Variances are 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 March 25, 2026  
Marc Bonwell,  
Building/Zoning Administrator  
Montgomery County, IN  
*PL5293 4/1 1t hspaxlp*

**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 Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54C01-2510-MF-001314, wherein NewRez LLC was Plaintiff, and Roberto Hernandez, The United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and City of Crawfordsville were Defendants, 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 13th day of May, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at Sheriff's Office at 600 Memorial Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana.  
Lot Numbered 2, as the same is known and designated on the recorded plat of Samuel S. Thompson's First Addition to the Town (now City) of Crawfordsville, excepting 57 feet of even width off of the South end of said Lot Numbered 2, in Montgomery County, Indiana.  
More commonly known as: 115 West Chestnut Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
Parcel No. 54-10-05-223-127.000-030  
Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.  
"Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause 54C01-2510-MF-001314 in the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Indiana."  
Attorney for Plaintiff: J. Dustin Smith  
ATTORNEY NO. 29493-026  
MDK Legal  
P.O. Box 165028  
Columbus OH 43216-5028  
Ryan Needham  
Sheriff of Montgomery County  
Union Township  
115 West Chestnut Street  
Street Address  
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.  
*PL5296 4/1 4/8 4/15 3t hspaxlp*

**RECOGNIZE ME?**  
*Flashback Trivia with Butch Dale*  
**ANSWER:**  
Janet Myers



**DOCUMENT 00 11 13 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
Bids: April 7, 2026  
Project Name: Southmont Schools – Tennis Court Improvements  
Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc.  
350 E. New York St, Suite 300  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204  
Phone No.: 317/848-0966  
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A single Lump Sum bid will be considered for the Work.  
By submitting Bid on enclosed Bid Form, Bidder satisfies requirement for Indiana Form No. 96 (Revised 2013), as prescribed by State Board of Accounts of Indiana. This shall clearly show Bidder's financial resources, construction experience, organization, and equipment available for Work contemplated.  
A bid security in the form of AIA Document A310, a certified check, Indiana General Revised Form No. 86, "Contractors Combination Bid Bond and Bond for Construction," or a form from an acceptable surety shall accompany each bid. The bid security shall be in the penal amount of 10 percent of the total bid. Bid security shall be forfeited if bid is withdrawn after closing time on date for receiving bids.  
Successful bidders are required to furnish satisfactory separate Performance Bond and Payment Bond AIA Document A312, from an acceptable surety in an amount equal to 100 percent of the full contract sum.  
To obtain documents Bidders will be required to register at the Eastern Engineering, 317-598-0661, website (distribution.easternengineering.com) to become a plan holder for the Project. Once registered, Bidders can download the complete set of documents in .PDF form free of charge. Registered bidders will receive electronic distribution of addendums and other electronic communications during the bidding period. Bidders can purchase hard copies of the documents from Eastern Engineering for the cost of printing as established by the Printer. No partial sets will be issued.  
A prebid conference will be held on March 26, 2026, at 2:00 pm. Bidders are to meet at the Board Room located in the Southmont Schools Central Office, 6401 US 231 S, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. A tour of the project site can occur after the conference. Attendance by bidders at the meeting and site tour is optional, but recommend, in order to clarify or answer questions concerning the Drawings and Project Manual for the Project.  
The Owner reserves the right to reject each and every bid, and to waive informalities, irregularities, and errors in the bidding to the extent permitted by law. This includes the right to extend the date and time for receipt of bids.  
No bidder may withdraw their bid within 60 days after the actual date of the bid opening thereof.  
By order of the Board of Trustees  
Southmont Schools  
Crawfordsville, Indiana  
*PL5287 3/25 4/1 2t hspaxlp*

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MONTGOMERY COURT )  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY ) CAUSE NO. 54D02-2512-MI-001511  
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF )  
Ahmad James Sharify )  
Petitioner )  
**ORDER SETTING HEARING**  
Comes now Ahmad James Sharify, pro se, having filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name, and he Court finds that the mater should be set for hearing. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter be held on May 5, 2026 at 8:30 am.  
Ahmad James Sharify  
Petitioner  
Filed Dec 16, 2025  
Sondra K Sixberry  
Clerk  
*PL5290 4/1 4/8 4/15 3t hspaxlp*

**Montgomery County Board of Zoning Appeals**  
**Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Variance to the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance**  
Notice is hereby given the Montgomery County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 11:00 am to consider a Variance, to the bulk standards, from the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance. The meeting will be held in the Montgomery County Government Center Community Room, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.  
The proposed Variance (ZV2603), is to the bulk standards in the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance Chapter 159 of Montgomery County Code. The request is for variance from the setback requirements for Carbon Sequestration (159.21.04). The petitioner requests a reduction from the 1000' setback requirement.  
Parcel – 54-02-05-700-006.007-016  
Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed variance. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The Board of Zoning Appeals 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 objections will be considered by the Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposed Variance 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 March 25, 2026  
Marc Bonwell,  
Building/Zoning Administrator  
Montgomery County, IN  
*PL5292 4/1 1t hspaxlp*

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**CRAWFORDSVILLE PLAN COMMISSION**  
Notice is hereby given that the Plan Commission of the City of Crawfordsville will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, in the Common Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, to hear the request for primary subdivision plat approval for a new 171 lot residential subdivision known as Copper Ridge Subdivision.  
The property location: South-East of Ladoga Road and County Road 150 South on Purple Heart Parkway, Crawfordsville, Indiana (Parcel No. 54-10-08-400-092.005-029)  
The petition is on file and available for examination (and purchase at cost) in the Department of Planning & Building Services on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (765.364.5152); office hours are 8:00-12:00 noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m., weekdays except holidays.  
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to comment on the proposed request. Oral comments concerning the requests will be heard. Written comments and objections to the requests may also be submitted to the Director of Planning & Building Services, City of Crawfordsville, at the address above prior to the hearing and will be considered.  
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to attend, hear or present evidence at the public hearing and is in need of reasonable accommodation, please contact the Crawfordsville Department of Planning & Building Services at the address or phone number above so accommodation can be made.  
Department of Planning & Building Services  
Megan Huckstep, Director, City of Crawfordsville  
*PL5295 4/1 1t hspaxlp*

**South Montgomery Community School Corporation**  
**Notice of Execution of Lease**  
The South Montgomery Community School Board of Trustees on March 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Corporation Board Room at the Administrative Office, at 6401 U. S. 231 South, Crawfordsville, Indiana conducted a public hearing on a proposed Lease, and thereafter the Board approved execution of the Lease. A summary of the principal terms of the lease including the name of the proposed lessor, location and character of the structure, rental to be paid, and number of years the lease is to be in effect are as follows:  
Location of Lease 104 N. 3rd Street, New Market, Indiana 47965  
Term of Lease 3 years  
Lessor L & M Commodities, Inc.  
Character of Leased Premises Office Building to be used as transportation center  
Annual Rental \$12,000.00  
Date: March 26, 2026  
*PL5297 4/1 1t hspaxlp*

**Remember to Shop Local!**

**TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**  
**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54D01-2511-MF-001430 wherein Village Capital & Investment LLC was Plaintiff, and Phillip K. Cochren and Home Loan Investment Bank, F.S.B., were Defendants, 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 13th day of May, 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.  
Tract I: Part of the West Half of the Northwest fractional Quarter of Section 31, Township 18 North, Range 4 West, described as follows: Beginning in the middle of the county road 1346 feet North of the Southwest corner of said Quarter Section, and running thence East 205 feet; thence North 140 feet; thence West 205 feet to the middle of said road; thence South 140 feet to the place of beginning, containing .66 of an acre, more or less. Also, an easement 10 feet wide the center line of which is described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line of the above described real estate 70 feet South of the Northeast corner thereof; thence East 200 feet, more or less, to an open ditch, for purpose of constructing and maintaining an outlet to said open ditch, together with the right to use said outlet and ditch, as overflow for septic tank situated on the above real estate, in Montgomery County, Indiana. Tract II: Part of the West Half of the Northwest Fractional Quarter of Section 31, Township 18 North, Range 4 West, described as follows: Beginning 1346 feet North of the Southwest corner of said Quarter Section in the middle of a county road and 205 feet East of the place of beginning, running thence East 48 feet, more or less, to the West line of Lincoln Priebe property shown in Deed Record 220, page 19; thence along said West property line North 140 feet; thence West 48 feet; thence South 140 feet to the place of beginning, containing .15 of an acre, more or less, in Montgomery County, Indiana.  
More commonly known as: 5238 S 100 W, Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
Parcel No. : 54-10-31-200-016.000-025  
Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.  
Alan W. McEwan Ryan Needham  
24051-49 Sheriff of Montgomery County  
Doyle & Fouty, P.C.  
41 E Washington Street  
Suite 400  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
Union Township  
5238 S 100 W, Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
Street Address  
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein  
**NOTICE**  
**DOYLE & FOUTY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR**  
*PL5285 3/25 4/1 4/8 3t hspaxlp*

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MONTGOMERY COURT )  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY ) CAUSE NO. 54D02-2512-MI-001511  
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF )  
MINOR: )  
Ahmad James Sharify )  
Petitioner )  
**ORDER SETTING HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Ahmad James Sharify, as self represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition for a Change of Name on December 16, 2026 to change the name of Gabriel Ace Sharify to Gabriel Ace Draven. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Supreme Court 2 on March 3, 2026 at 8:30 am.  
Filed Dec 16, 2025  
Sondra K Sixberry  
Clerk  
*PL5289 4/1 4/8 4/15 3t hspaxlp*

**Montgomery County Board of Zoning Appeals**  
**Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Special Exception (Industrial) to the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance**  
Notice is hereby given the Montgomery County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 11:00 am to consider a Special Exception, to the Industrial standards, from the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance. The meeting will be held in the Montgomery County Government Center Community Room, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.  
The proposed Special Exception (SE2026-1), is to the Industrial classification of Chapter 21 in the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance Chapter 159 of Montgomery County Code. The request is for a Special Exception for Industrial classification for Carbon Sequestration (159.21). The petitioner requests a Special Exception as required by Montgomery County Code.  
Parcel located at 1999 E 1200 N, Linden, IN 47955  
Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed Special Exception. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The Board of Zoning Appeals 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 objections will be considered by the Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposed Special Exception 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 March 25, 2026  
Marc Bonwell,  
Building/Zoning Administrator  
Montgomery County, IN  
*PL5291 4/1 1t hspaxlp*

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**LADOGA ELECTRIC UTILITY**  
Property owners of Ladoga, Indiana, ratepayers and other interest parties in or served or to be served by the Electric Utility of the Town of Ladoga are hereby notified that an ordinance amending the rates and charges for services rendered by the Electric Utility was introduced at a meeting of Town Council of the Town of Ladoga held on March 25, 2026. The proposed amendments and new rates are as follows:  
The Appendix of Electric Rates and Charges for the Ladoga Municipal Electric Utility, is hereby amended to repeal the current schedule of rates and instead to adopt the following rate schedule:

Residential and Commercial Service:		
Customer Charge ( per month )		\$3.11
Energy Chagre ( per kWh)		
First	200	kWh \$0.152030
Next	800	kWh \$0.135708
Over	1000	kWh \$0.125775
General Power Service:		
Customer Charge ( per month )		\$10.37
Customer Charge ( per month )		
First	500	kWh \$0.168296
Next	2250	kWh \$0.156243
Next	2500	kWh \$0.144524
Over	5250	kWh \$0.134481
Security Lighting Service:		
175 Watt Mercury Vapor Lamps ( per lamp per month)		\$7.84

The energy charges noted above are subject to an Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) Tracking factor occasioned solely by the changes in the cost of purchased power from the Town's Power Supplier - Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA). The ECA will follow the procedures outlined by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) in Cause No. 36835-S3. The ECA will benchmark from the IMPA Rates and Charges imbedded in the rates and charges established herein. Such IMPA rates and charges imbedded in the base rates herein include: Demand Charges of \$21.724 per kW, Primary Voltage Charges of \$0.760 per kW, and Energy Charges of \$0.042184 per kW.  
The Town Council will conduct a public hearing on the matter of changing these rates and on final adoption of this ordinance, at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at the Town Hall, 121 East Main Street, P.O. Box 187, Ladoga, Indiana, 47954. At this hearing and prior to final adoption of said ordinance, all interested parties may appear and be heard. A copy of this ordinance may be examined in the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer, (765) 942-2531, address above, or by email at ladogaclerktreasurer@townofladoga.org  
Amy Holladay, Clerk-Treasurer  
Town of Ladoga  
*PL5294 4/1 1t hspaxlp*

**CLASSIFIEDS**

**FOR SALE - SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS**  
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# McClamroch, Cogdill to Co-Chair Strawberry Festival

The Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival is excited to announce an addition to its leadership team for this year's event with the appointment of a new co-chair.

The Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival offers a delightful experience characterized by local charm, live entertainment, and activities for children. Jessica McClamroch will serve as chairman and Chris Cogdill will serve as co-chairman for this year's

a better experience for our community year after year."

As part of this transition, McClamroch is pleased to introduce Chris Cogdill as co-chair for this year's festival. Cogdill brings fresh perspective, energy and a strong commitment to the festival's goals, making him an ideal partner in leadership. Cogdill has served on the committee for three years. He has experi-

dedicated many years, some 30 years or so to this festival, I feel honored to serve alongside them." said Cogdill.

As co-chairs, Jessica and Chris will oversee the planning, programming, and execution of the festival, ensuring it remains a positive and memorable experience for all those attending. The other officers for 2026 are Brenda Barton, Secretary; Dale Petrie, Treasurer; and Paul Pfledderer, Executive Director.

**The Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival is an annual community celebration held each June at the historic Lane Place. A beloved tradition for over 50 years, the festival honors local heritage and the sweetness of summer with live entertainment, handcrafted art, a children's area and a wide variety of food vendors. Drawing thousands of visitors each year, the Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival showcases a family friendly event that is free to attend and is run by volunteers dedicated to creating a fun, memorable experience for all.**

52nd Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival which will be held on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 12, 13 and 14.

McClamroch has been involved with the Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival Queen Program for the past 20 years, beginning her journey as a contestant, progressing to Queen, serving as a committee member, and ultimately assuming the role of Director in 2017. This will be her ninth year serving on the committee.

"Stepping into the role of chairman, my focus is building from the foundation already in place," said McClamroch. "Festival-goers shouldn't expect sweeping, visible changes – my priority is refining internal processes, supporting the committee behind the scenes, and continuing to learn everything I can about what makes this festival successful. By strengthening how we work internally, our committee can ensure

ence in leadership and business, which makes him a great selection for being this year's co-chair. Chris and his wife Nikki have owned C&F Fabricating for the past 16 years. Chris currently sits on the board at the Montgomery County Boys and Girls Club, is an advisory committee member for West Central Indiana CTE Welding Program, and is a deacon of his church.

"I agree with Jessica – we aren't looking to make huge changes," Cogdill said. "We just want to help the committee make the festival a great experience for all that attend. I had no idea the amount of time and effort that goes into putting the festival on until I started serving on the committee and seeing the amount of people that have

commitment, and as someone who is pretty involved in our community, it's a relief to know I've got someone who can help balance the role and understand where we are at as a committee."

With this leadership team in place, the Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival looks forward to another successful year of celebration and community connection.

The full schedule and lineup for the festival will continue to be updated on their website and the committee encourages everyone to follow the festival page on Facebook at "Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival" and on Instagram @cvillestrawberryfest. You can also visit <https://crawfordsvillestrawberryfest.com/>.



Photo courtesy Harmony Theater

The Cast of 'Frog and Toad' from left: Noah Johnson, Lillian A. Leslie, Matthew Adam Hawkins, Kate Mobley and Victoria Behny.

## Frog & Toad on Stage at Harmony Theater

Musical adaptation of the well-loved children's books, "A Year With Frog And Toad" takes The Harmony Theater stage running April 1 through April 11 in Hillsboro, Indiana. This family-friendly production based on the books by Arnold Lobel, features music by Robert Reale, along with book and lyrics by Willie Reale. 'Frog And Toad' is directed by Austin Michael Russell, with music direction by John Phillips and choreography by Lillian A. Leslie. With an approximate running time of one hour, this show is ideal for young children, along with the entire family.

A hit on Broadway, "A Year with Frog and Toad" was nominated for three Tony Awards –including Best Musical. This whimsical show follows two great friends – the cheerful, popular Frog and the

rather grumpy Toad – through four fun-filled seasons. Waking from hibernation in the Spring, Frog and Toad plant gardens, swim, rake leaves, go sledding and learn life lessons along the way. The two best friends celebrate and rejoice in the differences that make them unique and special. Part vaudeville, part make believe, all charm – "A Year with Frog and Toad" tells the story of a friendship that endures throughout the seasons. The jazzy, upbeat score of "A Year with Frog and Toad" bubbles with melody and wit, making it an inventive, exuberant and enchanting musical for all ages.

Starring in this production are Harmony alumni Noah Johnson as Frog and Matthew Adam Hawkins as Toad, along with Victoria Behny as Bird/Snail/Lizard/Others,

Lillian A. Leslie as Bird/Turtle/Others and Kate Mobley as Bird/Mouse/Others. Director Austin Michael Russell also appears as Large and Terrible Frog.

Served prior to the performances on April 1, 8 and 11 will be a family-friendly meal of chicken nuggets, old-fashioned school pepperoni pizza, macaroni and cheese, corn and green beans; dessert options include brownies, cake or ice cream cup. On April 4, a show-only 'pay what you wish' performance will occur at 10 a.m (doors at 9:30 a.m.). Tickets can be reserved by calling the Box Office at no charge or online with a \$1 processing fee.

More information on "A Year With Frog And Toad" including showtimes and how to purchase tickets can be found at [theharmonytheater.com](http://theharmonytheater.com).

## Days Left to Register to Vote

Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales is reminding Hoosiers that there are just days left to register to vote ahead of the upcoming voter registration deadline of April 6.

Eligible Hoosiers who are not yet registered are encouraged to take a few minutes to register or confirm their registration status by visiting [IndianaVoters.com](http://IndianaVoters.com).

"As a naturalized citizen and Indiana's Chief Election Officer, voting is very personal to me. It is one of the most important rights we have as Americans. I encourage every eligible Hoosier who has not yet registered to vote to do so before the deadline. It

only takes a few minutes to register online at [IndianaVoters.com](http://IndianaVoters.com)," said Diego Morales, Indiana Secretary of State.

Hoosiers can register to vote online, update their information, or check their registration status by visiting [IndianaVoters.com](http://IndianaVoters.com) or by completing a voter registration form at their county voter registration office.

Hoosiers can register to vote online at "IndianaVoters.com" until 11:59 p.m. on April 6th. Hoosiers have until the

close of business on April 6th to register to vote in person at their county election offices.

To be eligible to register to vote in Indiana, individuals must:

- Be a United States citizen
- Be at least 18 years old on or before Election Day
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