

■ TODAY'S VERSE

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.

■ AWL DELGADO



Delgado is a 4 year old male German Shepherd that has been at AWL since 1/25/26. Delgado is a staff favorite and ultimate lover boy! He's perfect! Delgado is looking for his best friend! Could that be you? Delgado is available for adoption, fostering, or just simply going out for walks. Delgado is neutered, dewormed, micro-chipped, 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!



The afterglow from the Mayor's Ball still hasn't completely faded. A tip of the seed corn cap to his honor the mayor for raising a ton of money for the Boys & Girls Club.

■ MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education and the Indiana Department of Education recently recognized winners of the Career and Technical Education Awards for Excellence, celebrating standout achievements from CTE students, programs, partners, and school counselors across the state – including some local stars. Chyna Galloway, CTE Student Success Coordinator, for Secondary Career Services; the Crawfordsville Fire Department for Secondary Partnership' and Lacey Conover – West Central Indiana CTE – for Student Success. Those recognized exemplify the ideal qualities and outcomes of Career and Technical Education, contributing to the success of CTE through the quality of their work, their leadership, and their involvement in the community.

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Things change. And friends leave. Life doesn't stop for anybody."

Stephen Chbosky

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

Do Indy drivers ever nap?

Yeah, when they get "tired."

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Dancin' Time



Photos courtesy Andy Chandler



The Youth Service Bureau's Dancing With the Stars fundraiser was held last week and ace photographer / archivist / columnist Andy Chandler was on hand to grab some images. He caught a couple of Crawfordsville Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Stars Jessica McClamroch (right) and Stacy Sommer enjoying the evening. Leann Parrish and Jim Amidon (top right) did a masterful job emceeding the evening and, of course, everyone was there for the trophies (and to raise some money).

Tim Longs for Old Days . . . Or Does He?



TIM TIMMONS

Two Cents

Don't know about you, but I am still saddened not to be reading Butch Dale's wonderful works on these pages – electronic or otherwise.

If you missed last week, Butch rode off into the sunset. He said he sat down to write, stared at the screen a

long time and came to the realization that he was all "worded" out, so to speak. And trust me, I get it. It's hard to come up with the words sometimes.

(And no, I am not saying it's hard like a real job. Heck, Butch had a real job. He was a deputy and a

sheriff. He knows what real work is. This stuff I do? All I can say is my Grandpaw worked physically harder on the farm and in a factory in one week than I do in a month . . . OK, longer than a month.)

So no, no pity party here. But Butch's decision did get me thinking back to "old days," of my youth in the newspaper world. Heck, my Weejuns weren't even worn out then. And wouldn't you know it, but about that time Chicago came on the radio with the

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■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1 Governor Mike Braun recently signed House Enrolled Act 1277, a law that makes targeted updates to Indiana's long-term care system for Hoosier seniors. The signing took place at The Timbers of Jasper, a senior living facility in Governor Braun's hometown. HEA 1277 updates aspects of Indiana's Medicaid long-term services and supports system, including assisted living services, nursing facility care, home- and community-based services, and home health reimbursement. The law directs the Family and Social Services Administration to apply for a new Medicaid waiver to support assisted living services for eligible Hoosiers who are at least 60 years old and meet nursing facility level-of-care requirements. It also calls for the state to pursue adjustments that help ensure certain home- and community-based services do not cost more than comparable nursing facility services.

2 U.S. District Judge Colleen McMahon recently ruled that the mass termination by the National Endowment for the Humanities of more than 1,400 grants to support scholars, research institutions, and humanities organizations was "unlawful, unconstitutional, ultra vires, and without legal effect." In the 143-page decision, McMahon granted the March 7, 2026, motion for a summary judgment on all counts in favor of the plaintiffs: the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), the American Historical Association (AHA), and the Modern Language Association of America. The ruling declared the actions terminating the grants in April 2025, the largest mass termination of previously awarded grants in the history of the NEH, were "in violation of the First Amendment, in violation of the equal protection component of the Fifth Amendment, and without statutory authority."

3 During this Foster Care Awareness month and building on Governor Braun's expanded New Parent Leave policy for State of Indiana employees, Governor Braun today announced an update to Indiana's New Parent Leave policy to ensure eligible state employees who welcome a child into their home through foster care can receive paid leave to care for the child. Indiana's New Parent Leave policy already provides paid leave for eligible state employees following the birth of a child or the placement of a child through adoption. The updated policy now extends that support to foster care placements, recognizing that foster parents need time to help children adjust, attend appointments, and build stability during this important transition. This update is part of Governor Braun's Family First Workplace initiative, which is focused on making Indiana a more supportive workplace for parents and families.

Fluctuating Electricity Costs: Your Bill Explained



The country is feeling the pinch of higher bills everywhere and all at once – gas, electricity, healthcare, groceries.

At a recent Lunch with the League, League of Women Voters Climate Committee leader John Smillie laid out that our electricity bill circumstances are more nuanced.

Though energy prices are rising, Crawfordsville residents are paying rates below the state and national average. Past smart investments in solar are saving us money. Nationwide, communities making strong investments in solar, wind and nuclear can help keep them that way while aging coal and volatile fossil fuels push costs up.

Smillie started his talk by reminding us what we are actually buying when we pay for a kilowatt-hour (KwH) of electricity. Smillie explained that one KwH is roughly the energy your microwave uses if it runs for one hour, and a typical home uses around 900 kilowatt-hours per month, depending on heating and appliances. That bill is not just "power plant costs." Roughly 35 to 50 percent pays for generation, 45 to 55 percent goes to transmission and distribution – the poles, wires, substations and repairs – and 5 to 10 percent covers taxes and policy programs. In fact, more than half of what we pay covers the "poles and wires," and those delivery costs are the fastest-rising part of the bill as utilities replace and harden old infrastructure in the face of more severe storms and wildfires.

Smillie has tracked his CEL&P rate since January 2020, when the variable cost per kilowatt-hour (including tax) was 9.62 cents; by March 2026, it had risen to 12.24 cents, an increase of 27.2 percent. Over the same period, consumer price index inflation was about 27.5 percent, meaning our local electric rate has risen slightly less than overall inflation. When fixed charges are spread across a typical household, the total electricity cost comes to just under 14 cents per kilowatt-hour – compared with roughly 16 cents in Indiana and 16 to 17.65 cents nationally.

Our kilowatt-hour price is lower because Crawfordsville invested in 28 megawatts

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▶ LETTER TO EDITOR

Writer Will Miss Butch; Shares Thoughts on Primary

Dear Editor,

I agree that Butch will be missed. I also want to weigh in on the ousted incumbents in the Indiana primary. I disagree with the pundits who say it was all due to President Trump. Rather, I think it was due to Hoosiers expressing their disdain for candidates who don't have our best interests in mind and who became too smug and complacent. To quote my Uncle Aaron, "that dog don't hunt." Not in Indiana.

Ron Carmony
Former Montgomery County Resident



Photo courtesy Franciscan Health

Last year's Race for Kids raised over \$24,000 and helped support families in the NICU and Pediatric Therapy rooms.

Join Franciscan's Race for Kids June 6

There's still time to register to join Franciscan Health's 11th Annual Race for Kids on Saturday, June 6.

It will be back at Franciscan Health – East with a brand-new course for the 5K Run/Walk and an added 10K option for those ready to go the extra mile (or three)! The Healthy Family Fun Fair will return with many of your favorite vendors plus some exciting new additions the whole family will enjoy!

In true superhero fashion, we'll honor our tiniest fighters and the champions who support them

with a special blessing for our NICU families followed by the NICU Reunion, which serves as a powerful reminder that everyone needs a superhero!

Be a hero for a day to support the Level III NICU and Pediatric Therapy Programs. Last year's Race for Kids raised over \$24,000 and allowed Franciscan to provide essential supplies for families in NICU as well as cutting edge equipment for the Pediatric Therapy rooms.

To register for the race, go to <https://fhf5k.home.qtego.us/>

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4 Wabash Students Claim International Fellowships Quartet Going to Austria, Estonia, Germany and Spain

By Richard Paige

Four current Wabash College students have accepted international fellowships to locations in Austria, Estonia, Germany, and Spain.

Evan Bone '26 and Braiden Foster '26 accepted Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships to study in Estonia and Germany, respectively, while '26 accepted a United States Teaching Assistantship to Austria and Julio Cruz-Romero '27 accepted a Gilman International Scholarship to study in Spain.

An English major with a minor in Black studies, Bone is member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and the Sphinx Club, serving as mental health chair of the former. Additionally, he is a former president of the College Mentors for Kids, served as a Wabash Writing Center Consultant, and is a Dean's List honoree.

Previously, he made an immersion trip to Poland with Professor Agata Szczeszak-Brewer's "War and Literature" class in the spring of 2024.

"Earning the Fulbright Scholarship has given much of the internal growth I've experienced a tangible result that is rewarding and affirming," said Bone, a native of Indianapolis. "Living and teaching in Estonia will give me valuable experience connecting with students that will translate to my future career in academia. Wabash has given me opportunities to develop my teaching skills, but the Fulbright offers a remarkable opportunity to grow in that capacity because I can focus on teaching while exploring somewhere new, which should lead to profound growth as a writer and person."

Bone has yet to receive his placement location in Estonia.

A rhetoric and German double major with a film and digital media minor, Foster is a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity, a multimedia student assistant with the Little Giant football team, German Club, Delta Phi Alpha German Honor

Society, Lambda Pi Eta Communications Honor Society, has volunteered with the Special Olympics, and has been a part of the College's lives-tream crew.

He completed an immersion learning experience in Heidelberg, Germany, with his German 202 class in May 2023, and in Freiburg, Germany, during a semester abroad in the spring of 2025, and is a Dean's List honoree.

"As a reflection of my intense language work over the last decade, this award means a ton to me," said Foster, a native of Batesville, Indiana. "The Fulbright is a very prestigious award and I am honored to take part. I have a passion for the German language and getting a chance to live and work in Germany through the Fulbright was one that I could not pass up. I also aim to be a great reflection of Wabash College around the world, and this provides a good first step for me to do just that."

Foster will be based in the German state of Lower Saxony during his fellowship.

A German and Philosophy, Politics, and Economics double major, Otto, has served as a German tutor, the philanthropy chair for the Independent Men's Association, president of the Bass Fishing Club, secretary of the Wabash Republicans, and a member of the rugby team.

He studied abroad in Heidelberg, Germany, in the fall of 2024 as a Gilman Scholarship recipient and interned with the German-American Heritage Museum through the Fund for American Studies Program in Washington, D.C. Otto was also selected for a Fulbright ETA award to Germany this spring.

"I am grateful to receive this fellowship and I want to make the most of it," said Otto, a native of Normal, Illinois. "I look to improve my German language skills and gain a better understanding of Austria and Europe more generally.

I loved my study abroad at the University of Heidelberg and hope this experience with USTA will help me along the path toward a career in foreign service."

Otto will be based in Eisenerz, Austria, during his USTA assignment.

Cruz-Romero, a psychology major with minors in education studies and Spanish, is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and serves as a Community Scholar at the Latino Community Center, where he leads English Conversation Tables, and as vice president of community and engagement for College Mentors for Kids. He is the Interfraternity Council philanthropy chair and president of the Indoor Soccer Club.

Cruz-Romero also completed a Global Health Initiative internship in Peru, focused on community health, early childhood education, women's wellness, and inclusive education.

"The Gilman Scholarship means a lot to me because studying abroad has never felt like just a trip," said Cruz-Romero, a native of Palmview, Texas. "For me, it connects to where I come from, my family, and the work I want to keep doing. Growing up in the Rio Grande Valley, I saw how language, culture, family, and access all shape the opportunities people believe are possible for them. Being able to study in Salamanca feels like a door opening that I do not take lightly."

Cruz-Romero will be based in Salamanca, Spain, in the fall of 2026 during his Gilman experience.

"This year's Fulbright and USTA results signal another strong year for Wabash's senior-class fellowship applicants," said Susan Albrecht, Wabash College Fellowship Advisor. "Braiden and Hunter join a long list of Wabash men who have headed to Germany or Austria through these programs, while Evan will be our first-ever Fulbright to Estonia. Hunter also continues the trend of former Gil-

man Scholars who have gone on to be selected for additional international fellowships. I'm thrilled for Julio's selection to the program, as the Gilman provides a wonderful mechanism for the introduction to international study and cultural exchange."

The Fulbright and USTA programs are similar in their goals to place recipients in classrooms abroad and to provide assistance to teachers of English to non-native speakers, while serving as a U.S. cultural ambassador. It is the job of these native English speakers as teaching assistants to make learning a foreign language a lively cross-cultural encounter for their students. The age and academic level of classroom students vary by country, ranging from kindergarten to university.

Administered by the Institute of International Education on behalf of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and funded by Congress, the purpose of the Gilman International Scholarship program is to encourage participation in study abroad programs for under-represented students, particularly those who are studying in under-represented areas of the world and/or under-represented languages. They are required to complete a follow-on service project that encourages study abroad after their return.

These four students are among the many 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 37 Fulbrights and 35 Gilman Scholarships.

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Call to Writers: Love Letters Needed

May is one of the loveliest times of year in Indiana, and Indiana Writers wants to hear from you: what do you love about this state?

Indiana Writers is seeking short prose (micro memoir or flash fiction) and poetry for A Love Letter to Indiana, a special writing project to be considered for print in The Gathering, by mail as well as an online anthology and community reading.

Epistolary work is welcome, but not

required.

Guidelines:

- Up to 500 words (include word count in email cover letter)
- 50-word bio or less• Accepted file types: PDF, .doc, or .docx
- Submit to: <mailto:admin@indianawriters.org>
- (subject line to include title and genre)
- Deadline: Friday, May 15 or until we reach 50 submissions

Lead Testing Encouraged

The Montgomery County Health Department and the Purdue University Center for Rural and Migrant Health have collaborated to encourage Montgomery County parents to get their children tested for lead poisoning.

Lead is a naturally occurring metal that, when children are exposed through their environment, can cause developmental delays, difficulty learning, and behavioral issues that can be permanent and disabling. (CDC.gov) Testing children and identifying areas of concern, i.e., chipping or peeling paint in homes or buildings built before 1978, water from lead pipes, contaminated soil, or imported items, can provide a plan of action for prevention of further exposure.

Purdue's Center for Community Health Empowerment and Learning has provided funding for a team of faculty, students, and staff to conduct research on best practices for communicating health calls to action with the public.

Surveys have been conducted and images have been designed by students. Billboards are installed all around Montgomery County, and social media posts will help spread the message. Follow up surveys will follow to measure the messaging success.

Montgomery County Health Officer, Dr. Scott Douglas said, "We are pleased to partner with Purdue University Center for Rural and Migrant Health to increase recommended lead screening of our children in Montgomery County. We hope to increase awareness of lead exposure and decrease the risk to our children."

Parents and/or caregivers are encouraged to talk to their child's physician about testing or contact the Health Department to schedule a rapid diagnostic test. The MCHD staff are there to help make the process as painless and helpful as possible. You can schedule an appointment by calling the Health Department clinic at (765) 364-7255.

Sen. Deery Shares Update



SEN. SPENCER DEERY
Guest Columnist

PRESERVING Indiana's Farming Tradition

Since our state's founding more than 200 years ago, Indiana's strength has been anchored by generations of family farmers.

About 94% of Hoosier farms are family-owned or operated, and the agriculture industry contributes more than \$35 billion to Indiana's economy.

This is due in large part to family farms that have continued to operate in Indiana.

This year, I supported new laws that:

- Provide tax relief for farmers;
- Cut red tape for Hoosier farmers;
- Address the veterinary shortage in Indiana; and

- Stabilize the future of our soybean and pork marketing development programs.

Our state's farming families deserve all the gratitude we can extend for their many years of contribution to Indiana.

Maintaining Indiana's place as a national agricultural leader keeps our communities strong and economy moving. That's why I will always work to ensure Hoosier farmers have what they need to preserve our state's farming heritage.

FREE Fishing Days

The first of four Free Fishing Days this year will take place this Sunday when Hoo-

siers who don't have a fishing license or a trout/salmon stamp can fish in the state's public waters.

These days are a great opportunity to learn how to fish or even introduce a friend or young one to fishing.

Additional Free Fishing Days will take place June 6-7 and Sept. 26.

RECOGNIZING the Importance of Small Businesses

This week is National Small Business Week, which recognizes the hard work and dedication of America's entrepreneurs and the significant role small businesses play in our economy.

In Indiana, small businesses employ 1.2 million Hoosiers and account for nearly 600,000 small businesses. Whether a business is startup or a Main Street shop, small businesses strengthen our community, and I encourage everyone to support their local

small business this weekend and beyond.

ROCKVILLE Resident Wins Historic Preservation Month Photo Contest

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources announced this week that Rockville resident George Overpeck won the "Kids" category in the Historic Preservation Month photo contest.

George's photo of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Billie Creek Village in Parke County will be featured on the DNR's Instagram page this month.

Congratulations, George, on this great achievement! You and your family should be very proud.

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.

ArchiCamp Details:

Dates: June 16-17
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (drop-off and pick-up each day)
Location: General Lew Wallace Study & Museum, Crawfordsville
Registration: forms and additional information are available at www.ben-hur.com/programs/archicamp/
Contact: Thomas Meeks at 765-362-5769 or tmeeks@ben-hur.com

ArchiCamp Just About Month Away

Calling all young explorers! It's time for the popular Gen. Lew Wallace Study & Museum ArchiCamp again!

The Study & Museum is pleased to bring back ArchiCamp, a two-day architecture-themed camp presented in collaboration with Indiana Landmarks. Designed to engage and inspire, ArchiCamp introduces children to the rich architectural history

of Crawfordsville while encouraging an appreciation for preserving cultural heritage.

Scheduled for June 16-17, ArchiCamp invites young explorers ages 8-12 to take part in an immersive experience blending history, design and creativity. Campers will explore the unique architectural styles of downtown Crawfordsville and the Lew Wallace Study through guided

walking tours, while also participating in hands-on activities that bring architecture to life.

ArchiCamp offers a dynamic mix of education and fun that sparks imagination and curiosity. Activities from past camps have included building popsicle stick bridges, designing blueprints and constructing miniature cityscapes from recycled materials.

Space is limited, and scholarships are available to ensure all interested participants have the opportunity to attend. Early registration is encouraged.

Don't miss this opportunity for young learners to discover the world of architecture and local history. Join in on inspiring the next generation to value and preserve our shared heritage.

TIM

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song Old Days . . . and it got me thinking of the old Mad Magazine (before it cost almost \$20) and how they used to put parody songs every now and then. So with deep apologies to aforementioned favorite band, here's a different take on Old Days.

Deadlines
Editors I remember
Screaming
Filler with fear and terror

Too-long meetings

Red lights take forever
Bathroom calling
Watching time go faster

Take me back
To my college days
When a deadline
Just meant stay and play

Deadlines
Editors I remember
Screaming
Filler with fear and terror

Taping meetings
Full of bluff and

bluster
Typing transcripts
Hearing static and white noise

What I lack
Is good sleep and pay
Oh what I'd give
For one peaceful day

Dead-uh-lines in my mind to terrorize my day

Dead-uh-lines, darkened dreams of joy that's gone away

Dead-uh-lines, times of stress and panic hitting me

Dead-uh-lines, please go away and just let me be

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

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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. 54C01-2405-MF-000512, wherein U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its Individual Capacity but solely as owner trustee for RACF Acquisition Trust was Plaintiff, and Shon French a/k/a Shon M. Hedge and Springcastle Credit Funding Trust, through its Trustee Wilmington Trust, National Association were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 10th day of June, 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.

THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE SECOND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: CONSIDERING THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER AS BEARING NORTH 89 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST WITH ALL THE BEARINGS CONTAINED HEREIN RELATIVE THERETO. COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 9, THENCE ON AND ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 9, NORTH 89 DEGREES, 18 MINUTES, 31 SECONDS WEST 682.77 FEET TO A MAG NAIL, SAME BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE ON AND ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, NORTH 89 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST 183.40 FEET TO A MAG NAIL, THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST 233.54 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR WITH CAP; THENCE, SOUTH 88 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST 193.71 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR WITH CAP, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST 229.84 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL CONTAINS 1.00 ACRE MORE OR LESS AND IS SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD #234 AND ALL EASEMENTS AND RIGHT-OF-WAYS OF RECORD.

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/s/ Matthew S. Love

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners will receive sealed bids for the construction of Bridge 80 on CR 300 N over Black Creek. Bids will be received at the Montgomery County Commissioners' Office, 1580 Constitution Row, Suite E, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 before 3:00P.M. local time on May 22, 2026.

Bids may be delivered in person or by mail addressed to the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, Suite E, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners Meeting held at 8:00A.M. at the Montgomery County Government Center on May 25, 2026. Any bid not in a sealed envelope or any bid submitted after the designated date and time will be returned unopened.

THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION CONSISTS OF CONSTRUCTING A COUNTY PROVIDED MODULAR STEEL BEAM BRIDGE (MONTGOMERY COUNTY BRIDGE 80 ON CR 300 N OVER BLACK CREEK), END BENTS, GUARDRAIL, ROADWAY APPROACH WORK, SITE GRADING, AND DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING STRUCTURE ACCORDING TO THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.

The Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, are on file for public inspection at the Montgomery County Highway Department Office, 818 N Whitlock Ave, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Plans and specifications will be available for procurement from the Engineer (CivilCon, Inc., 605 North Shore Drive, Unit 103, Jeffersonville, IN 47130). A digital PDF plan set will be available at no charge. A printed copy of plans and specifications may be purchased for a non-refundable fee of \$100.00. A check for the plan fee shall be made payable to "Civilcon, Inc.". All questions regarding the project must be submitted in writing no less than 7 days prior to the bid opening to Daniel Book at (812) 280-8360 (dbook@civilcondsb.com).

Proposals shall be properly and completely executed on the proposal form furnished to bidders. A certified check, bank draft, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the Bidder and a surety company in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid shall be submitted with each bid. The Contractor awarded the work will be required to furnish an acceptable Surety Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price. As part of the bid, bidders must demonstrate past experience in bridge construction and provide references for five (5) previously completed projects similar in nature.

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities in the bids.

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS TOWN OF LADOGA, INDIANA

In order to assure compliance with the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) and related requirements regarding competitive negotiation of planning services, the Town of Ladoga is seeking Statements of Qualifications for the provision of planning technical assistance services relating to a utility master plan.

Description of Services Needed

The Town of Ladoga is pursuing a consultant to assist in developing a Master Utility Plan Study including evaluation of the town's water, wastewater and storm water utilities. The plan will need to meet minimum technical requirements pursuant to the USDA Rural Utilities Service Bulletin 1780-2 and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Type of Contract

The Town of Ladoga will execute either a firm, fixed-price contract, or a cost-reimbursement contract for these services that is contingent on the final commitment of grant funding.

Federal Requirements

Prospective offerors should note the successful proposer must meet the following terms and conditions:

- 1. 24 CFR Part 85.36.
2. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
3. Conflict of Interest (24 CFR Part 570).
4. Access to records.
5. Executive Order 11246 - Equal Employment Opportunity
6. Executive Order 12138 - Women Business Enterprise Policy.
7. Architectural Barrier Act of 1968.
8. Age Discrimination Act of 1975.
9. Section 3 Clause - Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.
10. Section 504 - Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
11. Retention and Custodial Requirements (24 CFR Part 85.42).
12. Executive Order 11063.
13. Affirmative Action Program / Plan.
14. Davis Bacon and Related Acts.

Grant Support has a 10% MBE/WBE goal for all projects funded with Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Rate of Qualifications

The proposal must include sufficient information regarding qualifications and determine that the respondent is qualified and has relevant experience. Do not include a proposed fee as this is a qualification-based selection process. The statement of qualifications should include the following:

- 1. A description of expertise, experience and resources directly relevant and available for the proposed project.
2. A list of similar projects previously completed.
3. A list of references.
4. Resumes of professional staff members that will work on this project.
5. Name of person to be in charge of project.
6. Description of scope of services as per "Description of Services Needed".
7. A project time line.

The statement of qualifications shall also provide the following information: name, title, address and telephone number of individuals with authority to negotiate and bind the proposer contractually, and who may be contacted during the period of evaluation.

Award of Contract

Evaluation criteria shall include:

- 1. Specialized experience or technical expertise of the organization and its personnel in connection with the scope of services to be provided and complexity of the project (25pts).
2. Past record of performance on contracts, including quality of work, timeliness and cost control (25pts).
3. Capacity of the organization to perform the work within time limitations, taking into consideration the current planned workload of the firm (25 pts).
4. Familiarity of the organization with this type of project or problems applicable to the project (25pts).

If you are interested in providing the required services, please submit four (4) copies of the Statement of Qualification to the Town of Ladoga, Clerk Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 187, Ladoga, Indiana 47954 no later than 11:00 p.m. local time on June 15, 2026. Each Statement of Qualification will be reviewed for completeness and clarity according to the above criteria. Interviews are expected to be held the week of June 15, 2026.

The Town may or may not negotiate the fee schedule with one or more offers. The Town reserves the right to reject any and/or all responses. The Town is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The contract is tentatively scheduled to be awarded by the Town on September 18, 2026. Offerors may desire additional information, a site visit or clarification regarding the Statement of Qualification. If so, please contact April Bradley between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. local time at (765) 942-2531.

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SALE # 25-051886

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. 54C01-2511-MF-001423, wherein University Bank was Plaintiff, and Cheryl A. Mitchell, 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 10th day of June, 2026 at the hour of 10:00 am 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:

Lot Numbered Eighty-Five (85) in Englewood Park, an Addition to the City of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana, as per Plat thereof recorded July 18, 1906 in Deed Record 98, Page 176, in the Office of the Recorder of Montgomery County, Indiana.

More Commonly known as: 411 Louise Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 Parcel No. 10-04-222-012.000-030

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

"Subject to all lines, encumbrances and easement of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause 54C01-2511-MF-001423 in the CIRCUIT Court of Montgomery County, Indiana,"

Plaintiff Attorney: C. Wesley Pagles

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54C01-2604-JP-000063

STATE OF INDIANA) IN MONTGOMERY CO. CIRCUIT COURT

) SS:

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY) CAUSE NO. 54C01-2604-JP-000063

IN RE PATERNITY OF:)

GRETTEL CRUZ MIGUEL)

By Next Friend:)

YENICE MIGUEL NOLASCO)

YENICE MIGUEL NOLASCO)

Petitioner)

v.)

ANGEL CRUZ GUILLEN)

Respondent)

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE OF SUIT

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above-named and a hearing will take place in Montgomery Co. Circuit Court. The nature of the suit against you is a Petition to Establish Paternity and Custody. This summons by publication is specifically directed to Angel Cruz Guillen, residence unknown.

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

Date: 4/27/2026

Sondra K Sixberry

Montgomery Co. Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE PLACING STOP SIGNS WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF NEW ROSS, INDIANA

Ordinance 2025-03

WHEREAS, the Town Council for the Town of New Ross, Indiana (the "Council"), is responsible for the performance of various responsibilities for the Town of New Ross, Indiana (the "Town"); and

WHEREAS, the Town has received reports of speeding, traffic violations, and other public safety concerns and nuisances occurring on various streets within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town is desirous of placing stop signs on those streets designated in this

Ordinance, for the health, safety and welfare of the Town's citizens. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council for the Town of New Ross, Indiana, that this Ordinance Placing Stop Signs Within the Town Limits of the Town of New Ross, Indiana, is hereby adopted as follows:

Section I.

1. Stop Sign Directive. There shall be "Stop Signs" placed at the following locations within the Town:

- (a) At the intersection of State Street and Crown Street; and
(b) At the intersection of State Street and Washington Street.
(c) At the intersection of Frazier Street and Washington Street

2. In addition to all other criminal and civil violations accruing under state or federal law, any violations of this Ordinance may result in a fine of up to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and may be enforced by the Town's police department, or any other law enforcement agency vested with the proper police powers in the State of Indiana, including the Indiana State Police and Montgomery County Sheriff's Department.

Section II.

Effective Date

1. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days following its publication in a newspaper of County-wide circulation.

SIGNATURE PAGE AND ATTESTATION FOLLOWS

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE NEW ROSS TOWN COUNCIL, THIS 10th DAY OF JULY, 2025.

THE NEW ROSS, INDIANA, TOWN COUNCIL

Approved: Rebecca Lowe, Council President

Vicky Rogers, Council Member

Danny Watkins, Council Member

Attest:

Taylor Norton, Clerk - Treasurer

Opposed:

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CTE inducted 73 new members into the National Technical Honor Society.

CTE Students Shine at Awards Night

The annual West-Central Indiana Careers & Technical Education Awards Night took place last month at Western Boone Jr/Sr High School.

West Central Indiana CTE inducted 73 new members into the National Technical Honor Society, where students received honor cords and certificates. NTHS provides \$2 million dollars in scholarships annually to its members. Students are now

lifetime members, and will have access to industry knowledge, networking and postsecondary opportunities.

CTE instructors nominated students in their programs for Excellence in CTE, Outstanding Improvement in CTE, and Service in CTE.

In the final award of the evening, the West Central Indiana CTE Director's Award recognized a student who



demonstrated innovation in the classroom, commitment to their program, and dedication to the improvement of industry skills. This year's Director's Award was given to Molly Pierce, a senior in the EMT program.



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of municipal solar, a substantial resource for a community of only about 16,000 people. Bypassing fuel costs helps stabilize generation costs over time and acts as a hedge against spikes in natural gas prices or other fuel shocks, like those caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine or severe climate events.

Notably, Smillie showed how, despite recent headlines about "electricity inflation," we are actually living through one of the lowest-cost periods in history in terms of electricity as a share of household income. Unfortunately, low-income families spend a high percentage of their household budgets on electricity.

What is driving prices up? According to the national lab data Smillie presented, three main forces dominate: more extreme weather, spikes in natural gas prices and the massive, overdue replacement and hardening of aging distribution infrastructure. Wildfires and hurricanes have added multiple cents per kilowatt-hour in some states just from the cost of rebuilding lines and poles, with California's wildfire spending and Florida's recent hurricanes as notable examples. Natural gas, which fuels about 38 percent of U.S. electricity, has seen dramatic swings with events like recent winter storms and recent wars, and those price shocks ripple straight into our electric bills. At the same time, the producer price

index for wires, transformers and switchgear has risen far faster than basic consumer inflation, making every grid upgrade more expensive.

What about claims that solar and wind are making electricity expensive? Smillie directly addressed that misconception using Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory analysis. Across states, there is no consistent link between higher shares or faster growth of wind and solar and higher retail prices. In fact, some of the cheapest-electricity states in the country, like Iowa and Oklahoma, are among the leaders in wind power. A few state-level policies – such as very generous net metering for rooftop solar in California or early renewable portfolio standards – initially added a cent or two per kilowatt-hour in some places. Early adopters often face a premium cost, but now the underlying technologies of wind and solar are now the cheapest new sources of generation. In other words, clean energy additions are largely holding down the generation component of rates even as delivery costs climb.

By contrast, Smillie showed how forcing old coal plants to stay online is clearly pushing costs up. Utilities were planning to retire many coal units because they are aging, inefficient and expensive to run, but new federal decisions have ordered some plants in states like Michigan, Wash-

ington, Colorado and Indiana to remain open. Smillie cited estimates that keeping a single Michigan coal plant running has already cost ratepayers tens of millions of dollars – money spent on extra fuel, maintenance and compliance for an asset that was supposed to come off the books. These plants also expose customers to fuel price risk from wars and extreme weather, and continue to drive air pollution and climate damage.

A balanced mix of solar, wind and nuclear can keep both costs and risks down, especially as new loads like data centers and EVs grow. Renewables offer cheap energy but are variable. That's where the leaps and bounds of battery technology come in.

Batteries are rapidly scaling up to shift solar from midday to evening peaks – and nuclear can provide a steady baseload without the fuel-price volatility of gas or coal. Smillie pointed to California's 17 gigawatts of grid-scale batteries, which now cover roughly 44 percent of peak evening demand, as an early example of how storage partners with solar "like peanut butter and jelly" to meet demand reliably and economically. Emerging technologies, such as sodium-ion batteries, promise even lower costs and greater safety, accelerating the trend.

At the same time, demand-side strategies can make the whole system cheaper. Improving "load factor"

and how evenly we use the grid over time spreads the fixed cost of poles and wires over more kilowatt-hours, lowering the average price. Smillie highlighted appliances used and electric vehicles charged at off-peak times, virtual power plants that coordinate smart thermostats and water heaters and flexible requirements for large loads like data centers as tools to flatten peaks. With thoughtful policy, including better permitting for renewables and transmission, more use of the tax base rather than just ratepayers to finance upgrades and closer scrutiny of utility profits, communities like Crawfordsville can keep electricity affordable while modernizing the grid and cutting emissions.

Our choices now can ease our present and future. We can either keep to the familiar as it fades into ineffectiveness or invest in resilient, diversified system built on solar, wind, nuclear, batteries and efficiency. Crawfordsville's lower-than-average rates are the product of its strong municipal solar position and its publicly owned utility.

An old adage with a new twist comes to mind. You may have heard "You cannot serve both God and Mammon." One wonders if some sectors of capitalism need a reminder that you cannot serve both customer and shareholder. You will either abuse the one or fail the other. And if we want to re-

duce reliance on social safety nets, we'll need business sectors, like utilities and healthcare, that serve the clients over that other master.

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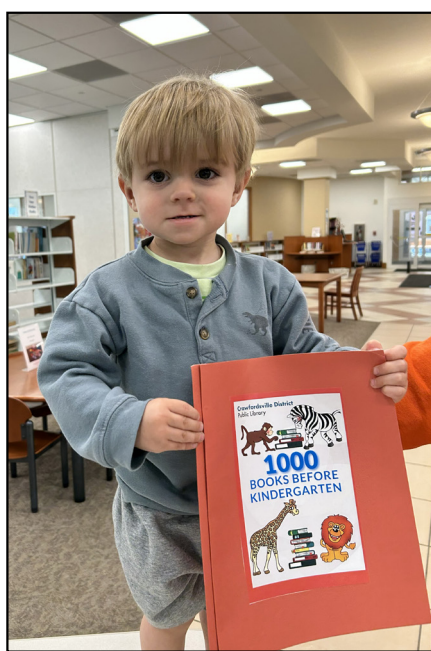


Photo courtesy Crawfordsville District Public Library

The Crawfordsville District Public Library is celebrating an exciting milestone in its beloved "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" program. This week, 2-year-old Bodi Porter became the 1,000th child to register for the early literacy initiative since the program began in 2013. "This milestone represents so much more than numbers," said Janella Nunan, Assistant Youth Services Department Manager at the library. "It represents parents reading bedtime stories, children discovering their favorite books, and families creating memories together through reading. Watching this program grow over the years has been incredibly reward-

ing." Karen Record, Youth Services Department Manager, agreed. "Early literacy is one of the greatest gifts we can give children," Record said. "Seeing 1,000 young readers join this journey shows how committed our community is to helping children succeed and develop a love of books from an early age." The library continues to welcome families with children from birth to age five to participate in the free program. Reading just one book a night can make a tremendous difference in a child's language development, school readiness, and imagination. For more information about "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten," visit the Youth Services desk at the library.

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