

■ TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 15:2

Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.

■ AWL ATHENA



WAIVED ADOPTION FEES ALL WEEK thanks to Best Friends!

Athena is a 4-year-old female American Pit Bull Terrier available for adoption from The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL) since 11/23/24.

Athena LOVES going for walks, frolicking in a fenced yard, playing fetch, and snuggle time with her favorite person!

Athena is AWL's laundry room helper! Chances are if you volunteered over the past 2 years in the laundry room, you've witnessed the cuteness of Athena!!

Not only is Athena beautiful, she's also soft as a chinchilla! This sweet girl is searching for her very best friend... could that be you?

■ MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The Volunteers for Mental Health in Montgomery County, along with the Douglas Family, Central Indiana Rubber Products and the Amanda Douglas Memorial are sponsoring and creating an intermediate camp for kids entering middle school, plus a variety of other mental health activities in Montgomery County! Registration for the 2026 Meet Me in the Middle Camp is open through June 8. The number of campers is limited to a maximum of 18. The free camp will be held again at the Montgomery County Boys and Girls Club and will meet for four consecutive afternoons on July 21, 22, 23, and 24. Jamie Selby will again share her extraordinary talents through a series of middle-level experiences and activities over the four afternoons. Parents who are hoping to help their current fifth or sixth graders graders find the answers to middle school can obtain more information and register their students through June 8 by visiting the VMHMC website, www.vmhmc.org and clicking on the Meet Me in the Middle camp logo. Information inquiries can also be e-mailed to dbw@vmhmc.org



It's grad season – the time of year when all-knowing high school seniors become either wet-behind-the-ears freshmen or the entry-level trainees at work. It's almost like getting older – you realize the more you learn the more you don't know.

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The big lesson in life, baby, is never be scared of anyone or anything.”

Frank Sinatra

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

What time should you go to the dentist?
Tooth-hurty!

The Paper OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Montgomery County's oldest locally owned independent newspaper www.thepaper24-7.com | 50¢

MCCF Honors Volunteers at Annual Meeting

Montgomery County Community Foundation held its Annual Meeting Thursday, May 21 at the Hoosier Heartland State Bank's Success Center. President Erin Gobel presided over the meeting. Following the standard items of business, incumbent board members Tracey Barr, Jack Grimble, and Brenda Lovold were nominated and approved to serve a second three-year term. Mikel Manion was nominated and approved to join the board for a three-year term.

The balance of the 13-member board includes: Preston Bost, Pam Bradley, Cathy Caldwell, Chris Cox, Wendy Feller, Erin Gobel, Zach Hockersmith, Gary Isenberg, and Shawn Ramey. Since 1996, the recognition of outstanding volunteers has been a staple of the MCCF Annual Meeting. The 2026 MCCF Volunteer of the Year is **Tina Martin, FISH of Montgomery County**. For 29 years, Tina Martin has faithfully served neighbors in need through FISH of Montgom-



Photos courtesy Montgomery County Community Foundation

From left, Mike Grant, Kelly Taylor and Ron Dickerson

ery County. As Director of the Linen Closet and a FISH Board member, she has helped countless families with compassion, dignity, and care.

Under Tina's leadership, the Linen Closet has grown to provide a wide range of household essentials. Through her resourcefulness, generosity, and tireless service, she has created

a welcoming place where every person is treated with respect.

Gobel presented her with a plaque commemorating her service and a \$1,000 grant to Fish of Montgomery County.

Eight other individuals were nominated, and each received a Certificate of Recognition and a gift. They included:

Cathy Crosby, Women's Resource Center

Cathy is a compassionate volunteer whose kindness and dedication have made a lasting impact at the Women's Resource Center. As a Client Advocate, she mentors mothers in our community with encouragement, guidance, and genuine care. She also leads a monthly *See Honors Page 6*

Huge Book Sale Two Weeks Away

In a little more than two weeks, you should hop in your car and head over on State Road 32 to Lebanon where Hachette Books will be conducting their annual sale.

No, this is not a paid commercial. It's much better than that. It's a testimonial from a guy who has been there, done that and bought the book. Check that, Books with a big plural ending.

Here's the deal. Hachette is one of the nation's (and world's) pre-eminent book publishers.

They have a warehouse / distribution center in Lebanon. It's in the Lebanon Business Park on the west side of town, right off 32. Once a year, going back to the turn of the century, they get rid of their excess books by selling them for \$1.

One American Dollar. These are hardback, big-name authors. Bestsellers. Baldacci. Patterson, J.K. Rowling. The books that cost upwards of \$30 and more in stores. You get the drift.



Two Cents from Tim Timmons

“It's become a tradition,” Gabrielle Gambrell, Hachette Chief Communications Officer, told me. “We open our doors to the community. It's a really fun endeavor that requires

See Two Cents Page 4

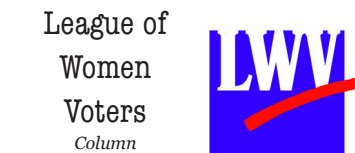
■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. The Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame is seeking nominations for individuals who have made a significant and enduring contribution to Indiana aviation or aerospace history through leadership, innovation, accomplishment, achievement, or entrepreneurship. Help us honor the pioneers, visionaries, and trailblazers whose impact continues to shape the future of aviation in Indiana. Submit your nomination today and ensure their legacy is recognized for generations to come. <https://inahof.org/nominations/>

2. Gov. Mike Braun and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security recognized Emergency Medical Service professionals across the state during National EMS Week, taking place May 17-23. This year's theme, “Improving Outcomes, Together,” emphasizes the essential coordination and collaboration required to improve patient outcomes. In recognition of these dedicated professionals, Gov. Braun has formally proclaimed May 17-23 as EMS Week in Indiana. “EMS is the front line of our health care system,” Braun said. “Our EMS professionals stand proudly at the intersection of healthcare, public health and public safety, filling the gaps to provide lifesaving, out-of-hospital care. With more than 3,000 runs each day, Indiana is blessed to have dedicated professionals who go above and beyond to care for Hoosiers.” Indiana has more than 25,000 certified emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, paramedics, dispatchers and support staff.

3. And lastly, Gov. Braun also ceremonially signed House Enrolled Act 1343 and House Enrolled Act 1268, two new laws that strengthen Indiana's public safety readiness, support the Indiana National Guard, and position Indiana to grow its role in America's defense economy. HEA 1343, authored by State Rep. Steve Bartels, strengthens public safety by ensuring the Indiana National Guard will be ready to assist Indiana police when called upon in a crisis to protect Hoosiers. HEA 1343 ensures that National Guard members called upon to assist Indiana police in times of emergency are trained military police who can assist in police duties like arrest procedures, traffic and crowd control, and the collection of evidence. Guardsmen may exercise police powers only when called to state active duty and only after completing Army or Air military police occupational training and Indiana-specific law enforcement instruction prescribed by the Adjutant General. HEA 1343 also supports veterans and military families by updating the Military Family Relief Fund, improving reporting and eligibility standards, and removing the eight-year limit for use of the National Guard tuition supplement grant. The law also establishes the Indiana Civilian Cyber Corps, allowing trained civilian cybersecurity volunteers to assist the state during cybersecurity incidents.

What The League of Women Voters Does



“How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives,” writes Annie Dillard. In short, small actions add up to the legacy that speaks to our values and impact.

Many don't know what the League of Women Voters' values and impact are – what it does.

It helps to look at what we choose to study, fund and educate the community regarding. Those priorities are decided upon at each May's annual meeting. This year's meeting on Tuesday, May 12, focused on what makes democracy work – voter education, voter services, supporting our positions on housing, land use, climate, education, health care and access to transportation.

In adopting our local program for 2026–27, we members voted to retain our position on the economic health of Montgomery County, but with a sharpened focus on housing. That shift reflects a growing recognition that jobs and investment mean little if people cannot afford to live safely and stably in the community where they work. League members spoke of this as “the next big one,” a study

See League Page 4

The Paper

OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

127 E. Main St. 103
P.O. Box 272
Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933
Main 765-361-0100
www.thepaper24-7.com

Franciscan, FISH, Others Hold Cooking Class June 3

Franciscan Health in collaboration with FISH Food Pantry of Montgomery County, Indy Hunger Network and CookingMatters.org will be holding a class entitled "Cooking Matters" on Wednesday, June 3 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Bernard Catholic Church 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 or call (765) 423-6909.

St. Bernard Catholic Church is located at 1306 East Main St. in Crawfordsville. The class will take place in the FISH Food Pantry building which is also the Knights of Columbus building, located behind the St. Bernard Catholic Church.

Register for Race Before It's Too Late!

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

It takes place at Franciscan Health East with a brand-new course for the 5K Run/Walk. There is an added 10K option for those ready to go the extra mile (or three)! Franciscan's 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, Franciscan will 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!

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

Together everyone can turn miles into milestones and make sure our smallest community members have the opportunity to grown, learn, and thrive.

Register today at <https://fhf5k.home.qtego.us/> before the price increases on race day!

The Paper

of Montgomery County
An Independent Newspaper
founded in 2004

Vol. 122 | Issue 59

Sen. Phil Boots, President
USPS Publication Number: O22-679

Annual Print Subscription: \$89

Annual Online Subscription: \$42

To subscribe:
circulation@thepaper24-7.com

To contact news:
news@thepaper24-7.com

To submit legal notices:
Legals@thepaper24-7.com

For billing:
business@thepaper24-7.com

Visit us online:
thepaper24-7.com

OBITUARIES

James "Jim" Harmon Lewis

February 11, 1945 - May 23, 2026

James "Jim" Harmon Lewis, age 81 of Kingman, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday morning, May 23, 2026, while at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Kingman on February 11, 1945, to the late James Brantley & Marjorie D. (Harmon) Lewis.

Jim graduated from Kingman High School in 1963 and later graduated from Indiana Business College and Danville Area Community College. Known for his hard work and dedication, Jim spent most of his life as a farmer, pouring his heart into the land he loved. His work ethic was matched only by his commitment to his role in maintenance at Turkey Run Schools,

where he was a familiar and friendly face.

Jim found joy in the simple pleasures of life. He was an avid reader, a lover of the great outdoors, and a passionate hunter. However, what brought him the greatest happiness was the time spent with his family. Jim's warmth, laughter, and unwavering support will be profoundly missed by his family, and all who knew him. Jim loved his Lord and Savior and was a member of the Prairie Creek Baptist Church.

On August 20, 1966, he married the love of his life, Ruby Joyce (Fox) Lewis, who survives. He also leaves behind four children, James Scott (Amy) Lewis of North Manchester, Jenni-

fer Christine (Jim) Millikan of Pittsboro, Jeremy Brian (Rachel) Lewis of Carbon, and Lisa Joy (Rick) King of Fisher; ten grandchildren, Joshua (Mandy) Millikan, Molly (Matthew) Myers, Morgan Millikan, Spencer Lewis, Gabrielle Lewis, Quinn Lewis, Brody Lewis, Cooper Lewis, Reece Lewis, and Sabrina King; five great grandchildren, Esther, Joanna, Lois, Joel, Lucy, and one on the way; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters, Patricia Joan Jones and Judith Ann Perkins.

Visitation will be at Sanders Funeral Care, 203 S 1st Street, in Kingman on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, from 5:00pm - 7:00pm.



The funeral service will be at the funeral home on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 11:00am with Pastor Loren Stephens officiating. Burial will follow at Kingman Fraternal Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Prairie Creek Baptist Church or Twin Lakes Camp. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneral-Care.com.

Harold I. Stewart, Jr.

June 26, 1929 - May 19, 2026

Harold I. Stewart, Jr, age 96 of Crawfordsville, passed away peacefully on May 19, 2026 at home, in the very place he once dreamed of as a young man. It was the home he built with love alongside his beloved wife, Mary, where they raised their children, welcomed two generations of grandchildren, and filled its rooms with over 70 years of warmth, laughter, and love. He was born on June 26, 1929 to Harold Sr. and Sylvia (Lakin) Stewart in Indianapolis. Harold married Mary James on September 2, 1950 in Crawfordsville, spending 61 loving years together until her passing in 2011. He was a graduate

of Crawfordsville High School, Class of 1948. Harold proudly served his country in the Indiana National Guard. He retired from RR Donnelly's after 43 years, working as a pressman and warehouse clerk. He also owned several rental properties in the area and enjoyed maintaining the homes. Harold was a member of the American Legion Post 72, Masonic Lodge 50, and the Crawfordsville Moose and Elks Lodges. He was also a former member of the Milligan Presbyterian Church. In his younger years, Harold and Mary went out dancing almost every weekend. He loved spending time with his family, especially the grand-

children.

Harold is survived by his children, Janis Stewart and James Stewart; grandchildren, Collin Knecht and Kennedy (Robby Barton) Knecht Barton; and great grandchild, George Glenn "GG" Barton. He will also be missed by his nieces, nephews and extended family.

He was predeceased by his parents; wife, Mary; and sisters, Mary Janis Cooksey and Martha Lee Boots.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at Sanders Funeral Care, 315 S Washington Street in Crawfordsville from 12 noon until the time of the service at 2:00 pm. Burial and military honors provided by the



National Guard and American Legion Post 72 will follow at Oak Hill North Cemetery, where he will be laid to rest next to Mary.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County, 1104 Big Four Arch Road, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

Share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

Honoring the Fallen



Photos courtesy Andy Chandler

A large crowd gathered at Veterans Memorial Park on Memorial Day as officials came together to honor our military heroes. The ceremony used to be held at Oak Hill but has been held at the location next to American Legion Post 72 for the past two years. The ceremony began with an introduction from Post 72 Commander Larry Cooper. After Pastor Mike Whitacre's invocation, Mayor Todd Barton read the Memorial Day City Proclamation. The guest speaker was Kevin Cobb. A 21 gun salute and the playing of Taps by the Post Honor Guard concluded the solemn event.



Photo courtesy Crawfordsville - Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce

The popper celebration served as both a recognition of the club's legacy and an opportunity to reflect on its future.

The Crawfordsville | Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce was pleased to host a popper celebration for the Crawfordsville Country Club to celebrate 120 years in business, recognizing over a century of tradition and community presence.

About The Crawfordsville | Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce

The Crawfordsville | Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce is a vital connector and advocate for businesses and professional across the community. The Chamber promotes and fosters the business community through networking opportunities, business-oriented events, and many resources. The Chamber works to advance a vibrant business community. Learn more at www.crawfordsvillechamber.com.

The popper celebration served as both a recognition of the club's legacy and an

try Club for all that it has to offer for 120 more years! We would like to show our appreciation to everyone who has supported the Crawfordsville Country Club over its rich history.

The future is bright, and we look forward to providing the best member and guest experience possible to the many people who love and care for this historic Country Club for years to come."

opportunity to reflect on its future.

Colin O'Neal, President of O'Neal Golf Management and supervisor of the Crawfordsville Country Club said, "Crawfordsville Country Club has been a constant fixture of the community for 120 years, and we are grateful to be a small part of its wonderful legacy. With that said, we look forward to continuing to improve product and service, daily, so that this community can enjoy Crawfordsville Coun-

member and guest experience possible to the many people who love and care for this historic Country Club for years to come."

The Club recently wrapped up an exciting membership campaign 'Two Year Anniversary Membership' which added 300 members to the Club promoting increased activity and sustainability. To become a member of the CCC or to learn more, visit their website at <https://crawfordsvillecc.com/>.

Flower Lovers Garden Club Showcases Beauty



Photos courtesy Flower Lovers Garden Club

It's time for the Flower Lovers Garden Club annual parade of beautiful yards and gardens.

The Flower Lovers Garden Club will be featuring articles and photos of local "front yard" gardens for each month throughout the summer. Here for your pleasure is our first article:

When you drive by the garden at 1010 West Main, you may want to take not just a double, but a triple take. The beautiful creative porch & front garden belong to Darlisa & Randy Steele. Darlisa has been gardening all of her life assisting her mother, Anita Arnold, and Randy works for Sugar Creek Lawn & Landscape, so they make a great team.

Darlisa loves finding a plant bargain and frequents the back budget shelves at Walmart, Lowes, & Menards... and when asked where



This sign will identify the homes that are part of the program.

she acquired all of her adorable garden art, she said Yard Sales and Goodwill!

Darlisa over winters her geraniums & begonias on her sun porch and can bring them back year after year; quite the green thumb! When asked how her practices have changed

over the years, she said that she is more patient with herself. She stated that if she can't get to a weed, it will still be there tomorrow and may be beneficial to bees and other insects.

Don't miss viewing this gem of a garden for the month of June.

Wabash Celebrates Student Excellence with Awards

Every year, Wabash College celebrates its highest-achieving students with awards, accolades, scholarships, and more. The young men who are honored at Awards Chapel in April exhibit excellence in their academics and service.

Brady Largent of Crawfordsville - Distinction In Compre-

hensive Examinations, George E. Carscallen Prize in Mathematics, Fred N. Daugherty Award, Glee Club Senior Award, Caleb Mills Award in Education Studies

Aidan Mason of Crawfordsville - George Lewes Mackintosh Fellows, Membership in Phi Beta Kappa Gabriel Smith of

Crawfordsville - Ruth Margaret Farber Award in English

Jeremiah Clayton of Crawfordsville - Wedgeworth Lilly Library Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Awards

Rowen Durbin of Thorntown - Lloyd B. & Ione Howell Scholarship Chemistry Award

Indiana Unclaimed Could Be Racing to a New Record

As of May 18, Attorney General Todd Rokita's Unclaimed Property Division has returned more than \$56 million to rightful owners — raising the realistic possibility of setting a new winning pace in 2026.

The largest sum returned by the Unclaimed Property Division was \$88 million in 2025.

"Hoosiers throw around a lot of racing metaphors during the month of May," Attorney General Rokita said. "Well, this could be a new track record for our Unclaimed Property Division."

Now is the time to take a pit stop at IndianaUnclaimed.gov and search your name — or loved ones' names — to see whether anyone's wallet gets a quick splash of fuel. Nearly \$1 billion remains unclaimed statewide.

Unclaimed property includes:

commissions
Money orders
Safe deposit box contents
Savings and checking accounts
Refunds

Overpayments such as: credit card balances, cell phone bills

Once property is in its custody, the Unclaimed Property Division conducts an aggressive outreach effort to locate rightful

owners or heirs. Individuals and/or businesses have 25 years to claim money once it's reported to the Unclaimed Property Division.

Visit IndianaUnclaimed.gov or text CLAIM to 46220 to search your name, family or business. You can also contact the Unclaimed Property Division at 1-866-462-5246



SAVE \$350 when you transform your patio into an outdoor oasis.



- Instant shade at the touch of a button.
- Enjoy more quality time with family and friends.
- Up to 10-Year Limited Warranty.

Call 1-855-801-2797 now to **SAVE \$350 TODAY!**

SAGAMORE NEWS MEDIA

WE'RE HIRING



Looking for a flexible position?

Interested in learning more about the newspaper industry?

Ready to learn something new or challenge yourself to improve your current skills?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

Sales

Get to know local businesses and find advertising options to fit their needs

Pagination

Flex your creative muscle as you lay out news stories using inDesign

Clerical

Assist our business department with account and subscription management

Training available for motivated individuals!

Join our team today!



Send your resume to jobs@thepaper24-7.com

WWW.THEPAPER24-7.COM

REMEMBERING



Photos courtesy Andy Chandler

On Memorial Day, more than a hundred people came together at the Veterans Memorial Park next to the American Legion Post 72. Despite forecasts calling for rain, a beautiful blue sky greeted those on hand who came to pay respects to the brave men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service of a grateful nation.

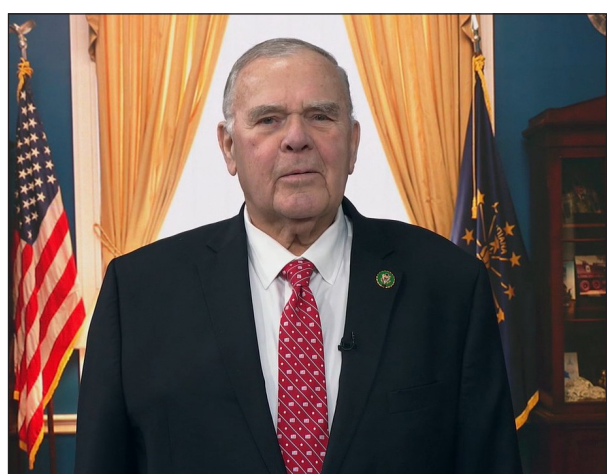


Photo courtesy Ascent-Strategic

Congressman Baird Backs Max Engling

Congressman Jim Baird, R-Ind., announced his endorsement of Max Engling for Indiana Secretary of State, citing Engling's conservative leadership, work ethic, and ability to unite Republicans. "Having worked alongside Max Engling, I know he's a principled conservative who will work tirelessly for Hoosiers every single day," Baird said. "Max understands the importance of protecting election integrity, supporting Indiana businesses, and delivering results for our state. This race is too important to risk, and Republicans must unite behind a strong candidate who can win in November. I'm proud to endorse Max Engling for Secretary of State." Baird represents Indiana's 4th Congressional District.

TWO CENTS

Continued from Page 1

a lot of resources."

I'll say. Be prepared to stand in line. Heck, be prepared to wait in traffic. This is so big that Lebanon P.D. will be out directing what will surely be a jammed parking lot – that's part of the resources Gabrielle mentions. Here's another cool thing. Hachette, based in New York and the third-largest book publisher in the world, only does this sale in one place – the great Hoosier state.

"Hachette's \$1 book sale is one of the most exciting events that we host annually for our communities to make reading for pleasure accessible to everyone, Mike Shoults, CEO for Hachette Book Group U.S. Distribution said about the sale. "This year's sale is especially unique as we mark Hachette's 200th anniversary, and we're working hard to feature our Raising Readers campaign. Raising Readers is a global social impact campaign addressing the decline in children's reading for fun, and calls on parents and caregivers to read to children for just 10 minutes a day to make them smarter and happier. On June 13, we plan to give away more than 1,000 free children's books in addition to the massive, discounted \$1 book sale, furthering

our mission to make it easy for everyone to discover new worlds of ideas, entertainment and opportunity."

How cool is that!

Look, there's no need for full disclosure here. I'm a newspaper

Hachette Book Sale

Saturday, June 13
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
121 N. Enterprise Blvd.
Lebanon, Ind. 46052
No children under 12 admitted
No carts or wagons allowed

guy. Have been almost all my life. So getting people to read more sure doesn't hurt my business. But think about it. Reading and literacy doesn't hurt any business. Any thing. Any one. Reading opens doors. It removes barriers. It expands minds.

Reading is wonderful and good on Hachette Books for doing this.

My wife and I have gone in the past and will go again. We bought all the grandpups books because we want them to be readers and are doing all we can to encourage that.

Hope we see you over there.

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 timmons@thepaper24-7.com.

Tickets for Next Year's Indy 500 Already a Hot Commodity

In front of a grandstand sellout crowd for the second consecutive year, fans witnessed the checkered flag wave for the 110th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge and will never forget witnessing the closest finish in Indy 500 history.

Fans should race to renew their tickets for the Month of May 2027 – by the deadline of Monday, June 15 – to ensure they'll be there to witness more unforgettable action at the Racing Capital of the World.

Fans can renew or request an upgrade for their Indy 500 tickets at ims.com/renew, by calling 317-492-6700 or by visiting the IMS Ticket Office. The renewal window will continue through Monday evening, June 15, approximately 500 hours following the checkered flag of the 110th Indianapolis presented by Gainbridge.

These are the best prices of the year for renewals and upgrades. Prices will increase when tickets go on sale this fall, and again in 2027 before each event.

The 2027 Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge logo captures the enduring legacy of the Racing Capital of the

World. The iconic Indy 500 wordmark is encased within a red oval tilted at a nine-degree angle, which is a deliberate nod to the signature banking of Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Framing this central element is a bold, white geometric structure representing the Speedway's massive grandstands; a tribute to the venue's status as the world's largest permanent sporting facility and a celebration of back-to-back grandstand sellout crowds. The logo reinforces that while speed is a global pursuit, the true heartbeat of the sport originates at the Brickyard.

"The Indianapolis 500 is a can't miss bucket list event fueled by the best and most loyal fans in sports. Their passion and love for the Speedway and the Indy 500 are unmatched," INDYCAR and IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. "The logo honors our full grandstands as our fans race to renew or request seat upgrades by the June 15 deadline for next year's epic Race Day."

This design continues a consistent visual series around a recognizable wordmark that began in 2019 with Gainbridge's inaugural sponsorship.

Fans renewing their tickets to the Indianapolis 500 and/or Sonsio Grand Prix Race Day also can order additional Month of May products at the lowest prices available during the renewal period. Those products include:

Month of May practice and qualification day tickets
Bronze and Silver Badges
Indianapolis 500 Victory Celebration presented by Gainbridge tickets

Miller Lite Carb Day tickets and concert upgrades
Coors Light Snake Pit wristbands

Parking (including ADA parking) and camping passes

Those who take advantage of the renewal period also will have priority for ticket upgrades and are eligible for pre-sale offers for IMS and partner events.

All renewal customers can visit ims.com/renew for more information.

Fans who didn't attend IMS during the Month of May but are planning to attend in May 2027 can apply for tickets now at the lowest prices of the year. Visit ims.com/apply for more information.

LEAGUE

Continued from Page 1

area where research and advocacy could actually change local policy, not just generate discussion.

We paired that with a decision to continue long-running work on land use and planning. For decades, the League has pushed for a thoughtful county comprehensive plan. We are committed to holding the local government accountable for its plan and how it is actually being used – and whether zoning is being wielded to block projects like solar and wind.

Climate is woven through this issue. Members voted to retain their climate change position, with thanks to leaders like John Smilie – among others – who have already helped move the county toward sustainable energy, including solar installations on the library, Boys and Girls Club, Youth Services Bureau and the Free Clinic. In the coming year, the League's Climate Committee will keep that focus alive with public education efforts, including three summer films on "green issues" to be announced soon, as well as education and work toward more sustainable, no-emission energy sources.

K-12 and college education is another area where the League plans deeper study.

We renewed our committee's education study and discussed how quickly state policies – like Indiana's "science of reading" initiative – are reshaping classrooms. Members raised questions about whether literacy reforms are rolling out effectively in local districts and suggested observing classrooms, talking with superintendents and drawing on both retired teachers and parents with professional experience in early childhood and special education. The goal is not to micromanage schools, but to ensure the public understands how quickly these changes are improving children's ability to read and succeed.

On health care, the League is adapting to healthcare concerns emerging in the face of large funding cuts across social services. Free "period packs" for women to pick up at local food pantries and resource centers remains an initiative – menstrual products are costly and still taxed in Indiana. We are brainstorming ways to expand access to free period products in public settings, potentially in partnership with mutual aid and other outlets. Some members are aware of new grant opportunities for programs that address chronic

disease prevention, healthy relationships, and mental wellness – opportunities the League hopes to facilitate, perhaps as a partner or through letters of support, to help the Free Clinic. The health study they voted to continue is a framework for these hands-on efforts.

Undergirding all of this is the League's commitment to transportation as a pillar of economic health and civic life. Over the past two years, League members – especially David and Sheridan Hadley – championed public transit, helping move the Crawfordsville Area Transportation system from an idea to an operating service. Even now, the League is funding reusable shopping bags for CAT riders, a small but symbolic way of encouraging residents to use the system and to see it as theirs. Transportation, to this group, is not a side project; it's infrastructure for democracy, enabling people to get to work, school, medical appointments and civic events.

Finally, there is the quiet but constant work that never makes big headlines: voter outreach and civic education. The League's president underscored that "at the heart of our work is voter outreach," and asked

for more volunteers to help with Vote411, the nonpartisan voter information platform that ramps up again this fall. Lunch with the League will continue to bring local officials and experts to the table, while book clubs and film series give residents ways to learn and talk about complex issues in an informal setting.

The program the League adopted maps the actions we'll take in the coming year. We want a Montgomery County where housing is more secure, land use is more transparent, climate action is more visible, education is better understood, health care is more accessible and public transit is a given, not a luxury. In each area, the League is doing what it has always done best: studying issues carefully, inviting the community into the conversation and then rolling up its sleeves to help turn good ideas into everyday realities.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the League, visit the website www.lwvmontcoin.org; or, visit the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Indiana Facebook page.

Sen. Deery Shares Update

I recently stood outside the Warren County Courthouse in Williamsport to read a proclamation recognizing May as mental health awareness month. I was joined by State Rep. Matt Commons, Warren County Commissioner Craig Greenwood and several local mental health workers and advocates.

It was a nice event, and I was glad to be there, but the real impact is happening around the state as Indiana transitions to new models to support those suffering from various mental health and substance abuse conditions.

The good news is Indiana's reforms are working. In 2023, I supported a new behavioral health law crafted to make dollars go farther by meeting people where they need help the most. The legislation prioritized Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) that are now filling an unmet need in our healthcare system by providing mental health and addiction services for individuals who need some help but don't need to be placed in a psychiatric hospital. The law also formalized the 9-8-8 suicide and crisis lifeline, Indiana's 911 for mental health.

Since then, Indiana has climbed from 42nd to 24th in one national ranking and from 42nd to 14th in another. Indiana's reforms are helping more Hoosiers, and they are saving money by decreasing the need for expensive hospital admissions.

The bad news is we still have a long way to go. Young people are experiencing depres-

sion at the highest levels on record. The elderly represent a larger share of our population but also do not always access the care that's available to them, and our mental health workforce is still too often in short supply.

I serve on the Senate Committee for Health and Provider Services, which will have a significant role in addressing the remaining challenges. This should continue to be a priority for the state, not only because it's the right thing to do but also because it saves money with some studies showing every dollar spent on mental health saves \$2-\$10 in other expenses such as hospital and incarceration costs.

Supporting Hoosier Veterans

Early in my career, I was an employee at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. While I have always believed in the need to support those who put their lives on the line to protect our freedoms, my experience at the VA made it personal.

I understand the unique needs faced by our veterans and active military. That's why I've supported legislation in recent years that:

- Ended homestead property taxes for totally disabled veterans or their surviving spouses;

- Strengthened Indiana's defense sector;

- Eliminated the state income tax on income earned from active or reserve military service; and

- Created a Green Alert program to provide public notification of a missing at-risk veteran.

Veterans may be



Spencer Deery
State Senator



eligible for a number of state resources, which can be found at IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/Veterans.

Veterans or family members with questions about accessing benefits should contact their local county veterans service office.

Apply Now for Governor's Century and Half Century Awards

Indiana is currently accepting applications for this year's round of Century and Half Century Awards.

These awards recognize Hoosier businesses that have remained in continuous operation for at least 100 or 50 years by Dec. 31, 2025.

In the District Vermillion County Awarded Home Rehab Grant

Vermillion County recently received a \$495,000 grant

that helps establish an Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program for eligible low-to moderate-income homeowners.

This funding will help residents pay for critical repairs to their homes and make needed upgrades.

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Ordinance Adoption
On 11 May 2026, the Crawfordsville Common Council passed an ordinance that Mayor Todd D. Barton approved to take effect on or after publication of this notice. Full text of the ordinance is available upon request of the Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Crawfordsville at 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, 47933. An abstract of the ordinance follows:

ABSTRACT - ORDINANCE 10-2026 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS TO ADD ONE DISABLED PARKING SPACE LOCATED DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF 307 EAST JEFFERSON STREET, CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA.

Section 1. Under City Code Section 72.14, Schedule VIII of Chapter 77 of the Crawfordsville Code of Ordinances is amended to add the following disabled parking designations:

Street	Location	Side	Ord. No.	Date Passed
East Jefferson Street	Parking space directly in front of 307 East Jefferson Street	South	10-2026	05-11-26

Under this ordinance, for the purpose of public safety and welfare to address traffic, parking, and safety concerns, a disabled parking space is designated on the north side of West Main Street directly in front of the residence at 307 East Jefferson Street. This space is not private, but available for use by any designated disabled (handicapped) vehicle. The Crawfordsville Street Commissioner is authorized to install the necessary signs and markings in conformance with Indiana law. Violations of the ordinance are punishable by civil fines and penalties under the City's traffic ordinances, Title VII of the Crawfordsville City Code.

J. Kent Minnette
City Attorney, Crawfordsville, Indiana

PL5309 5/27 1t hspaxlp

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
SS:)

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY) CAUSE NO. 54C01-2605-MI-000577
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:

Mario Harris
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Mario Harris, whose mailing address is in Montgomery County Indiana, hereby gives notice that Mario Harris has filed a petition in the Circuit Court requesting that their name be changed to Milo Harris.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on June 16th, 2026 at 2:30 pm.

Mario Harris
Petitioner

4-27-2026
Date Filed

Sondra K Sixberry
Clerk

PL5305 5/6 5/13 5/20 3t hspaxlp

WASH 'N GO Laundry



Open 7 Days a Week • 7am - 10pm
Including Holidays

No Coins? No Problem!
You can now pay by phone or credit card!

Easy & Convenient

208 N. Pine Street

(Behind Circle K Station On Darlington Ave.)

WANTING TO BUY

**ALL FIREARMS:
RIFLES, SHOTGUNS,
AND HANDGUNS
THAT ARE 50 YEARS OLD
OR OLDER
IN DECENT CONDITION**



**I WILL PAY CASH
ON THE SPOT!**



Call John "Butch" Dale
Licensed FFL
765-404-1354

THANK YOU FOR READING

The Paper!

OUR FAMILY CARING FOR YOURS.

315 S Washington St, Crawfordsville, IN (765) 362-6849
202 Bratton Rd, Waynetown, IN 765-234-2224
203 S. 1st Street Kingman, IN 765-397-3499

WWW.SANDERSFUNERALCARE.COM

\$15 OFF OIL CHANGE SPECIAL

114 N. Water St. • Crawfordsville (765) 364-0584
Weekdays 7:30 am - 5pm
Saturday 8 am - Noon
pompstire.com

WE ARE HIRING!

FULL TIME ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER/ KENNEL ATTENDANT

Requirements

- Must be comfortable handling all domesticated animals of all sizes and temperaments
- Must be 21+ with a valid drivers license and clean driving record
- Excellent customer service
- Experience handling animals is a plus

On-the-job training is provided.

Please come by the shelter to fill out a paper application.
1104 Big Four Arch Rd,
Crawfordsville, IN 47933
(765) 362-8846

Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County



Saving Animals. Serving Community.

exp REALTY

I WANT TO BE YOUR GO-TO AGENT!

I'm the KEY to your new home! If you are ready to find yours or know someone who is, give me a call. I can't wait to hear from you!

CLARK DALE

www.exprealty.com

PHONE: 765.918.1773

CLASSIFIEDS WORK!

HONORS

Continued from Page 4

Mom's Group, creating space for connection and support.

Cathy is always willing to step in where needed, often serving behind the scenes to ensure others feel valued and supported. Her servant heart and commitment to women, children, and families make a meaningful difference in countless lives.

Dee Dee Jones, Pam's Promise Transitional Housing

Dee Dee is a hands-on leader whose service has been invaluable to Pam's Promise Transitional Housing. As a Board Member, Facilities Subcommittee Chair, and fundraising volunteer, she gives her time and talents wherever they are needed most.

From managing properties and organizing events to recruiting volunteers and helping our families access safe housing, Dee Dee's impact is far-reaching. Her initiative, leadership, and deep compassion make her an extraordinary asset to both the organization and our community.

Kate Lindsay, IYG

Kate has made a meaningful difference in the lives of local youth through her service with IYG. For the past two years, she has helped create a welcoming environment by engaging teens, encouraging conversation, and helping maintain a safe and inviting space.

Kate is also known for connecting young people to other important activities throughout the community. Her dedication to inclusion, advocacy, and supporting youth who may feel unseen or marginalized reflects her belief that every young person deserves to feel safe, valued, and empowered.

Naomi Horton, Montgomery County Free Clinic, Inc.

Naomi is an outstanding volunteer leader whose expertise and steady guidance have strengthened the Montgomery County Free Clinic for more than six years. In roles ranging from committee leadership to Board President, she has helped the organization navigate challenges while staying focused on its mission of care.

Naomi brings structure, clarity, and strong nonprofit leadership to every role

she serves. Her ability to turn strategy into action has helped ensure the clinic remains efficient, responsive, and ready to serve those who depend on it.

Natasha Headdy, Montgomery County United Band and Guard

Natasha is a remarkable volunteer whose leadership has strengthened Montgomery County United Band and Guard for the past five years. As President of the MCU Boosters and Coordinator of the Golden Lion Invitational, she works tirelessly to support students and their families.

From organizing volunteers and uniforms to managing sponsors and budgets, Natasha helps every part of the program succeed. Her calm leadership, kindness, and dedication have made a lasting impact on students and the entire organization.

Jake Peterson, Boys & Girls Club of Montgomery County

Jake is an exceptional leader whose service has greatly benefited the Boys & Girls Club of Montgomery County. As Board Treasurer, Committee Chair, and Incoming Board President, he has provided strong financial guidance and thoughtful leadership.

Jake's support extends well beyond the boardroom. Whether helping with events, building partnerships, or responding to urgent needs, he consistently steps forward to serve. His humility, reliability, and passion for youth make him an invaluable volunteer.

Bill Durbin, Veterans Memorial Park

Bill has been instrumental to the success of Veterans Memorial Park since its founding in 2023. As Board Secretary, he has contributed vision, leadership, and countless volunteer hours to help create a place that honors all veterans.

From installing commemorative bricks to hosting visitors and supporting fundraising efforts, Bill is always ready to serve. His dedication, energy, and commitment to remembering those who served have made a lasting impact on our community.

Maria Weir, League of Women Voters of Mont-



Photos courtesy Montgomery County Community Foundation

The Community Foundation recognized Tina Martin (center with plaque) and eight others for their wonderful work in the community.

Montgomery County

Maria is an outstanding volunteer whose dedication to civic engagement has strengthened our community. For the past four years, she has written weekly newspaper articles that keep residents informed about important local issues and encourage public involvement.

Through research, interviews, and attendance at community meetings, Maria helps promote transparency and awareness. She also founded the Well-Read Citizen Book Club, creating opportunities for learning and discussion for both League members and the public. Her service reflects the very best of community leadership.

MCCF Philanthropy Awards were presented to two individuals whose leadership, generosity, and long-standing commitment have helped shape both the Foundation and the broader community. Kelly Taylor presented the awards to Ron Dickerson and Mike Grant.

Dickerson was recognized for more than a decade of dedicated service and volunteer leadership. Since first partnering with MCCF in 2014 to establish an unrestricted fund that has awarded nearly \$50,000 in community grants, Dickerson has continued to lend his expertise, vision, and time to numerous Foundation initiatives. He served on the Wash Heartland Innovation



Tina Martin

Network, completed seven years on the MCCF Board of Directors, and most recently played a key leadership role in the development of MCCF's new child care center project, serving as volunteer construction manager and helping guide fundraising and project planning efforts. Along with his wife, he established a named unrestricted fund with the Foundation – continuing their legacy of generosity.

Grant was honored for more than 20 years of leadership and support of MCCF. Since joining the MCCF Board in 2003, Grant has helped shape the Foundation's vision and growth through his service as Board President and committee chair. Together with his spouse, he made a transformational investment in the

Foundation by purchasing and later donating MCCF's downtown headquarters at 119 East Main Street, providing the organization with a permanent home in the heart of the community. In addition to establishing multiple charitable funds through MCCF, Grant has remained a trusted advisor and advocate whose guidance and commitment continue to impact Montgomery County for generations to come.

Gobel wrapped up the accomplishments of 2025 in which \$1.8 million was awarded in grants and scholarships. A video capturing highlights of the past year was shown. The video, along with the electronic version of the 2025 Annual Report is on the MCCF website, www.mccf-in.org. The meeting adjourned.

CLASSIFIEDS

ADVERTISERS: You can place a 25-word classified ad in more than 140 newspapers across the state for as little as \$300.00 with one order and paying with one check through ICAN, Indiana Classified Advertising Network. For information contact the classified department of your local newspaper or call ICAN direct at Hoosier State Press Association, (317) 803-4772.

FOR SALE -

SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS
Consumer Cellular - the same reliable, nationwide coverage as the largest carriers. No long-term contract, no hidden fees and activation is free. All plans feature unlimited talk and text, starting at just \$20/month. For more information, call 1-855-572-5165

DIRECTV- All your entertainment. Nothing on your roof! Sign up for Directv and get your first three months of Max, Paramount+, Showtime, Starz, MGM+ and Cinemax included. Choice package \$84.99/mo. Some restrictions apply. Call DIRECTV 1-888-885-8931

FreedomCare. Let your loved ones care for you and get paid! Paid by Medicaid. Choose family or friends as your paid caregiver. Check your eligibility today! Call FreedomCare

now! 1-844-563-4012

Safe Step. North America's #1 Walk-In Tub. Comprehensive lifetime warranty. Top-of-the-line installation and service. Now featuring our FREE shower package and \$1600 Off for a limited time! Call today! Financing available. Call Safe Step 1-855-743-1911

Acculevel. Your foundation repair and basement waterproofing experts. Whether basement, crawl space or concrete slab we'll guide you on the right path to a healthy home. Act now! Up to \$600 off. Restrictions apply. Call for a free consultation. 1-877-229-0197

Prepare for power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 5-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-866-953-2203 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

SunSetter. America's Number One Awning! Instant shade at the touch of a button. Transform your deck or patio into an outdoor oasis. Up to 10-year limited warranty. Call now and SAVE \$350 today! 1-855-801-2797

No more cleaning out gutters.

Guaranteed! LeafFilter is backed by a no-clog guarantee and lifetime transferrable warranty. Call today 1-877-361-4260 to schedule a FREE inspection and no obligation estimate. Get 15% off your entire order. Plus, Military & Seniors get an additional 10% off. Limited time only. Restrictions apply, see representative for warranty and offer details.

YMT Vacations. Over 50 guided tours available. Affordable, social and stress-free travel designed for mature travelers. Our tours include accommodations, transportation, baggage handling, sightseeing, entrance fees, a professional Tour Director and select meals. For a limited time SAVE \$250 on all tours. Call YMT today. 1-844-291-8647

HEALTH/MEDICAL/INSURANCE

Portable Oxygen Concentrator May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 877-930-3271

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 400 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not wait! Call now!

Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 1-844-244-7025 www.dental50plus.com/hoosier#6258

Up to \$15,000.00 of GUARANTEED Life Insurance! No medical exam or health questions. Cash to help pay funeral and other final expenses. Call Physicians Life Insurance Company- 833-467-0943 or visit www.Life55plus.info/hoosier

Audien Hearing. The world's first hearing aid with touchscreen controls. No tiny buttons, apps or prescriptions. 45-day risk free trial. Free shipping. Lifetime support. More than 1.5 million happy customers. Call Audien 1-877-502-8748

NOTICES

We Buy Houses for Cash AS IS! No repairs. No fuss. Any condition. Easy three step process: Call, get cash offer and get paid. Get your fair cash offer today by calling Liz Buys Houses: 1-855-655-7718

Donate your car, truck, boat, RV and more to support our veterans! Schedule a FAST, FREE vehicle pickup and receive a top tax deduction! Call Veteran Car Donations at 1-877-414-2352 today!