

■ TODAY'S VERSE

Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)

“Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”

■ AWL MAKS



**SENIORS RULE!** Meet Maks, a gorgeous 9-year-old Labrador Retriever who has been patiently waiting for her forever family since November 17, 2025. This sweet senior girl is more than ready to trade shelter life for a cozy bed, daily walks, and a person to call her own. Maks isn’t asking for much—just a best friend to love and spend her golden years with. Could that be you?

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■ 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 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](http://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](mailto:dbw@vmhmc.org)



Remember your parents telling you that you can’t please everyone? A lot of us don’t make a secret out of wanting pro athletes and entertainers to keep their political views to themselves. Yet Michael Jordan, arguably the greatest basketball player ever, still gets

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June.”

L.M. Montgomery

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

What sits on the seabed and has anxiety?  
A nervous wreck.

# The Paper

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### Foundation Awards \$286K in Grants

The Montgomery County Community Foundation gathered recently to award grant checks to 13 grant recipients in the first grant cycle of 2026. Awards totaled \$286,841. MCCF Chief Executive Officer, Kelly Taylor welcomed everyone and thanked the nonprofit leaders for the work they do in our community. Fund owners in attendance were recognized and thanked, for without fund owners, the grants would not be possible. Listed by Area of Interest, the following grants were awarded:

**Community Development**  
**Crawfordsville Main Street, \$40,710**

Downtowns are the heart of a community, and CMS works to strengthen it through beautification, economic development, quality-of-life initiatives, and community events. Funds will support programming and the purchase of a trailer for equipment storage and transport, tables, umbrellas, a camera, holiday



Photos courtesy Montgomery County Community Foundation

Grants went to 13 recipients in a total dollar amount of \$286,841. The Montgomery County Community Foundation has infused the community with millions of dollars in grants

**Soil & Water District, \$12,660**

Soil and Water is partnering with the City Parks & Recreation Department to address invasive plant species in the 104-acre

**Brickyard Nature Park** along Sugar Creek. A professional firm, along with volunteers will remove invasive, non-native plants to protect and enhance the park’s natural ecosystem while improving the visitor experience.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**  
**New Hope Christian**

**Preschool, \$12,685**

Safety is the focus of this award. The funds will be used to improve various safety features at this Paths to Quality Level 3 program. Improvements will be made to better secure entry doors, classroom locks, a new perimeter fence and a

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### Timmons Tries Grad Speech . . . Again

It’s become my annual rite of frustration – waiting by the phone this time of year for schools to call. Why would they call you ask? Simple. There are thousands of schools and they all need a graduation speaker. I humbly and happily volunteer my services – ready, willing and semi-able to share a lifetime of experience, wearing our Weejuns from one coast to another.

A newspaper man who has seen everything from Baby Jessica in the well to an astronaut dealing with friends lost in a tragedy to mass shootings, sports championships, international business deals and beyond. From the highs to the lows, a career covering news has enabled me to see – if not it all – then at least an awful lot.

Who better to pass along the knowledge of lessons learned then?

And yet here I sit. Year after year. Watching a phone that never rings.

Oh it did ring once. And I am truly grateful to the good folks from Diapers to Diaplo-mas Daycare. Yes, it may have been a last-minute cancellation and I may not have been their first (or second, or third) phone call. But we connected and I hope those little ones remember the wisdom shared that day (even if a couple of the graduates had to miss part of the speech for a change in diapers).

So, as not to let the moment pass, I’m once again (for purely charitable reasons) printing the text of this year’s speech. Perhaps it’s better this



Two Cents from Tim Timmons

way. No one has to sit on hard bleachers, sweaty auditoriums or listen to 450 names being called in order to just hear one . . . things swim parents have been doing for years).

Just let me clear my keyboard . . . ahem.

Distinguished Colleagues, Educators, Parents, Relatives, Friends and especially, soon-to-be graduates, it’s my pleasure to be here today.

In a very short period you

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■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

**1.** A new study reveals which states have the cleanest tap water in the U.S. and the news isn’t great for us Hoosiers. Residential protection plan experts at ProGuard <<https://proguardplans.com/>> analyzed the most recent data from the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Information System to rank each state based on the number of reported water quality violations. Indiana ranked 23rd in the U.S. for the cleanest tap water, with 722.42 violations on community water systems on average per 100,000 residents. The state primarily draws water from rivers and reservoirs, such as White River and Lake Monroe, as well as underground aquifers. The five states with the cleanest tap water: Hawaii, California, Minnesota, Tennessee and Delaware. The five worst are: Idaho, Vermont, Mississippi, Montana and Alaska.s

**2.** June 6 is National Trails Day, and now is a great time to get outside and enjoy walking and bicycling on Indiana’s shared use paths and trails. Indiana DNR offers an interactive map of all the trails in the state. The map includes filters to show trails for hiking, road biking, mountain biking, equestrians, and off-road vehicles, making it easy to find a trail that fits your next adventure. If you’re looking to experience some of Indiana’s longest, most scenic, and most iconic trails, check out the Destination Trails interactive map. The DNR continues to support trail development through statewide grants. Recently completed trail segments funded by these grants include the Nickel Plate Trail in Indianapolis, Fishers, and Noblesville; the Pufferbelly Trail in Fort Wayne; the Veterans’ Memorial Trail in Crown Point; and the Dirk Studebaker Trail in Otterbein. More trails are coming soon.

**3.** Governor Mike Braun has been on the road across Indiana to highlight job growth, rising wages, workforce readiness, small businesses and public safety. Braun has made stops at the RV Industry Power Breakfast in Elkhart County, the NWI Times Business & Industry Hall of Fame in Merrillville, Fingerhut Bakery in North Judson for breakfast with farmers, small business owners and local leaders, Ivy Tech Community College’s Valparaiso campus, Monroe County Fire Department Station 25 to recognize National EMS Week and honor Monroe County first responders, Wabash for a meeting with Mayor Scott A. Long and Kokomo for a meeting with Mayor Tyler Moore.

### LWV Dives Into Carbon Capture & Sequestration

League of Women Voters Column



In April, the League of Women Voters column reported on a meeting requesting rezoning of a few agricultural acres for industrial use. The local board meeting to rezone a portion of land from agricultural to industrial was rescheduled but not captured on the county’s YouTube page, where citizens can view meetings live or recorded.

The board approved the rezoning request, setting aside a small amount of acreage on Fugate Farms for carbon capture and sequestration as part of the Valero ethanol plant in Linden.

However, the matter wasn’t settled. On local social media forums, someone posted a public notice for a setback on the same project, asking, “Should we be opposing this?” The poster mentioned concerns like soil and groundwater contamination.

The post read like someone who was ready to take action but first had questions. Questions anyone might ask include: What is carbon capture and sequestration, often called CCS? What are its risks? Do these risks outweigh its benefits? Many people also want to know: Can we trust a national or multi-national corporation – Valero Energy, in this case – to have the best interests of

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## BIRTH

### Lauralie Grace Redlin

Lauralie Grace Redlin was born May 26 at Witham Health to Jessica and Timothy Redlin of Crawfordsville. Lauralie weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces. This is the couple's first girl. She has two brothers at home, 4-year-old Maverick and 3 year old Jaxson.

Maternal grandparents are Rebecca

and Alan Keiser of Kewanna, Ind. Paternal grandparents are Shannon and Timothy Redlin and Jennifer and Pat Goodman. Maternal great-grandparents are Debra and Bill Crider. Paternal great-grandparents are Jackie and Don Hale and Roselie and Gary Redlin.

## BIRTH

### Tatum Edward Wright

A baby boy was born May 28 to Cassidi and Jacob Wright of Crawfordsville. Tatum Edward Wright came into

the world at Witham Health at 5 pounds, 7.5 ounces. He will be greeted at home by big brother Easton, a 16-month old.

## BIRTH

### Andrew Chanes Cooper

Andrew Chanes Cooper was born May 26 at Witham Health to Chandra Cooper of Frankfort. Andrew entered the world at

9 pounds, 7 ounces. His mother is Chandra Cooper. Andrew will be welcomed home by big brother Tommy Cooper.

## Unearth Local Story at Library Beginning Today

Beginning today, your Crawfordsville District Public Library is beginning its summer series, Unearth A Local Story.

Join in as the Library and participants unearth a local story. Learn about the interesting people who call Montgomery County home. Ask questions and get to know the speakers and listen to their stories.

This is open for all ages – and children under the age of 12 have to be accompanied by an adult.

Today, the speaker is Ryan Teeter, the assistant chief of police for the Crawfordsville Police

Department. He will be in Meeting Room A from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Next up is Eric Frye, a retired lieutenant from the Crawfordsville Fire Department. He will speak on June 9 from 6 to 7:30 in Meeting Room A.

On June 22, Sam Lashley, a retired warning coordination meteorologist and owner of Sunny Sam Enterprises. He is on from 6-7 p.m. in Meeting Room A.

And rounding out the series in June is Emma Lashley, an archaeologist at Stantec in Indianapolis. She is scheduled for June 29 from 5-6:30 p.m. in Meeting Room A.

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## Soil & Water Presents Gardening Seminar

The Montgomery County Soil & Water Conservation District invites the public to attend a presentation on Fall Vegetable Gardening on June 16, at 6 p.m. at the Crawfordsville District Public Library in Meeting Room A (Donnelley Room). The speaker for the event will be Crawfordsville resident and home gardener, Kathy Brown.

Brown has been gardening for nearly 30 years. Her backyard includes vegetables, herbs and flowers, but growing vegetables is her true passion. She gardens in raised beds

and containers in a standard-size city lot not far from downtown Crawfordsville. A Purdue Extension Master Gardener and member of MCSWCD's Community Growers, she gets a lot of food out of a relatively small space by utilizing techniques such as succession planting, intensive spacing, targeted variety selection and year-round harvesting.

Brown will be talking about these techniques, as well as providing a timeline for what and when to plant for fall harvest and suggesting specific varieties of vegetables

that have grown well for her. Her talk is appropriate for both beginning gardeners and those looking to expand on their experience.

The first 25 people to arrive at the talk will receive a gift basket of seeds that are appropriate for planting this summer for fall harvest. There will also be a drawing for a door prize donated by Sustainable Initiatives of Montgomery County.

Whether you're brand new to gardening and don't want to wait until next spring to get started, or you have a thriving sum-



mer garden that you want to keep going into fall, this presentation will help you figure out what to plant, when to plant it, and how to keep it growing even after the weather cools down.

RSVP by calling (765) 362-0405 ext. 2666 or visit [www.montgomerycoswcd.com](http://www.montgomerycoswcd.com)

## Mayor's Community Forum June 9

Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton has scheduled his monthly Community Forum for Tuesday, June 9 from noon to 1 p.m. at Lincoln Park, 950 E. Wabash Ave.

This will be Barton's 156th Community Forum since taking office.

Holding a monthly community forum was something Barton pledged to do during his first campaign for

mayor and he has continued to do so every month – except during the COVID pandemic.

This event is designed to allow the public to come ask questions, discuss concerns, interact with the mayor and learn more about anything regarding the city.

Lincoln Park is located at 950 E. Wabash Ave. The Forum will be held in the shelter there.



Photo courtesy Andy Chandler  
Mayor Todd Barton has been holding these meetings with the community since 2012.

## Sen. Deery Shares Update

I often state that the first responsibility of government is to protect its people and their property. I recently joined the Senate Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law where I have had additional opportunities to put that principle into practice.

Today I would like to share three laws I supported as a member of that committee:

1. A constitutional amendment to keep violent criminals out of the community

Too many violent and abusive men are arrested for beating their girlfriends or wives and then quickly released. This causes unnecessary fear and danger.

The challenge is that the Indiana Constitution, unlike those in a majority of U.S. states, requires judges to permit bail for all individuals unless they are arrested for murder or treason. This is true even if the judge believes the person poses a substantial risk.

I support the right to bail, but I believe this overly lenient interpretation endangers Hoosiers unnecessarily. To give judges more discretion, I voted to send a constitutional amendment to a voter referendum this fall. The legislation is known as Senate Joint Resolution 1, and it was accompanied by Senate Enrolled Act 2, which created additional legal protections to ensure those arrested are still treated fairly. SEA 2 guarantees legal protections like the right

to an attorney at the bail hearing, the right to present evidence, and the right to have bail set in a timely manner. If approved by voters, these two changes would give judges more discretion to protect the public without sacrificing our constitutional rights.

2. Empowering judges to crack down on intimidation and criminal hate

I authored and passed with overwhelming bipartisan support SEA 160, a new law that makes two changes.

First, it allows judges to consider harsher penalties for convicted criminals who disguised their faces. Historically, concealing one's face in public would draw attention. Today, face coverings are more commonplace, making them easier for offenders to use while attempting to avoid identification. This endangers society and consumes more police resources. Thanks to SEA 160, this is now something a judge can consider when crafting an appropriate sentence.

The law also updated our littering laws to create the crime of malicious littering. Under the law, this occurs when someone litters with the in-



Spencer  
Deery  
State Senator

tent to create fear for physical safety, such as when a hate group dumps thousands of threatening fliers on the property of someone they do not like.

3. Recognizing that animal cruelty is a precursor to human cruelty

Studies have long shown that violent offenders will often commit violence against animals first. That's why I supported a law that makes it easier to intervene before the offender turns to human cruelty. For example, the new law enhances penalties for animal cruelty and animal cruelty in the presence of a minor. It also improves the definitions of animal neglect so that law enforcement can intervene more appropriately.

If you have ideas

for ways the state can better keep Hoosiers safe, please send them my way.

Staying Safe on Indiana Waterways

Whether you're fishing, waterskiing or kayaking, our state offers a number of options for Hoosiers to enjoy some time on the water.

The Indiana Boating Safety Handbook discusses our state's boating laws and provides information about how to safely operate a boat.

As always, Hoosiers are reminded to always wear a lifejacket while out on the water.

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

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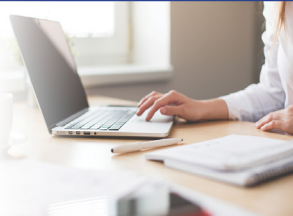
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Brad Monts, President & CEO of HHSB, accepts the 2025 IBA Commitment to Community Award from IBA President & CEO Amber R. Van Til during the IBA's Mega Conference at the Indiana Convention Center.



HHSB team members accept the 2025 IBA Commitment to Community Award during the IBA's Mega Conference at the Indiana Convention Center.

## HHSB Earns Award for Service to Community

Hoosier Heartland State Bank has been honored with the Indiana Bankers Association C2C (Commitment to Community) Award for outstanding community service performed in 2025.

HHSB received top honors in the Small Banks category, which recognizes banks with assets up to \$750 million. The award was presented during the IBA Mega Conference on Thursday, May 21, in Indianapolis.

The IBA created the C2C Awards in 2018 to celebrate exceptional outreach and community involvement among Indiana banks.

"Community service isn't just part of what we do – it's who we are," said Brad Monts, President & CEO of HHSB. "We believe strong communities are built through relationships, service, and investing in the people and organizations working to make a difference every day. When our communi-

ties thrive, we thrive."

Community support is central to HHSB's identity and culture. The employee-owned community bank pledges to give back at least 10% of its annual net income back into the communities it serves. Since 2013, HHSB has reinvested more than \$2.5 million through nonprofit donations, scholarships, volunteerism, and community initiatives.

In addition to financial support, HHSB employees actively serve through outreach events and employee-led service initiatives. The bank hosts free financial education programs, food drives, blood drives, and Shred Day events, while also participating in numerous local festivals and community events throughout the year. Employees also organize the bank's annual Prom Dress Drive & Giveaway, which provides free dresses,

shoes, and accessories to local students ahead of prom season.

HHSB's annual Community Day further reflects the bank's culture of service, bringing together more than 60 employee-owners for hands-on service projects benefiting local nonprofits and organizations. In 2025 alone, employees contributed more than 700 volunteer hours through local service efforts.

"Banks are not only economic drivers in communities across the state of Indiana, but true community partners," said Amber R. Van Til, IBA president and CEO. "It's our honor to recognize Hoosier Heartland State Bank, which donates 10% of its net income to nonprofits across its markets. They are just one example from the roughly 115 IBA-member banks that serve their communities day-in and day-out."

## John Smillie Back for Lunch With League

Last month, Lunch with the League hosted John Smillie, who talked about the rising costs of electricity, what factors impacted that cost and what can be done about the cost. Solar was going to be discussed, but time did not allow that portion of the presentation.

Join the League Friday at noon, as Smillie continues his talk about energy, focusing on the need for utility scale solar. He will lay out the case for embracing utility scale solar, discussing the cost comparisons and local revenue benefits and recent deployment

rates around the globe. He will also talk about the environmental benefits versus the status quo energy system and batteries and will bust some myths that make people hesitant about or resistant to solar energy.

The League of Women Voters of Montgomery County leads a number of studies, one of which includes Climate Change, its effects on our community and on government policy. Smillie has led the climate team for a number of years. He resides in Crawfordsville with his wife and son and brings

17 years of corporate finance experience as well as his study and seven years of climate advocacy. Smillie also volunteers as a Congressional Liaison for Citizen's Climate Lobby.

Bring your lunch and join the League in welcoming Smillie at noon Friday at St. John's Episcopal Church, 212 S. Green St. in Crawfordsville.

Lunch with the League is a free program in the public interest sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County.

## Karen Shares Basics on Genealogy Research

Saw a quote the other day that made me laugh but really it made me think as well. "Genealogy is my favorite sport." In my case it has been for well over 50 years. In fact, my dad used to tease me about it being my first word. Well, that might be a large stretch but I have had the love of history and family folklore since I was a bitty one.

As far as sports, well, there are definitely steps to follow as with genealogy. For instance, take baseball. First gather what you will need to play – a mitt (maybe two in case a buddy or pop plays with you), a few balls for practice and whatever else you may need. Start with baby steps as you are definitely not going to be able to throw a ball 80 miles per hour right off the bat. This takes a great deal of time to work up to that speed and you may never make that. Same as hitting the ball. Keep the bat straight and follow through is what I used to tell my softball gals. Work on your stance. Not an easy task, but one must also learn what each base represents and how to get on one and continue. On first when can ya' steal 2nd for instance and if you're behind in score and on 3rd, you'll want to head home if you have a good chance. "Run Forest Run!"

So that is a very basic go-round on offense and there is of course much more but you get the picture (and don't forget to take lots of those in whatever hob-



**Karen Zach**  
Special Guest  
Columnist

by you're working on)! Defensively, catch that ball and learn to be wise where and how to throw it for the correct place for an out. Just remember, it ALL takes practice and many years of improving your knowledge.

So, it's a good idea to begin genealogy at a slow pace (fill-in a 5-generation chart, descent chart, family sheet and I loved the census and death ones as well). Learn by reading magazine articles or how-tos on the internet, Facebook, FindAGrave or GenWeb (all still free but of course you can add those that cost – Ancestry is getting much harder to use and more expensive but it has been a blessing in more ways than one and I have four newspaper subscriptions). When I began genealogy 50 some years ago these easy ways didn't exist and do want you to be super careful as to just grabbing someone else's research (my best friend did that and I said, "Well, that's interesting if you're ancestor was two when he fathered the next generation" – whoops). I gave and took many genealogy classes and in fact, doing genealogy was much more basic – you had to write or

go to the library, courthouse, church and all to find what you needed to search, not just nab it from the net. (I was so lucky to have two grandmothers who loved to talk of their family which made it easier even in the beginning working on this love). So once the sheets are filled-out (you can download free ones or order online) and if you're really interested you will likely want to purchase a computer program (I have Legacy – it's OK but kind of above my computer skills – used to have and LOVED Family Tree Maker).

Well I'm about out of room – really would love to give you some internet pointers but alas I'll just have to do that another time!! Hope that was a different twist on genealogy (as a sport) for you – learn it, practice it and refine it!!!

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

## Library Shares Info on Pride Month 2026

Now that the cold temps are finally in the rearview mirror, it's time for some summer reading. Since our Summer Reading Program is in full swing, I thought it would be interesting to go with this year's theme, "Unearth a Story," for Pride as well. The Crawfordsville District Public Library has a large variety of books to choose from if you're interested in learning the overall history and stories of Pride month, as well as books that educate on specific aspects of the LGBTQ+ community.

The following are two examples of great history books geared toward different audiences. First, "Queer: A Graphic History" by Meg-John Barker and Julia Scheele (306.76 Bar) is for folks who enjoy graphic novels. This book talks about everything from identity politics and gender roles to privilege and exclusion. It explores how we came to view sex, gender, and sexuality in the ways we do today. The discussions are led by characters from the diverse worlds of pop culture, film, activism, and academia. Second, "The Stonewall Generation" by Jane Fleishman (306.76 Sto) is for older adults who



**Lisa Comingore**  
Library Services

were likely alive when the Stonewall rebellion took place. This book talks about history, sex, activism, and aging through interviews of LGBTQ+ elders.

The next three books cover the specific topics of bisexuality, asexuality and transgenderism. First, "Bi: The Hidden Culture, History, and Science of Bisexuality" by Julia Shaw (306.76 Sha) is a provocative and eye-opening book on the history and science of bisexuality written from the perspective of the bisexual author. Next, "The Invisible Orientation: An Introduction to Asexuality" by Julie Sondra Decker (306.76 Dec), explains that asexuality is considered invisible because most people believe that everyone understands what it means to be attracted to other people. Not everyone wants to date and mate, but when asexual people come out, they are rarely treated as if that's okay. Finally, "Dear Cisgender People" by

Kenny Ethan Jones (306.76 Jones) is a guide to trans allyship and empathy. Behind the headlines written for shock value lie real human beings, but many of us have no idea what it really means to be trans. In this profoundly powerful and extensively researched memoir, the author unpacks the reality of living with gender dysphoria, the difficulties of accessing gender-affirming care, and much more.

You will find these materials and more on display on the second floor of the library starting the first week of June. We look forward to assisting you on the second floor soon! Questions? Please call the Adult Services Reference Desk at (765) 362-2242, ext. 3. Our hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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are going to rise, walk up to this stage and accept a diploma which you have spent 12 years working for (or if some of you are like me, maybe 13 or 14). Once you have that parchment in hand and turn the tassel on the silly caps you're wearing you will have crossed off one of those monumental moments in life. Truth to tell, there aren't that many. Graduations, marriages, births of children, sometimes a professional achievement, deaths . . . things that will stay with you all your days.

Up to this point your life has been pretty full of those sorts of things. You turned 10 and for the first time were in double digits. You became a teenager (and your parents sprouted a few gray hairs). You got your drivers license (and they got more gray hairs). You went to your first prom (gray hairs started falling out) and you are here today.

Just so you know, there won't be as many big deals going forward. And just so you know, the ones ahead are much bigger.

So enjoy this now and let me share a few points of view that will serve you well if you remember them.

First, we did you wrong. Our parents (your grandparents, great-grandparents and beyond) did a wonderful job in leaving us a world that was better than the one they found. We haven't. This world is the most divisive since either the Civil War, the 1960s or both. My generation has screwed this up for a while. From those of us who grew our hair long in the '60s and didn't trust anyone over 30 to the current left and right divide, we haven't done you any favors.

And despite the fact that you THINK you know everything today, you will quickly learn lots of new things. One of them, I hope, is how to get along better than we have. Let me share one little tiny secret that folks like Stephen Covey have said for decades. Listen first. Our grandparents used to drill into us that the Good Lord gave us two ears and one mouth for a reason. Somehow that didn't stick with us, so here's hoping you do better.

After becoming better listeners, try to understand one thing. The person(s) you are listening to has every right to their opinion as you do yours. Agree? Great! Disagree (and this is where the problem starts)? Then understand two things. You don't have to convince them of what you see as the error of their ways. And two, you can agree to disagree. Interrupting them, talking louder and in general dismissing their point of view, doesn't do anyone any favors. Not you, not them, not the world around you.

When it comes to thinking, let me share a quote from a guy who made gazillions of dollars, Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak. This is something he said at a commencement speech at Grand Valley State University. "You should always try to think different. Don't follow the same steps as a million other people. Think, is there something I can do a little different?"

He made gazillions. I haven't. Listen to him.

And speaking of Apple, computers and technology, here's another life lesson. Stop listening to the morons on social media. A misfit? God bless you. We need misfits. Think the folks who became gazillionaires were misfits? Think the athletes who earn gazillions now were misfits? Think the greatest minds in the world are misfits? They didn't spend all their waking hours fretting over what their friends and so-called friends thought. They followed their own path and are enjoying the rewards of that today.

While we're on that topic, don't be afraid of hard work. No matter what anyone else tells you, an awful lot of life isn't that hard to understand. If you want something, work for it and have realistic expectations. If you want to be a star athlete – work on and practice the skillsets needed. Day after day. Over and over. If you want to lose weight. Eat less and exercise more. Day after day. Over and over. If you want to be rich, learn about money and do what it takes. Day after day. Over and over.

Yes sweethearts, there are shortcuts in this life. And God bless those who have found 'em. But for MOST things, it's not complicated. It's a process. Put in the time.

(For those of you starting to fidget, relax. I'm not that far away from being done. Besides, you're not sitting on a hard bleacher in an un-air-conditioned gym.)

A couple more lessons to take with you:

AI is like every other BIG DEAL that came along – the wheel, the engine, gun powder, atomic energy . . . they all had the potential to destroy our way of life. And to be sure, some have had more positives than others. The key is not the big deal. They key is what we do with it. Perhaps AI has the potential to be a bigger deal, one way or the other. But hey, you'll figure it out . . . or you won't. Either way, you'll deal with the outcome.

Sit tight, just a couple more points.

Sexes – you don't get to choose. It is what it is. You are what you are . . . genetically. But if you don't like who you are personality, that's the great thing. Change. You control that. No one else. No. One. Else.

Bad breaks. Part of life. You aren't owed very much. Most of what you are going to get from here on out you will earn. Good, bad or indifferent.

And lastly, I am seeing studies and reports that tell me you guys have lower rates of cigarette smoking than us idiots before you. I even read that you like malls, and human contact. Outstanding. Not sure how we let that get away, but we did.

So go forth young graduates. Go claim this world. It's yours. Do better than we did. Not only did we not give you something better than we got, but we lost the penny as well. Here's hoping you do better on both counts.

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

## LEAGUE

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locals in mind? How do we know our soil and water will not be compromised? What are the rights of landowners to use their land for new income streams? And what are the rights of farmers looking to avoid being bought out by corporate agriculture?

These questions colored the Copper Box Solar Project. Farmers, living one or two crop failures from losing their family land, hoped to let some of their land lie fallow for the duration of that lease. They were convinced by local and state regulations and evidence from solar projects elsewhere that their soil and water would not be compromised. Several experienced soil and water scientists attended the meeting and spoke in support of the project. Yet the board voted against it. This reflects the power of emotional reactions and deep distrust of outside corporations.

The questions surrounding the CCS project with Valero and Fugate Farms might have resulted in similar lobbying and concerns. But no one showed up to object, no organized effort to inform people who might not know how to read between the lines on the public notice.

The questions and answers that will best inform the community are best addressed before positions become entrenched.

The May meeting to approve setbacks and notes from the rezoning meeting in March indicates that Fugate Farms, a family owned corporation in Linden, is working with Valero, a multinational energy corporation producing ethanol in the county for over a decade. The current project allows the local ethanol plant to sequester some of the carbon it produces over a mile into the earth's crust instead of letting it escape into the atmosphere.

### What is Carbon Capture?

CCS has been used by the fossil fuel industry for decades. To extract remaining or deeply embedded oil, companies inject CO<sub>2</sub> (carbon dioxide) gases into wells and apply pressure to bring the oil to the surface.

What distinguishes CCS is that CO<sub>2</sub> is pushed a mile or so under the earth's surface, using the earth's crust as a lockbox. Buried, it doesn't contribute to warming the air above, changing airflow and warming oceans, impacting rainfall and ac-

celerating glacier and iceberg melting, which raises ocean levels.

The core problem is not the "carbon capture" part. As LWV Climate Committee lead John Smilie puts it, "The fundamental problem with ethanol CCS isn't the CCS part so much as the ethanol part."

For comparison, gasoline puts 98g/MJ of carbon back into our atmosphere. Ethanol is about Ethanol 53g/MJ, and wind / solar are about 11g/MJ. MJ stands for megajoule, one measurement of energy. You may know others as calories, watts, BTUs. If you want to nerd out, the EPA estimates that a gasoline-powered car, which uses some ethanol, emits about 4.29 metric tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere annually; an EV car emits about 1.13 metric tons. The production of ethanol releases about 45-50 million metric tons of carbon dioxide annually, according to estimates from the University of Illinois' FARMDOC Daily. Some estimates say ethanol may be worse than gasoline. That's where CCS comes in.

CCS moves the needle in the right direction, but even in industry estimates, the ethanol is still adding carbon to the atmosphere and thus intensifying extreme weather. It's also adding local pollution when burned and tying up tens of millions of acres of farmland that could be used for food, fiber, or energy production from wind or solar, which are, without exaggeration, around 100 times as efficient per acre.

CCS attached to an ethanol plant does something quite different from CCS used to extract more oil or gas from aging fields. Ethanol CCS primarily aims to clean up a biofuel that still releases a lot of carbon. CCS helps ethanol qualify for new federal incentives, many tied to cleaner aviation fuel, given there is no clear plan to electrify air travel.

### CCS and Ethanol

At the Linden Valero corn ethanol plant and others like it, the main CCS opportunity is capturing the nearly

pure stream of carbon dioxide that comes off during fermentation, necessary for making gas. When yeast turns corn starch into ethanol, it produces CO<sub>2</sub> as a byproduct, which is currently vented to the atmosphere. Ethanol CCS systems integrate into this part of the process: they dry, compress, and cool that fermentation CO<sub>2</sub>, then send it by pipeline to a deep underground formation for injection and storage in rock layers far below drinking water.

Since this fermentation CO<sub>2</sub> is already concentrated, it is one of the cheapest and most energy-efficient forms of carbon capture available today, requiring less additional energy than scrubbing CO<sub>2</sub> from a coal plant smokestack or the air. The injection wells used are "Class VI" wells under the EPA's Underground Injection Control program, with specific requirements to ensure CO<sub>2</sub> stays confined, monitor pressure and movement underground, and protect groundwater. These wells are designed for long-term geologic storage, not for producing more oil or gas.

The CO<sub>2</sub> from fermentation would go into deep saline formations that contain brine, not oil-bearing layers, and the project's economics hinge on federal tax credits for sequestering carbon underground, not on selling additional barrels of oil. While this does not make the technology risk-free, it means local residents should avoid conflating "CCS for more oil" with "CCS to reduce emissions from an existing biorefinery."

### Ethanol's CO<sub>2</sub> Problem Isn't Fixed

Corn for ethanol is a significant income source for farmers. However, it must be planted, fertilized, sprayed, harvested and hauled to the plant, all of which burn fuel and release nitrous oxide from fertilizer – a potent greenhouse gas. Land that could store CO<sub>2</sub> in prairie grass or forest trees or grow food crops is instead used for fuel.

Today, roughly 40 percent of U.S. corn production goes to ethanol; after account-

ing for co-products like distillers' grains used in animal feed, that translates to about 17-25 percent of corn acres effectively devoted to fuel instead of food. The World Resources Institute and others have warned that using prime cropland for energy creates competition between fuel and food, constrains ecosystem restoration, and can lock in a high-emissions agricultural system. This is why Smilie emphasizes that "the primary issue is not CCS. That's good. The issue is that ethanol is still releasing so much carbon that contributes to greater weather extremes." I

n a year shaped by a larger El Niño, scientists expect those added greenhouse gases to result in more intense rainfall and flooding in some regions and deeper drought and fire risk in others.

Local farms like Fugate Farms are already surviving due to biofuels. Corn sold to Valero supports a regional economy that has facilitated equipment purchases, land rents and family livelihoods. We must set aside questions about outside corporations, which are too broad for this week's column.

Our concern is whether we can understand the processes that produce energy without harming the well-being of our children and grandchildren. As engaged citizens, we should be able to ask hard questions of companies that want to bring diverse energy sources to our community and help us develop a resilient energy grid. We should know enough about the processes and technology that provide that energy to assess what conditions should be attached to our support. The ideal is to aim for more cyclical, value-added energy sources that don't require additional maintenance.

*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](http://www.lwvmontcoin.org); or, visit the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Indiana Facebook page.*

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Crawfordsville, in conjunction with the State of Indiana, has applied for Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a second phase of the Sugar Creek Erosion Acquisition Project. The objective of HMA programs is to fund mitigation measures that reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future hazard events or disasters. The City of Crawfordsville has identified at-risk properties located on the high bluffs above Sugar Creek on Wayne Avenue and Sugar Cliff Drive, where property owners have witnessed the loss of soils from the bank as the creek moves laterally with each heavy rain event. The goal of this project is to protect homeowners and the community from the bank failure, and enable the City of Crawfordsville to take vital infrastructure out of harm's way. The City proposes to voluntarily acquire the at-risk properties that remain in the danger zone, demolish the structures, and remove access to the area to prevent access to the unstable bank.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act, EO 11988 and EO 11990, public notice is required of any federal actions that may affect floodplains or wetlands. Under the National Historic Preservation Act, public notice is also required for some projects which have the potential to affect historic properties. All necessary permits and approvals will be obtained prior to construction and completion of the project.

Public participation is encouraged. Those interested are invited to comment within 30 days by e-mail to fema-r5-environmental@fema.dhs.gov or by mail to: Duane Castaldi, Regional Environmental Officer  
FEMA Region V  
536 South Clark Street, 6th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60605

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CRAWFORDSVILLE PLAN COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given that the Plan Commission of the City of Crawfordsville will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, in the Common Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, to hear the request for an amendment to secondary subdivision plat approval for commercial development.

The property location: NE corner of SR 32 (Lebanon Rd.) and SR 47 (Englewood Dr.), Crawfordsville, Indiana (Parcel No: 54-07-33-100-001.000-028)

The petition is on file and available for examination (and purchase at cost) in the Department of Planning & Building Services on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (765.364.5152); office hours are 8:00-12:00 noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m., weekdays except holidays.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to comment on the proposed request. Oral comments concerning the requests will be heard. Written comments and objections to the requests may also be submitted to the Director of Planning & Building Services, City of Crawfordsville, at the address above prior to the hearing and will be considered.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to attend, hear or present evidence at the public hearing and is in need of reasonable accommodation, please contact the Crawfordsville Department of Planning & Building Services at the address or phone number above so accommodation can be made.

Department of Planning & Building Services  
Megan Huckstep, Director, City of Crawfordsville

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

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of SUPERIOR Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54D02-2601-MF-000081, wherein Rocket Mortgage LLC s/b/m Nationstar Mortgage LLC was Plaintiff, and Brenda S. Carr, et al., were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 8th day of July, 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 Six (6) as the same is known and designated on the recorded plat of W.L. and Neva Hulet's Addition to the City of Crawfordsville, in Montgomery County, Indiana.  
More Commonly known as: 1009 East Market Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Parcel No. 07-32-444-010.000-030  
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.

"Subject to all lines, encumbrances and easement of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause 54D02-2601-MF-000081 in the SUPERIOR Court of Montgomery County, Indiana."

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**CRAWFORDSVILLE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Crawfordsville will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, in the Common Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, to hear the request for a special exception from the schedule of uses of the City Zoning Ordinance to allow a medical clinic an in R-2, Residential or Residential Core zoning district.

The property location: Vacant parcel south of 1047 S SR 47, Crawfordsville, Indiana

(Parcel No: 54-10-07-100-029.000-030)

The petition is on file and available for examination (and purchase at cost) in the Department of Planning & Building Services on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (765.364.5152); office hours are 8:00-12:00 noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m., weekdays except holidays.

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Department of Planning & Building Services  
Megan Huckstep, Director, City of Crawfordsville

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

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Montgomery Superior Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No.: 54D01-2501-MF-000049, wherein Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, was Plaintiff, and Melissa Hooker, Shaun Hooker, was/were Defendant(s), requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 8 day of July, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 AM 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.

The East 119 feet and the North 10 feet of Lot Numbered 11, Plat of West End out by Joseph Milligan's Addition to the City of Crawfordsville, in Montgomery County, Indiana, as the same is known and designated on the recorded January 10, 1888 in Book 61, page 318, in the Office of the Recorder of Montgomery County, Indiana.

More Commonly Known As: 307 Meadow Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN 47933

54-10-06-112-056.000-030  
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# Photographer, Archivist Locates Grave of Civil War Veteran

**By Andy Chandler**

A dedication ceremony was held this past Saturday morning at Terre Haute's Woodlawn Cemetery for the grave marker of Civil War veteran 1st Lt. John G. Shryer of Terre Haute.

The dedication came 124 years after Shryer's death and was part of an effort to locate the mark the graves of Companions of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, or MOLLUS. It is the oldest hereditary order of Civil War officers and now their descendants. Its members include the five Presidents who fought in the Civil War (Grants, Hayes, Arthur, Harrison, and McKinley), and other distinguished names such as General Douglas MacArthur, Gen. Omar Bradley, General Jonathon Wainright and Lew Wallace.

According to Jeff Lilly, the Junior Vice Commander and Chief, there are still 150 graves of members that are unmarked.

1st Lt. John G. Shryer was born in Greene County, Indiana in 1845. Like many, he answered President Lincoln's call and joined one of the regiments Indiana Governor Oliver Morton was forming: the 97th Indiana Infantry Regiment. Shryer saw action during the Vicksburg Campaign

at Champion Hill and was one of the first into the City of Jackson, Mississippi after it had fallen to the Union in May of 1863. He would go on to see action at the Siege of Atlanta, Sherman's March to the Sea and the last large battle of the Civil War, the Battle of Bentonville. He was present at the Bennett Place outside of Durham, North Carolina for General Joseph Johnston's surrender to Gen. William T. Sherman.

After the Civil War, he moved back to Terre Haute where he and his brother opened a hardware store which he ran until his death in 1904.

Shryer was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, but there was no record of his grave ever being marked. In December of 2024, Jeff and I set out to get a marker placed. After six weeks of research cemetery records and plots grids and measuring the area, I located his grave. An application was submitted to the Veterans Administration, and in the spring of this year, a marker arrived for placement.

The ceremony included speeches from the MOLLUS leadership, a 3-shot salute, and the playing of taps. It was attended by locals, veterans and historians of the local community.



Photos courtesy Andy Chandler  
From left, Walter Brennan, Dennis Hutchinson, Bill Brennan, David Hoesli (Indiana Sr. Vice-Commander) and Jeff Lilly (Jr. Vice-Commander-in-Chief).



The dedication came 124 years after Civil War veteran John Shryer's death.



There are still 150 graves that are not marked.

## GRANTS

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shade structure for the playground, as well as iPads for a more secure and efficient parent check-in and check-out system.

### Rainbows & Rhymes Preschool, \$25,039

This project will transform an existing parking lot into a nature-based learning area that promotes exploration, creativity, and hands-on learning. Natural elements such as logs, plants, boulders, sand, and water features will provide opportunities for gross motor development, problem-solving, and social-emotional growth.

### EDUCATION

#### Crawfordsville Adult Resource Academy, \$30,247

The Accelerating Opportunity: Digital Pathways to Adult Student Success project will expand CARA's ability to provide flexible, targeted instruction for adults pursuing a high school equivalency diploma. Funding will support classroom and testing laptops, monitors, headsets, software, professional development, and oversight to increase access, accelerate progress, and expand opportunity community-wide.

### HISTORICAL

#### Historical Society, \$70,000

Safeguarding and maintaining Lane Place means preserving the integrity of the historic structures and grounds. These funds will be used to ensure the structural stabilization and restoration of the historic two-story porch system on the north side of Lane Place, and will involve replacing the north balcony header beams and columns before the damage becomes more extensive.

### HUMAN SERVICES

#### Firefly Children & Family Alliance, \$5,000

Firefly strengthens communities through a continuum of comprehensive programs. These funds will allow them to be responsive to vulnerable families with essentials like rent, utilities and food. The program

boasts a 97% success rate in keeping families out of the child welfare system.

#### Fish Food Pantry, \$24,000

The FISH mission is to meet needs not otherwise met for persons living in the county. This grant will allow the pantry to provide hygiene products, international foods, and fresh fruits and vegetables for their neighbors. It will also support their van which connects them to various food resources in Montgomery County as well as surrounding counties.

#### Food Finders, \$5,000

Food insecurity is a growing challenge, affecting nearly 14.8% of county residents. With these funds, Food Finders will support its local partner agencies, including FISH, Grace & Mercy Ministries, Church Alive, New Richmond Christian Church, and Through the Gate, helping provide food and essential household items to individuals and families throughout the community.

#### Kids Closet, \$2,500

Recognizing a growing need, Kids Closet provides children with clean, well-fitting, and age-appropriate clothing that promotes confidence, dignity, and a sense of belonging. The funds will provide high-demand essentials such as socks, undergarments, pajamas, shoes, and other clothing items as well as laundry services to ensure donated items are clean, ready, and available for children.

#### Recovery Coalition, \$3,500

The Recovery Rec Center provides a welcoming space for fellowship, recreation, support meetings, and programs that strengthen families. Funds will support the Parent Café, where parents share experiences, build relationships, and learn from one another, as well as monthly free meals and haircuts that encourage connection and community.

#### Through the Gate, \$8,000

Through the Gate provides Christ-centered recovery and transi-

tional housing for women overcoming addiction and rebuilding their lives. Funding will support the replacement of 3 exterior doors at the transitional home, improving energy efficiency, safety, and comfort of women working to better their lives.

### YOUTH

#### Boys & Girls Club, \$47,500

The Boys & Girls Club of Montgomery County empowers young people to reach their full potential through programs that promote academic success, healthy lifestyles, and strong character. Serving youth ages 5-17, the Club provides a safe and supportive environment with after-school, summer, and school break programming that encourages learning, growth, and positive relationships. Funding will support staff training and program implementation, helping ensure high-quality experiences and enriching opportunities for local youth.

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