

■ TODAY'S VERSE

Galatians 6:10

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

■ AWL ELLIOT



Elliott is a 6-year-old medium-sized American Pit Bull Terrier who has been waiting at The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County since 4/12/25. Last month, this handsome guy reached a milestone no shelter dog should ever have to celebrate... his one-year shelter anniversary. A whole year of waiting. A whole year of watching other dogs leave while he hoped his turn would come.

No dog wants to spend precious time behind shelter walls — and we know Elliott deserves so much more. So we're making it our mission: LET'S FIND ELLIOTT A FOREVER

HOME! (Or even a loving foster home while he waits.)

Elliott is ready to be your adventure buddy and your best friend! He LOVES:

Playing fetch, Going for walks, Frolicking in a fenced yard, Looking ridiculously adorable while doing all of the above

This sweet boy is searching for his person... could that be you?

AWL is open:

Monday–Friday: 12:15 PM–5 PM

Saturday: 12 PM–3 PM

■ MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The Purdue Extension Office has a program coming up on home food preservation program. Need to know “what methods are safe?” This program will demonstrate safe canning methods on June 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Waveland Fire Department. Space is limited so reserve your spot by calling (765) 364-6363.



Today is National Ice Tea day. Why does sweet tea down south taste so much better than what we have up here?

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

“And what is so rare as a day in June? Then, if ever, come perfect days.”

John Keats

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

Where do math teachers like to go on vacation?  
Times Square.

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### Strawberry Festival Begins Friday

After a year of waiting, it's just about time for Crawfordsville's biggest event of the year, the Strawberry Festival.

The Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival Committee is proud to announce the 52nd Annual Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival, a cherished community tradition, begins Friday and runs through Sunday.

“The Strawberry Festival is truly a community effort,” Jessica McClamroch, Chair of the Festival, said. “On behalf of our entire festival committee, we are incredibly grateful for the volunteers, sponsors, and community partners who help make this event possible year after year. Let's hope the rain holds so we can all enjoy the Festival!”

As the largest festival in the community, the Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival

requires months of planning and coordination. The festival committee has been working for nearly a year to prepare for this year's event. The success of the festival is made possible through the dedication of volunteers,

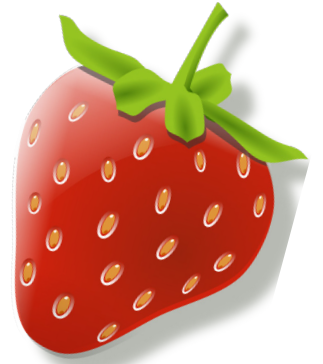
**2026 Festival Committee Members:**  
**Jessica McClamroch (Chair), Chris Cogdill (Co-Chair), Dale Petrie (Treasurer), Brenda Barton (Secretary), Paul Pfladderer (Director), Ethan Grant, Stephanie Timmons, Dianne Cooksey, Patti Perkins, Chris Long, Hannah Yund, Matt Allen, Shelly Allen, Jewel Johnson, Steve Zachary, Judy Pfladderer, Gary Williams, Dan Goff, Sean Gerold, Steve Frees, Dave Long, Joyce Fitzwater, Lesli White, Joey Gerold, Chris White, Martha King, Branton Homsher, Campbell White, and Dave R. Long.**

the generosity of sponsors, and the support of numerous community partners who work together to create a memorable experience for all attendees.

This year's festival will feature several exciting new attractions. Families can

enjoy the inaugural Touch a Truck event on Friday from 5 to 7 p.m., offering children a hands-on opportunity to explore a variety of vehicles and equipment. On Saturday, Ironman Raceway's Bike Blast will take place from 2 to 5 p.m., bringing high-energy excitement to the festival grounds. On Sunday, Silly Safaris will present two free animal shows at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., providing fun and educational entertainment for guests of all ages.

Festival favorites will also return throughout the weekend. The 2nd annual baby contest will be held on Saturday at noon on stage. Rock Point Church will host the community church service on Sunday at 10 a.m. Car enthusiasts can enjoy the Strawberry Festival Car Show presented by Carpenter Realtors on Sunday. The



Montgomery County Pioneer Tractor Association will once again showcase its popular tractor show throughout the weekend.

Additional free family-friendly activities include Reading with the Queens on Saturday at 2 p.m., giving young readers the opportunity to enjoy stories with festival royalty. Random House will also be distributing free books throughout the weekend. The Linden Carnegie Public Library will host a Book Walk, encouraging families to read and explore together while enjoying the festival grounds. On Saturday, attendees can

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### Softball at Elston, Back in the Day

Drove past the Elston softball diamonds the other day and boy did it bring back memories. How many of you spent hours and hours and hours down there?

Softball wasn't big back in the '80s in Crawfordsville. It was huge.

And how fun it was! When I was a young whippersnapper and working at the Lafayette Journal & Courier — mostly fetching coffee and cigarettes for the full-timers in the sports department — I played in a couple of leagues and every weekend in tournaments. I played for a team sponsored by Mr. Fence-It and we won a few more games than we lost.

When the job opportu-

nity in C'ville opened up for a young sports editor, I hooked up with Ray's Pig Farm for a bit and then eventually played for Boswell Photos. What a great group of guys and what a great time it was.

From team sponsors Joe and Phyllis Boswell to some of the great guys on the team — Steve Akers, Dana Standefer, Jimmy Harshbarger, Bobby Hole, John Lightle, Tom Perkins, Scott Boone, Craig Harmon, Kevin Sims and more that an aging memory recalls one day and loses the next. We won a few games more than we lost and always seemed to be fighting it out with Shield of Shelter for the top spot. Jeff Birk and Rick



Two Cents from Tim Timmons

Wheeler and a bunch of good guys were on SofS and I'm foggy on the details but remember the competition and the fun.

This is back when Rita Hamm was running Park & Rec and Ed Clifton was running softball. Actually, Ed hired said young sports editor to supervise the women's league. We had four actual-

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### ■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

**1.** To celebrate the summer solstice, Kroger is bringing back its long-awaited free summer solstice pint offer on Friday, June 19 for the sweetest deal of the season. That means Kroger will be once again giving away free pints of ice cream. Ahead of the summer solstice on June 21, customers can grab a free pint to enjoy on the longest day of the year by visiting FreeKrogerIceCream.com to download their limited-time, single-use digital coupon, available exclusively on Friday, June 19, starting at noon, while supplies last. Customers can redeem the coupon to try one of the new All-American flavors or a classic Kroger Brand ice cream pint, such as Kroger® Cookies 'N Cream Ice Cream or Kroger® Rocky Road Ice Cream. The coupon is redeemable at many Kroger Family of Stores locations from Friday, June 19 through Friday, July 3.

**2.** The U.S. Postal Service is making it easier than ever to celebrate fathers this summer. Thanks to USPS' relationship with Hallmark, customers can purchase, stamp, and mail letters and packages all in one go at 3,900 participating Post Office locations nationwide through June 21. The promotion offers \$1 off the purchase of any two Hallmark cards, giving customers a perfect, affordable way to send their love. A coupon is required for the promotion; they are provided at participating Post Office locations. In addition to the greeting card promotion, customers can find everything they need to celebrate their loved ones in one convenient stop. This includes decorative ReadyPost shipping boxes at 7,500 locations and a curated selection of gift cards from popular brands at over 7,000 locations.

**3.** Boston Scientific Corporation will establish a new global medical device distribution facility in Plainfield, creating up to 300 new, high-wage jobs. Indiana Gov. Mike Braun said the new operation is a testament to Indiana's robust life sciences sector, and it will bolster Indiana's life sciences initiative — a commitment to investing \$1 billion over 10 years in agricultural and life sciences — and the BioHeartland. Boston Scientific, a global leader in medical device technology, anticipates investing approximately \$138 million to construct and equip a 500,000-square-foot facility at the Plainfield Innovation Park to support and enhance its US-based distribution and logistics operations. The new facility will feature state-of-the-art technology, light manufacturing and incorporate necessary processes and operations for regulatory compliance. The company expects to break ground later this year.

### The Case for Utility Scale Solar

League of Women Voters Column



Hello! This is John Smilie, the League's climate committee chair, filling in for our usual columnist Maria Reynolds-Weir. They say to write what you know, so I'm here to present the case for utility-scale solar power.

Solar deployment has grown feverishly across the globe for the past decade, topping 605 gigawatts (GW) of deployment in 2025. The United States is no exception to this, and in fact solar, along with wind and batteries, is expected to dominate 2026 deployments. According to the Energy Information Administration (EIA), the U.S. is expected to add 86GW of generation capacity in 2026, and 51% of that will be solar. (For reference, the entire U.S. generation capacity is a bit less than 1400GW.) Wind and batteries add another 42%, making the clean-power total 93% of new grid additions.

So, what is driving solar's dominance, and why is it worth embracing?

Solar is Cheap! Utility-scale solar is the cheapest form of electrical generation in history, having rapidly declined in cost over the past two decades to come in at \$58 per MWh (a typical US household consumes 10-11MWh annually). This is just below onshore wind

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## Wabash Honors Local Student-Athletes

Wabash College is honoring its student-athletes for achievements and awards earned this past school year.

Jarrold Kirsch of Crawfordsville earned his Varsity Letter in Baseball and Tyler Petroski of Craw-

fordsville earned his Varsity Letter in Track and Field.

Wabash, founded in 1832, is a private liberal arts college, which teaches men to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively and live humanely.

## Psi Iota Xi Awards 3 Local Students

Three outstanding student speakers from each Montgomery County high school have been selected as this year's honorees for the Samantha Darth Speech Award, presented by the Gamma Xi Chapter of Psi Iota Xi.

Each year, this award recognizes one student from each school for their excellence in public

speaking and communication. This year's honorees are Ella McManomy from North Montgomery High School; Sophia Shannon, Southmont High School; and Zoe Abbott, Crawfordsville High School.

Congratulations to these three exceptional students on this well-deserved honor.

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## OBITUARIES

### Claude B. Barker

Oct. 3, 1931 – June 6, 2026

houses in Maine while creating volumes of photographic history.

Claude raced dirt cars, flew his private airplane and rode snowmobiles thousands of miles.

With his love of racing, he served for almost 40 years as a Gold Badge / Yellow Shirt at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway where he got to meet many Indy drivers. He also loved to show off his custom 39 Ford roadster at local car shows, including his yearly event at Old Normal (Ladoga) where he served as a board member.

Claude's real happiness and pride was his family. The last half of his life he dedicated to supporting and following the many (and varied) activities of first his kids, and then the grand kids, followed



up by the great-grand kids . . . football, basketball, volleyball, softball, band, dance . . . you name it he was there.

Claude is survived by his loving wife of 73 years, Audrey (Philippe) Barker; children: Linda (Larry) Canada, Terry (Juli) Barker, Tim (Kim) Barker and Lori (Marsha Ryker) Barker; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Malcolm

and Charles Barker.

Funeral services for Claude will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Servies Funeral and Cremation Service, 203 N. Washington St. in Ladoga with Military Honors.

Immediately following the funeral service, he will be laid to rest at Ladoga Cemetery. Claude's family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until the time of service Saturday at the funeral home.

### Genevieve "Ginny" Mae (Myers)

June 19, 1933 - June 4, 2026

Genevieve "Ginny" Mae (Myers) Little, age 92 of Grange Corner, passed away on Thursday, June 4, 2026 at Ben Hur Nursing & Rehabilitation. She was born in Grange Corner, Indiana on June 19, 1933 to the Vance and Hazel (Hensley) Myers.

Ginny graduated from Marshall High School and dedicated over 20 years of her life working at General Electric in Danville, Illinois and then working at Turkey Run Inn after her retirement. She loved raising and selling her Dachshund's, Pugs, and Boston Terrier dogs.

A true lover of life,

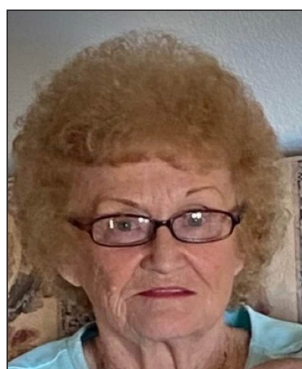
she enjoyed playing the piano and spending hours in her garden, where she found peace and joy in cultivating beautiful blooms. She was also known for her skillful crocheting, creating cozy blankets for her family. On joyous occasions, you could find her dancing to polka, her laughter echoing as she cherished moments with her loved ones. Most importantly, she cherished her family and her beloved grandchildren.

She is survived by her seven children, Donna Brown, Cathy Keith, Keith McKinney, Larry (Denise) James, Roxanne Pigg,

Peggy (Jim) Tague, and Christine (Kenny) Corey; 17 grandchildren; 36 great grandchildren; 18 great-great grandchildren; a brother, Harold Myers; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Aileen Perry, Catherine Davies, and Helen Hutson; a brother, Earl "Pete" Myers; and two grandsons, Nathan Deener and Jeremy Newnum.

Visitation will be at Sanders Funeral Care, 203 S 1st Street, in Kingman on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 from 12:00pm till the time of the funeral service



at 1:00pm. Burial will follow at Wolf Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Alzheimer's Association. The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Ben Hur Nursing Home and Southern Care Hospice. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

### Thompson: Governor Ceremonially Signs New Law

The governor recently ceremonially signed into law a legislative effort supported by State Rep. Jeff Thompson (R-Lizton) to expand property tax relief for Indiana's veterans, specifically those who have sustained total disabilities in service to the nation.

House Enrolled Act 1210 provides tax relief for veterans with total disabilities by increasing the property tax deduction to cover 100% of the assessed value of their real property, replacing the current \$14,000 deduction. Under the law, disabled veterans who qualify will not owe property tax on their primary residence. The new law also converts several existing veteran property tax deductions into property tax liability credits beginning with taxes imposed for the 2026 assessment year to provide a more direct benefit.

"Hoosier veterans made tremendous sacrifices for our state and country, and one way we can honor their service is by removing or reducing their property taxes," said Thompson, who serves as chair of the House



State Rep. Jeff Thompson (R-Lizton) (far right) joins Gov. Mike Braun (center, seated) and State Reps. Lori Goss-Reaves (R-Marion) (far left), Chris Judy (R-Fort Wayne) (second from left), Matt Commons (R-Williamsport) (third from left) and Craig Snow (R-Winona Lake) (fourth from left) for a ceremonial bill signing of House Enrolled Act 1210 on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at the Statehouse in Indianapolis. Thompson supported the new law to strengthen property tax relief for Hoosier veterans who have sustained total disabilities in service to the nation.

Ways and Means Committee. "This law will provide additional tax relief and ensure more veterans can stay in their homes."

Thompson said the legislation also broadens tax relief opportunities for other veterans through new and expanded credits. Along with allowing veterans with a 100% disability rating to deduct 100% of their home's assessed value with no cap, the law establishes new stackable property tax credits to

replace existing deductions, including a \$250 credit for partially disabled veterans with a disability rating of at least 10% who are age 62 or older, and a \$350 credit for veterans who served during wartime.

Under the new law, veterans who previously qualified for a property tax deduction will instead receive a credit applied directly to their local property tax liability. The changes will take effect beginning with the 2026 assessment date.

Thompson estimates the legislation will provide approximately \$46.2 million in additional tax relief for veterans statewide beginning with taxes payable in 2027.

To learn more about other new laws passed during the 2026 legislative session, visit [iga.in.gov](http://iga.in.gov).

Thompson represents House District 28, which includes portions of Boone, Hendricks and Montgomery counties.

## America 250 Lantern



Photo courtesy Andy Chandler

As part of the America 250th birthday celebrations, a lantern from the State of Indiana's 250th commission is being relayed to all of Indiana's 92 counties. Serving as couriers are different chapter members of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution. The lantern is making its appearances at different America 250 events and residing on display at significant places in the counties. According to Mary Creamer, member of the Fort Harrison Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter out of Terre Haute, the lantern symbolizes Paul Revere's April 1775 ride. According to Terri Fyffe of the Dorothy Q Chapter of the DAR, visitors to the Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival will have the chance to view it on display Friday and Saturday in the Crawfordsville District Public Library during normal library hours.

## Moving Display of Stars, Stripes & Stitches at Library

The Mary Bishop Memorial Gallery at the Crawfordsville District Public Library would like to invite the public to view Stars, Stripes, and Stitches: Celebrating America 250! Over two dozen patriotic textiles will be on display now through mid-July during CDPL's hours of operation. A limited amount of quilted works will be for sale during the exhibition through our Circulation department. This exhibit is sponsored by the Sugar Creek Quilters Guild and includes non-members.

The quilts in this exhibit are more than functional artworks. They tell visitors about our personal histories, our long-loved traditions, and provide a positive space to reflect on our past and future together as Americans. Mabel Plugel began creating squares for each of the 48 states' flowers in 1946 and this year her granddaughter-in-law Laurie Hendrickson completed her project; 80 years in the making. Our heart goes to Specialist Matthew Curtis Frantz who lost his life in Iraq along with nearly everyone in his squad in 2006. His parents Jim and Marilyn commissioned a quilt that preserves his uniform, his imagery, and his dedication to freedom. Their family has served a total of 57 years and we recognize that they have made the greatest sacrifice to protect our nation.

This exhibit has many deeply personal stories but it also includes a wide variety of lighthearted interpretations and dedications to great monuments. As you move through the gallery, you will discover quilts that were begun during the Civil War, traditional patterns anew, and great memorials to the protectors of freedom.

The Guild has shared its work with the community since the group was created and has exhibited its textiles at CDPL almost every year since 1995. Their themes have expanded far beyond early quilting concepts to include an array of imagery and text. The techniques used include machine-sewn, hand-sewn, and machine embroidered.



Photos courtesy Crawfordsville District Public Library  
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Some of the items are quilted by hand, some by machine, and others on a long-arm sewing machine. They use a wide variety of fabrics including vintage cloth, reproduction fabric, and modern blends.

The Guild is continually accepting new members, advanced and beginners, all are welcome including guests. The Sugar Creek Quilters' Guild meets on the third Monday night of the month beginning with social time at 5:45 p.m. at CDPL. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by textile-based programs and Show & Tell featuring their members. To learn

more about membership, you may contact the Guild at [sugarcreekquilters@gmail.com](mailto:sugarcreekquilters@gmail.com). Be sure to follow them on Facebook to ensure the most up-to-date schedules and organizational details.

For more information about CDPL's hours of operation or to view our calendar, please visit our website at [crawfordsvillelibrary.in.gov](http://crawfordsvillelibrary.in.gov). If you are an artist or a member of an artists' group and are interested in displaying your work at the Mary Bishop Memorial Gallery in 2027-28, please contact Toni the Gallery Coordinator at (765) 362-2242 for more details.



Photo courtesy Kroger Co.

Kroger stepping up to celebrate summer solstice with free ice cream.

## Kroger Offering Free Ice Cream

The Kroger Co. is restoring iconic tastes of summer to the frozen aisle with Kroger Brand's flavor-packed, limited-time All-American Ice Cream Collection. Now on shelves, the crave-worthy collection delivers the unmistakable tastes and traditions that define summer across the country – one creamy spoonful at a time. To celebrate, Kroger is bringing back its long-awaited free summer solstice pint offer on Friday, June 19 for the sweetest deal of the season.

"Summer is all about bringing people together to create memories that last a lifetime, and we're excited to capture that fun and nostalgia through our new All-American Ice Cream Collection," said Ann Reed, Group Vice President of Our

Brands at Kroger. "We've loved seeing customers come back year after year for their free pints and now, we're going bigger than ever by giving away 100,000 pints."

From making a road trip diner stop for cherry pie to sharing a banana split after a day in the sun, each flavor is inspired by the traditions and tastes that define an American summer:

**Seventh Inning Swirl:** Caramel popcorn flavored ice cream with praline peanuts and caramel swirls.

**Sweet As Cherry Pie:** Cherry pie flavored ice cream with tart cherry swirls and pie pieces.

**Banana Split Social:** Strawberry banana ice cream with pineapple chunks and chocolate swirls.

The All-American Ice Cream Collection

flavors are timeless, but the pints are limited, so be sure to stock up while supplies last.

Ahead of summer solstice on June 21, customers can grab a free pint to enjoy on the longest day of the year by visiting [FreeKrogerIceCream.com](http://FreeKrogerIceCream.com) to download their limited-time, single-use digital coupon, available exclusively on Friday, June 19, starting at noon, while supplies last. Customers can redeem the coupon to try one of the new All-American flavors or a classic Kroger Brand ice cream pint, such as Kroger® Cookies 'N Cream Ice Cream or Kroger® Rocky Road Ice Cream. The coupon is redeemable at many Kroger Family of Stores locations from Friday, June 19 through Friday, July 3.

## Taste of Summer

Summer is one of the best times of the year to enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables. Whether you shop at a farmers' market, participate in a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program, visit a roadside stand, or simply pick up produce at your local grocery store, this is the season when many fruits and vegetables are at their peak.

Seasonal produce often offers outstanding flavor, vibrant color, and versatility in the kitchen. Strawberries, blueberries, tomatoes, sweet corn, zucchini, cucumbers, melons, and green beans are just a few of the summer favorites that begin appearing on shelves and market tables this time of year.

Most Americans fall short of the recommended intake of fruits and vegetables. Summer provides a perfect opportunity to change that. Seasonal produce is often at its peak flavor, making it easier and more enjoyable to add fruits and vegetables to meals, snacks, and desserts. In addition to great taste, these foods provide fiber, vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants that support overall health.

Farmers markets are a popular way to purchase seasonal produce while supporting local growers. They also

offer an opportunity to talk directly with the people who grow your food. Vendors are often happy to share tips for selecting, storing, and preparing unfamiliar fruits and vegetables.

Another option is joining a CSA, or Community Supported Agriculture program. Members typically purchase a share at the beginning of the season and receive a weekly box of fresh produce throughout the summer. CSAs can be a great way to try new foods and build meals around what is growing locally.

Of course, you don't have to visit a farmers market or join a CSA to enjoy seasonal foods. Grocery stores often feature locally grown produce during the summer months, and many clearly label products grown in-state or within the region. Roadside stands, farm stores, and even U-pick farms provide additional ways to access fresh fruits and vegetables.

If you're concerned

about produce spoiling before you can use it, start small. Purchase only what you expect to eat during the week and plan meals around those items. Fresh berries can be added to yogurt or oatmeal, tomatoes can brighten up salads and sandwiches, and zucchini can be grilled, roasted, or added to pasta dishes.

No matter where you shop, choosing fruits and vegetables that are in season can be an easy way to add variety, flavor, and nutrition to your meals. This summer, challenge yourself to try a new fruit or vegetable and take advantage of the abundance our growing season has to offer.

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## TWO CENTS

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ly, Diamond, Emerald, Ruby and Pearl . . . and the top two teams were led by Roger Hamilton and Claude Barker, God rest their souls. When they played it was anyone's game and it depended on who got hot and who might get a lucky bounce or two.

And boy could Roger and Claude go at it.

One night the umpire – a young radio broadcaster named Mike Haynes who ended up being a Hall of Famer after a stellar career that saw him go to the pinnacle of his profession, the National Hockey League. Mike was a radio and television star – had his own show in Denver and retired with some Emmy's sitting on the fireplace mantel.

But back then, he and I were a lot younger – and not too solid on how to deal with Roger and Claude screaming and red-faced over some call that was made.

They had Mike cornered. They had me cornered. And just when it looked like we were going down with the ship, the calvary showed up.

Ed Clifton, driving that big old Cadillac with the NY Yankees

logo on the door came over the hill and I made a beeline for the car. Roger and Claude were still yelling as I got to the door and told Ed that we had a big problem here.

"That's what I hired you for, Big Boy!" he smiled . . . as he drove away.

Drove away.

I don't remember what happened next but it must not have been too bad. Haynes and I survived. Barely.

There were so many good folks. A young Jeff Nelson moved to town and got involved . . . before eventually becoming the next version of Mr. Softball in town. The Fulwidgers were great guys and pretty good players. A lot of folks served on the CASA board. The umpires, the scorekeepers, the fans . . . well, they all still bring back some great memories.

Here's hoping the generation down there now is having just as much fun as we did.

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

## LEAGUE

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(\$61), and well below gas (\$78), coal (\$122), and nuclear (\$180).

Solar is Fast!

An average solar farm takes 1.4 years to build. Wind and batteries are not far behind at 1.7 years, while gas can take 4 years (longer now with turbine backlogs), coal can take 6.7, and nuclear up to 15.

Batteries enable solar to go further than ever before.

At the dawn of the 2020s, grid-scale batteries barely existed. Last year, 112GW were deployed globally. California's capacity alone is over 13.8GW, allowing them to cover 44% of their generation at the daily peak. This has allowed them to move their cheap and abundant solar from midday to evening, when demand is highest, and crushed the usage of the dirtiest gas "peaker" plants.

Though California is leading the charge for grid batteries in the U.S., they are coming to Indiana, as well. The Indiana Municipal Power Authority (IMPA) just launched a 6 megawatt battery project in Richmond, Indiana. Crawfords-

ville Electric Light & Power is an IMPA utility with 28MW of locally owned solar power. A local battery project could go a long way toward reducing power procurement costs by shifting our cheap solar to the most expensive times of day.

Solar is low carbon.

For me, the single biggest reason to embrace solar is to displace the burning of fossil fuels, which releases carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) into the atmosphere and drives climate change, exacerbating heat waves, sea level rise, extreme precipitation events, and wildfires.

Most analyses put the full lifecycle emissions of solar at around 40 grams of CO<sub>2</sub> per kilowatt-hour (kWh), which reduces emissions by an order of magnitude when compared to gas (450g/kWh), and even more compared to coal (900/kWh). Wind and nuclear are often calculated to be cleaner (~10g/kWh), but as efficiencies are improved and fossil fuels are displaced up and down the supply chain, all three have

the potential to get below 6g/kWh.

Solar is emissions-free.

Not only does displacing fossil fuels with solar reduce CO<sub>2</sub>, but it also eliminates all other emissions at the generation site. Burning fuel releases particulates, ozone, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, and – mostly in the case of coal – even heavy metal pollution that damage human health, natural landscapes, and crop yields. Annual early deaths linked to fossil fuel pollution total 91,000 in the U.S., and air pollution is linked to childhood asthma, heart disease, lung disease, and even depression, dementia, and vision loss. If we stop burning stuff and embrace emissions-free energy like solar, we can enjoy longer, healthier lives and clearer skies.

Solar is also fuel-free.

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mines to keep digging, or wells to keep drilling. This provides a measure of security that insulates energy prices from geopolitics, international markets, and natural disasters.

Solar has a lot going for it. It's not hard to see why it is by far the leading form of new electricity generation. Indiana was even a solar leader in 2025, adding 3GW of new capacity, behind only our 2 largest states (California and Texas). We still have a long way to go, though, as our coal and gas heavy grid is among the ten dirtiest. I look forward to seeing us embrace solar and other emissions-free technologies on our way to a healthier, more prosperous, more energy-secure state.

*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.*

# Historical Marker to Honor Lincoln School Unveiling June 20

After five years of research, preservation efforts, and community collaboration, a new historical marker commemorating the Lincoln School for Colored Children will be unveiled on Saturday, June 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lincoln Park, 1000 E. Wabash Ave.

The dedication marks the culmination of a project launched in 2021 by the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County to preserve and share the history of Crawfordsville's black educational heritage. The project included the publication of a book documenting the school's history, faculty, and students; a museum exhibit at the Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County; and the installation of the historical marker at the site of the second Lincoln School building on East Wabash Avenue.

The story of Lincoln School traces back to the mid-19th century. Although Indiana's 1851 Constitution and the 1852 Free School Law established a system of publicly funded education, black children were excluded from these educational opportunities. In 1869, Indiana law required communities with significant black populations to establish separate schools for black students, while allowing integration in areas with smaller populations.

As debates over integration unfolded in Crawfordsville, local leaders ultimately chose segregation. In 1881, the Crawfordsville School Trustees authorized construction of the city's first all-black school. Located at the southwest corner of Spring and North Walnut streets in the city's North End, the two-story red brick building opened in September 1882 with 42 students enrolled in grades one through eight.

For more than six decades, Lincoln School served black and multiracial students in a segregated educational system. Local newspaper accounts from the era reveal ongoing

discussions, disputes, and challenges surrounding educational equity, including the obstacles students faced after graduating from Lincoln School and entering Crawfordsville's integrated high school.

As Crawfordsville's black population gradually shifted from the North End to the East End during the 1930s, school officials converted the original Lincoln School into Horace Mann School, an integrated elementary school. A second Lincoln School building was constructed on East Wabash Avenue and opened in 1936. That building remained in operation until 1947.

Following the end of legally sanctioned segregation, the second Lincoln School building was no longer needed as an educational facility. It later became the Lincoln Center, serving as a community and recreational gathering place for Crawfordsville's black residents. Organizations including Second Baptist Church, Prince Hall Masonic Lodge members, and local civic groups utilized the facility. During the late 1960s and early 1970s, neighborhood residents, assisted by Wabash College students, renovated the building. Community volunteers organized activities for local children, including movie nights and refreshments.

The building was demolished in 1981, leaving only open green space and basketball courts on the site.

Today, the property has been transformed once again. Improvements made include new pickleball courts, updated basketball courts and a gazebo, creating a fitting setting for the historical marker that will permanently recognize the significance of Lincoln School and the generations of students who attended it.

The marker project was made possible through grants from Indiana Humanities and Wabash College, along with support from the Crawfordsville



Parks and Recreation Department.

The June 20 dedication ceremony is open to the public. Norvell's BBQ and Catering will provide sandwiches and side dishes, while Sue Lucas will provide a specially designed commemorative cake. To Remember the Forgotten School book will be available, and free-will dona-

tions will be accepted, with proceeds benefiting Bethel AME Church in Crawfordsville.

Organizers especially encourage descendants of Lincoln School students from either building to attend. Following the brief dedication program, a group photograph will be taken to commemorate the occasion.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and beverages. Parking will be limited, and carpooling is recommended. Overflow parking will be available on Beech Street, directly south of Lincoln Park.

For additional information, contact Shannon Hudson at [shudson@cville.k12.in.us](mailto:shudson@cville.k12.in.us).

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**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 appraisal 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."

Plaintiff Attorney: C. Wesley Pagles  
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(513) 396-8100 Fax: (847) 627-8805  
cwpagles@logs.com  
Ryan, Needham, Sheriff of Montgomery County  
Union Township Township  
1009 East Market Street  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
To consider a Re-zone of Real Property in  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

The Montgomery County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Monday June 22, 2026 at 8:00 am to consider a re-zone from "Agricultural" to "Industrial" of a parcel in Montgomery County. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933

Petitioner: Stephen A Jones  
Purpose of Request:  
A request to re-zone a parcel from "Agricultural" to "Industrial" for the purpose of a Development  
Location: 3700 E Block of 350 S  
In Montgomery County  
Case # RZ2026-3

Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed re-zone. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The Montgomery County Commissioners may continue the hearing from time to time as may be found necessary. Citizens may file written comments or objections with Montgomery County Building/ Zoning Administration ATTN: Marc Bonwell, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 or by email at (marc.bonwell@montgomerycounty.in.gov). All such comments will be considered by the Commissioners. A copy of the proposed re-zone is on file and may be examined at the Montgomery County Building and Zoning Administration office at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (765-364-6490), office hours are 8:00-4:30 weekdays except holidays.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone intending to attend the public hearing needs reasonable accommodation, please contact the Montgomery County Commissioners Office, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, 765-361-2623  
This notice dated June 5, 2026  
Marc Bonwell  
Building/Zoning Administrator  
Montgomery County, IN

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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

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

Jennifer L. Snook Ryan Needham  
MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C. Sheriff of Montgomery County  
2804 Boilermaker Court, Ste. A City of Crawfordsville  
Valparaiso, IN 46383 307 Meadow Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
Telephone: (219) 386-4700 Street Address  
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307 Meadow Ave, Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
Melissa Hooker  
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Shaun Hooker  
307 Meadow Ave, Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
Shaun Hooker  
3524 Thornhill Circle West, Lafayette, IN 47909  
Keith W. Lerch  
575 North Pennsylvania Street, Room 655, Indianapolis, IN 46204

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STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MONTGOMERY SUPERIOR COURT )  
)SS:  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY ) CAUSE NO: 54C01-2605-MF-000627  
Planet Home Lending, LLC  
Plaintiff  
vs  
Brooke Lynn Susan-Smith, et al  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

The State of Indiana to the Defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned: You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint on Note and for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described real estate:

PART OF LOT NUMBERED 20, AS THE SAME IS KNOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE RECORDED PLAT OF SCHULTZ AND REYNOLD'S PARK ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT, AND RUNNING THENCE SOUTH 31.6 FEET; THENCE WEST 105 FEET; THENCE NORTH 31.6 FEET; THENCE EAST 105 FEET, TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA. EXCEPT: PART OF LOT NUMBERED 20 AS THE SAME IS KNOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE RECORDED PLAT OF SCHULTZ AND REYNOLDS PARK ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA. DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT 85 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT NUMBERED 20 FOR THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 31.6 FEET; THENCE WEST 20 FEET; THENCE NORTH 31.6 FEET; THENCE EAST 20 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING .015 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. THEREFORE PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 51 AND PAGE 378, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDED OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA.

More commonly known as: 213 Maple St., Crawfordsville, IN 47933

This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose whereabouts are known to me:

None

This Summons by Publication is also specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose whereabouts are unknown to me:

Brooke Lynn Susan-Smith and Trenton Susan-Smith

In addition to the above-named Defendants being served by this Summons, there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

SOTTILE & BARILE, LLC  
By: /s/ Zarkis V. Daroga  
Zarkis V. Daroga (17288-49)  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
ATTEST:  
Clerk of the Montgomery Superior Court

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**Public Notice of Petroleum Release, Spill or Overfill**

Local health departments are required by statute (IC 13-23-16) to inform the public of the discovery of released regulated substances at an underground storage tank site or aboveground storage tank, in the surrounding area or a spill or overfill. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) was notified on May 29, 2026, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) received a confirmed release report of such an incident from the owner or operator of Pilot Travel Center 247 located at 4403 E. State Route 32 in or near Crawfordsville, Indiana in Montgomery County.

For further information on the Petroleum Remediation Program, please go to <https://www.in.gov/idem/tanks/>.

Or contact the Indiana Department of Environmental Management at (317) 232- 8900 or by e-mail at [LeakingUST@idem.IN.gov](mailto:LeakingUST@idem.IN.gov).

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STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT )  
)SS:  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY ) CAUSE NO: 54D02-2606-MI-000707  
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: )  
Amy Sanders  
Petitioner

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Amy Sanders, whose mailing address is: 1082 W Cedar Ln, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, and if different, my residence address is: in the Montgomery County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Amy Sanders has filed a petition in the Court requesting that her name be changed to Amy Diane McCutchan.

Notice if further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on July 31, 2026 at 9:00 am.

Amy Diane Sander  
Petitioner  
06/02/2026  
Date Filed  
Sondra K Sixberry  
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# Witham Announces Scholarship Recipients

The Witham Health Services Foundation and the Witham Health Services Volunteer Organization awarded six scholarships to Boone County high school seniors pursuing a degree or continuing education in a health-related field.

## Witham Health Services Foundation Scholarships

The Witham Health Services Foundation offers two scholarship opportunities for graduating seniors from Lebanon High School and Western Boone High School.

**The Judy Psikula Scholarship** is a one-time \$2,000 award presented to one graduating senior from each school who plans to pursue a degree in a medical field. This year's recipients are Madalynn Welty of Lebanon High School and Eliana Whiteley of Western Boone High School.

Welty plans to attend Butler University to study kinesiology on a pre-physical therapy track. She has long felt a calling to help others and looks forward to a future career as a physical therapist, where she hopes to help patients regain the ability to do what they love.

Whiteley plans to attend Purdue University to complete her pre-pharmacy studies. Driven by a desire to help others, she hopes to make a meaningful impact as a future pharmacist by improving the lives of her patients and community members.

**The Sally Lynn Coan Scholarship** is a one-time \$3,000 award presented annually to one graduating senior from either Lebanon High School or Western Boone High School who plans to pursue a nursing degree. This year's recipient is Lillian Talbott of Western Boone High School.



From left, MaryPat Shepherd, Witham Volunteer Board; Tom Ramsey, Volunteer Board; Delia Stoian; Amy Mitchell, Volunteer Director; Charlotte Kleindl; Isabell Grady; and Denise Long, Volunteer Board.

Talbott plans to attend Indiana University Kokomo to study nursing. She aspires to begin her nursing career in labor and delivery before advancing into an advanced practice role, such as a nurse practitioner or midwife.

"Supporting students who are passionate about serving others through healthcare is one of the most meaningful ways we can invest in the future of our communities," said Cari Ann Guenther, Manager of the Witham Health Services Foundation. "Madalynn, Eliana, and Lillian have each demonstrated dedication, compassion, and a strong commitment to improving the lives of others. We are proud to

support them as they pursue careers that will make a lasting impact in healthcare."

## Witham Health Services Volunteer Organization Scholarships

The Witham Health Services Volunteer Organization offers three \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors from any of Boone County's four high schools who are pursuing a degree or continuing education in a health-related field.

This year's recipients are Isabell Grady of Western Boone High School, Charlotte Kleindl of Lebanon High School, and Delia Stoian of Zionsville High School.

Grady will attend the University of

Southern Indiana to study nursing, Kleindl will attend Marquette University to study exercise science and pre-physical therapy, and Stoian will attend Purdue University to study nursing with a minor in Spanish.

"The Witham Volunteer Organization partners with various community organizations throughout the year to fundraise for the scholarship program and those dollars are given right back to students in our community," said Amy Mitchell, Director of Volunteer Services. "These scholarships recognize outstanding students who have demonstrated academic achievement, leadership, and a commitment to the future of healthcare."

## FESTIVAL

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meet the Snow Queen from noon to 2 p.m., presented by Mermazing Princess Parties.

Visitors can browse a wide variety of arts, crafts, and commercial vendors throughout the festival. The Children's Area will offer activities and games for kids of all ages, while the Food Court will feature a diverse selection of food vendors serving festival favorites and local specialties.

Other events happening on the festival grounds are the annual 5K Run/Walk and 1k Kiddie Romp on Saturday morning beginning at 8 a.m. with registration from 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Those interested in donating blood can stop by the Versiti Blood Center of Indiana Blood Drive from 11 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Sunday. Festival attendees can also explore free First Floor Tours of the Historic Lane Place during the festival on Friday from noon to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Entertainment at the

2026 Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival will keep the energy high all weekend long with a variety of live performances at the Historic Lane Place. Festival attendees can enjoy an exciting lineup featuring Lindsay Lowe & The Lone Riders, Small Town: A John Mellen-camp Experience, The Midtown Madmen, Resurrection: A Journey Tribute, and Grupo Pasion. In addition to these featured acts, local musicians, performers, and dance groups will showcase their talents throughout the weekend. Please visit the website to see schedule times for all entertainment acts.

The Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival welcomes everyone to join in celebrating 52 years of tradition, community spirit, and hometown pride.

For additional festival information, schedules and event updates, visit the Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival's website and social media channels.

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## Crawfordsville Common Council Crawfordsville Utility Service Board—Rate Presentation June 11, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that a quorum of the Crawfordsville Common Council may be present at the Crawfordsville Utility Service Board special meeting and rate presentation on June 11, 2026 at 9:30 p.m. in the Crawfordsville Electric Light & Power offices, 808 Lafayette Road, Crawfordsville, Indiana

City of Crawfordsville  
300 E. Pike Street  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
(765) 364-5160

If you have any questions, please call Mayor Barton's office at (765) 364-5160. Also, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to attend, hear or speak at the public meeting and needs reasonable accommodation, please contact the Crawfordsville Department of Planning & Building Services so accommodation can be made. The Department may be contacted at 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933, Fax No. (765)

364-5177, Telephone No. (765) 364-5152. Brandy Allen, City of Crawfordsville ADA Coordinator; ballen@crawfordsville-in.gov.  
**BZA May 13 Minutes**

The Montgomery County Board of Zoning Appeals met on Wednesday May 13, 2026. Board members present were Jason Ramsey, Steve Canfield, Seth Howell and Tom McClamroch. Staff members present were Marc Bonwell and Dan Taylor.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM. Jason Ramsey made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Tom McClamroch. Motion carried 4-0.

ZV2603: Vault Alliance CCS LP  
Marc Bonwell presented the Staff report. Preston Evans is representing Vault Alliance CCS LP for property owned by Fugate Stock Farms located in the 2000 E block of 1200 N. The request is for a Special Exception to the Industrial Classification in the Use Table of Chapter 159.

The proposed development includes the installation of one injection well and one monitoring well on a 2.7-acre parcel. The wells will be regulated by the US EPA and INDR. The monitoring well is required by IDEM for water sampling and monitoring purposes. The entrance will be from 1200 N through a shared easement with the Town of Linden. The property is currently zoned Industrial. The Staff is recommending approval of the requested Special

Exception.

After a few questions from the Board, the Public Hearing was opened at 11:24 AM. There being no public input, the Public Hearing was closed at 11:24 AM.

Seth Howell made a motion to approve the Variance Request. The motion was seconded by Tom McClamroch. Motion carried 4-0.

SE2026-1: Special Exception to Industrial Zoning Districts  
Marc Bonwell presented the Staff Report. The Petitioner, Preston Evans for Vault Alliance CCS LP, on property owned by Fugate Stock Farms INC. The request is for a Special Exception to Industrial Zoning District for a Carbon Capture and Sequestration Project. The Petitioner plans to drill a Class VI Injection well and a UIC Class VI Monitoring well. The property is located in 2000 E block of 1200 N.

The Staff is recommending approval of the request. Seth Howell stated that he had read all of the accompanying materials but, asked what happens if something goes wrong. Mr. Evans stated that any leaks would bring shutdown measures. Once a year an inspection would be done on the exterior of the area around the pipe. There would be a sampling of water wells in a 2-mile radius of 12-15 wells per year. Mr. Howell asked if there could be a break in the pipe in potable water layers. Mr. Evans stated the pipe has a 2X rating for pressure.

Jason Ramsey asked how many CO2 wells does Vault have. The

Vaults have a second Injection well being drilled presently with seven more coming.

The Public Hearing was opened at 11:56 AM. There being no Public input the Public Hearing was closed at 11:56 AM.

After some discussion, Tom McClamroch made a motion to approve the Special Exception request.

The motion was seconded by Jason Ramsey. Motion carried 3-1.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**BZA June 10 Agenda  
11:00 AM  
1580  
CONSTITUTION  
ROW  
CRAWFORDS-  
VILLE,  
IN 47933  
I. CALL TO  
ORDER  
II.  
PLEDGE  
III. APPROVAL OF  
MAY 13, 2026  
MINUTES  
IV. NEW  
BUSINESS  
A. Sign Findings of  
Fact from May 13,  
2026 meeting.  
V. OTHER  
BUSINESS  
VI.  
ADJOURNMENT**



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